

HO-828

The Sullivan-Diehl Property, (a.k.a. "Hubcap City")  
7541 Washington Boulevard  
Elkridge vicinity

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**Significance:**

The earlier history and significance developed for the property known as "Hubcap City" is accurate and needs only minor amendments. The Diehls contracted to purchase the property from Christine and Edwin Sullivan in 1935, two years before receiving the deed to the tract, and agreed to pay \$5,000 for the three acres in the midst of the Depression. This was a substantial sum for the period and clearly indicates that the parcel was improved, at least with the house, as indicated by the earlier inventory. The bungalow gas station was likely also included in this amount, and could very well have been built around the same time as the house. It certainly would have been more likely to construct such a business in the flush times of the 1920s rather than during the Depression. The interior of the gas station has unfortunately been heavily remodeled on several occasions, rendering it impossible to determine the original configuration. Inquiries with older residents in the area failed to establish the name of the business before World War II, or anything else about it, including whether the owners were the operators. The house has standard interior details for a bungalow of the 1920s or 1930s, with a stairway in the rear of the building that was probably added when the upper story was finished for several bed rooms.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-828

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

historic Sullivan-Diehl Property  
 other Hubcap City

### 2. Location

street and number 7541 Washington Boulevard  not for publication  
 city, town Waterloo  vicinity  
 county Howard

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

name Shri Sad Guru Krupa LLC  
 street and number 5174 Britten Lane telephone 443-472-2805  
 city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 43, 428  
 city, town Ellicott City liber 10091 folio 83

### 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
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
					Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
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			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" 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>2</u>	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

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#### Gas Station

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On the interior, the floor is covered with wafer board and the northeast half of the floor is raised and rotted. The ceiling and walls are covered with drywall, wafer board, and plywood with battens. The ceiling is rotted and has several posts added for support. On the northwest elevation, the west bay has a window with modern trim that is set inside of an earlier opening with ogee backband. The southeast wall has a segmentally-arched opening in the center that is wide, and the wall has plaster on circular-sawn lath. The edges of the opening have plywood and it is not possible to determine whether this opening is original or not. There is a doorway to each side of the opening that has plain head cut trim. Behind the segmentally-arched opening, in the southeast wall, is a door that leads to the southeast half of the building. The southeast room has a concrete floor, CMU walls, and two-by-four joists that run northeast-southwest. There is a furnace in here with a CMU chimney and three large window openings on the northeast and southwest that have been infilled with CMU's to make the openings smaller. There is a wood stairway that the leads up to the attic area here. This building is very deteriorated.

#### House

The house is a one and one half-story, three-bay by four-bay frame bungalow with stone veneer over the frame and a gable roof with a northwest-southeast ridge and asphalt shingles. The northwest elevation has a door in the center bay that has eight lights over one panel. There are paired three-over-one double-hung sash on each side of the door, and they have head-cut trim. There is

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a three-bay, one-story porch on the front with a flagstone deck, boxed posts that have stepped bolsters on the top of them, and narrow weatherboards in the gable end with three wooden louvered vents. The porch roof is created by cantilevering the roof of the house forward, and the roof is supported by projecting purlins that have pyramidal ends, with exposed rafters.

The southwest elevation has two three-over-one sash to the west with a brick chimney between them, above the roof line; below the roof line there is stone veneer between these windows. In the center bay is a projecting bay window with paired three-over-one sash, and it is supported by cantilevered beams that have pyramidal ends. The south bay has a three-over-one double hung sash. The southeast elevation has two four-over-one sash and a small opening in the gable end. The roof has a deep overhang here with the same purlins and exposed rafters as on the northwest elevation. On the northeast elevation the east bay has a four-over-one double hung sash. The east-center bay has a three-over-one sash and the north-center bay has paired three-over-one sash. The north bay has a door that is off its hinges, and has one light over three lying panels. The basement has two window openings, in the east and north-center bays, and the later has a three light sash. Both openings have brick sills. There are exposed rafters on the eaves, with a wide overhang and beaded-edge-and-center boards used as sheathing on top of the rafters. There is a shed-roofed dormer that has four pair of six-light casements.

The interior of the house has one room across the front, two in the center with the stairs down to the basement, and two rooms and a stair passage in the back. The flooring is 2 1/4-inch oak that runs northwest-southeast throughout the house. The baseboard has a quirked large ogee with an ovolo on the top. The architrave has plain sides and a cornice at the top with a cavetto above an ogee, a plain frieze, and a bead at the bottom that is carried across the side pieces. The first story doors have two lying panels. The northwest room has a brick fireplace at the southwest end with a wood mantel shelf on top. The northeast end has a closet to the north and a small cupboard to the east set over the basement stairs. There is a wide opening on the southeast that leads to the center room. The west-center room was probably a dining room with the kitchen to the east of it. The south corner room was a bedroom with a closet on the northeast side. Southeast of the kitchen is a bathroom. The east corner of the house has stairs that ascend along the northwest wall, to the southwest, and these were probably added. The stairs have square balusters and a moulded handrail.

The upper story has 2-by-6 rafters that are planed and have a ridge pole and board sheathing. There is drywall on the walls upstairs and doors that have five lying panels. The upper story has two chambers with no passage, and the ceilings follow the pitch of the rafters. Each chamber has a four-light casement with head cut trim. The northwest room has the casement on northwest side while the southeast room has it on the southeast side.

## 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
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<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 industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Construction dates

c. 1920-40

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.)

The property known as "Hubcap City" was inventoried from the exterior in 2004 as part of a study of US Route 1, and was inventoried again in 2007 in order to document the interiors prior to the demolition of both buildings as part of the general re-development of the Route 1 corridor. The earlier history and significance developed for the property is accurate and needs only minor amendments. The Diehls contracted to purchase the property from Christine and Edwin Sullivan in 1935, two years before receiving the deed to the tract, and agreed to pay \$5,000 for the three acres in the midst of the Depression. This was a substantial sum for the period and clearly indicates that the parcel was improved, at least with the house, as indicated by the earlier inventory. The bungalow gas station was likely also included in this amount, and could very well have been built around the same time as the house. It certainly would have been more likely to construct such a business in the flush times of the 1920s rather than during the Depression.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 2.942 AAcreage of historical setting 2.942 AQuadrangle name SavageQuadrangle scale 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of all of the property on tax map 43, p. 428, which encompasses all of the historic structures.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Ken Shortorganization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoningdate 9/17/2008street and number 3430 Courthouse Drivetelephone 410-313-4335city or town Ellicott Citystate MD zip code 21043

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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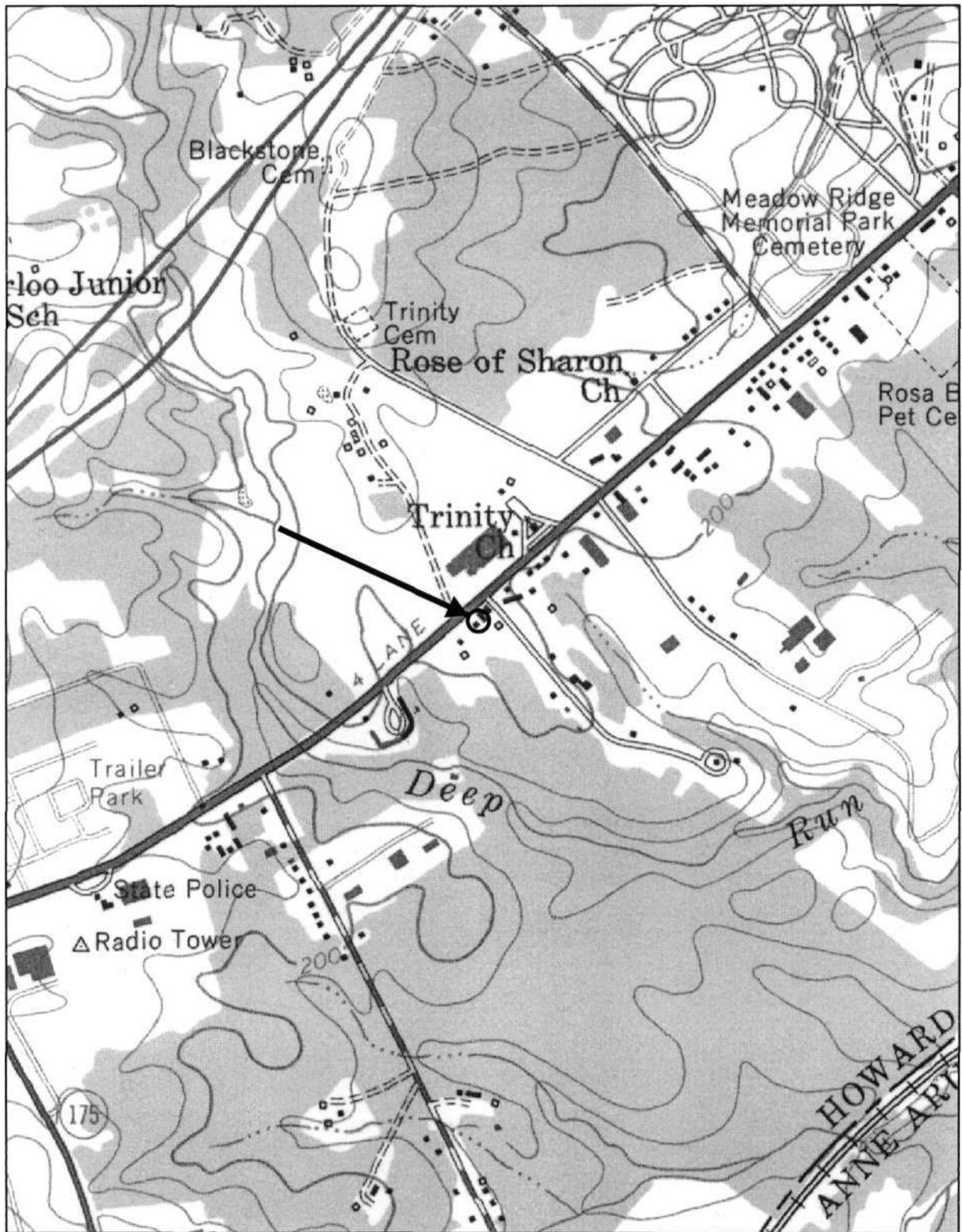
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See footnotes

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Surinder S. Chandok Tripat Chandok/?	Shri Sad Guru Krupa LLC/?	6.19.2006	MDR 10091-83	Deed – fee simple	\$800,000	2.941 A	p/o Lot 2 on plat of subdivision of J. C. Cooney's Farm 122-600
Abraham A. Shpak, trustee Symcha Shpak Abraham Shpak/?	Surinder S. Chandok Tripat Chandok (H/W)?	9.9.1985	CMP 1378-90	Deed – fee simple	\$105,000	2.941 A	Eva d. 8.8.1974 3 deeds
Lynn Vyner Shpak/MD	Abraham A. Shpak,trustee	4.11.1980	CMP 1031-703	Deed – fee simple	\$15,000	2.941 A	¼ int. p/o divorce settlement
Symcha Shpak & wf. Lynne Vyner Shpak/?	Symcha Shpa & wf. Lynne Vyner Shpak/?	4.11.1980	CMP 1031-700	Deed – fee simple	\$0	?	Tenants in common now ½ int. ea. p/o of divorce settlement
Helen Tyler Dorsey widow of Charles Richard Dorsey/?	Abraham A. Shpak Eva Shpak trustees Symcha Shpak & wf Lynn Vyner Shpak/?	4.11.1968	CMP 497-662	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	2.941 A	CRD d. 1.14.1966 ½ int. to trustees 1.2 int. to SS & LVS
Eleanor F. Diehl, widow/?	Charles Richard & Helen Tyler Dorsey (H/W)?	4.8.1947	MWB 199-101	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	3 A	LJD d. 8.3.1938 Mortgage of \$3,937.72
Edwin Augustin Sullivan Mary Loretta Wygant Exec. of Christine A. Sullivan/Washington DC	Leo J. Diehl/?	10.30.1937	158-386	Deed – fee simple	\$10.00	3 A	See contract of sale CAS d. 6.24.1937 on concrete highway, Wash. to Baltimore Mortgage of \$1,700
James C. Cooney/?	Christine Anna Sullivan/?	12.15.1924	123-194	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	3 A	Sullivan covenants "that at no time shall the land hereby granted...be conveyed to or owned by a negro or person of negro extraction..."
Edward C. Carter & wf.	James C. Cooney	1.1.1901	73-91				
Christine A. & Edwin A. Sullivan (H/W)?	Leo J. & Eleanor F. Diehl/?	8.1.1935	154-350	Contract of Sale	\$5,000	3 A	6% int. \$35 down & \$35/mo.

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Savage Quad



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Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Gas Station, northwest & southwest elevations

HO-0828\_20071011\_02  
Gas Station, northeast & northwest elevations

HO-0828\_20071011\_03  
Gas Station, northwest room, view southeast

HO-0828\_20071011\_04  
House, northwest elevation

HO-0828\_20071011\_05  
House, northwest elevation gable detail

HO-0828\_20071011\_06  
House, southwest & southeast elevations

HO-0828\_20071011\_07  
House, northeast elevation

HO-0828\_20071011\_08  
House, northwest room, view southwest



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7541 Washington Blvd

Howard Co MD

Ken Short, photographer

10-11-07

Gas station, northwest & southwest  
elevations

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7541 Washington Blvd.  
Howard Co. MD  
Ken Short, photographer

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Gas station northeast + northwest  
elevations

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Howard Co. MD

Ken Short, photographer

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Gas station, northwest room, view  
southwest

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House, northwest elevation

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House, northwest elevation gable  
detail

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House, southwest & southeast elevations

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House, northeast elevation

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House northwest room, view  
southwest

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Located along the Eastern side of US Route 1, Washington Boulevard south of Elkridge, MD, the Diehl Property is comprised of nearly three (3) acres of land, as subdivided by Mr. J.C. Cooney from his large farm in the area, circa 1920. The site contains two (2) buildings: one modest bungalow cottage (circa 1924), one commercial service station building (circa 1935). The property is primarily commercial today, as the bungalow residence is now vacant. Currently the service station building is used to sell hub caps of all sorts and styles. The conditions of these buildings are generally fair to poor.

The significance of the Diehl property is in its association with the development of US Route 1 and its representative architectural merit. The site illustrates the way residential properties were turned into commercial ventures by their owners, offering services along bustling US 1, the so called "Main Street" of the East Coast.

While deteriorated, the modest complex is stylistically contributing to the significance of roadside architecture along this historic corridor.



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### COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION

The Diehl Property (currently known as Hub Cap City) site slopes upward, in the eastward direction, away from the adjacent roadway. The site contains two (2) buildings: one modest bungalow cottage (circa 1924), one commercial service station building (circa 1935). Eastern portions of the site were not available for inspection; from the adjacent roadways, it appears to be wooded land. The property has 100 ft. footage along US Route 1/Washington Boulevard, and over 1,323 ft. in length toward the east. (Please see attached maps and parcel information.) Access from Washington Boulevard is available to the service station structure with a broad central opening for vehicles to feed through the overhanging roof form and approach the building. There is parking on several sides of the entrance to the service station building.

In all there are two buildings on the property:

A modest Bungalow style residential structure, probably built circa 1924, is historically setback from the frontage with US 1. The asymmetrically designed building boasts many of its original features. This building is becoming deteriorated due to neglected maintenance. The solid looking, frame building is rectangular in plan with a long, shallow gable roof that extends perpendicular to the main roadway (the front entrance faces US 1). It appears a thin veneer of golden colored sandstone has been added over the frame structure.

There is an off-set, lower gable porch roof that extends at the same pitch (and plane on the right side of the building only) to create a covering for the ornamental and functional front porch. The front elevation is articulated most boldly with this porch structure. The porch gable is supported by two Doric columns and heavy timber cross member. At the pediment end, there are three small louvered openings arranged in a Palladian-like style, the larger one in the middle, flanked by a smaller one on each side. The opening frames are of wood and have been trimmed-out with flat (fascia) boards. This finish technique is utilized around the building consistently. The rafters for the porch roof are exposed wooden members and extend beyond the main fascia of the roof.

The façade at the first floor level beneath the porch roof has a pair of double-hung wooden frame windows (6/1 lights), with (1/1) exterior storm windows. To the right of these windows is the main entrance to the house. The door appears to be original but a detailed description is not available. To the right of this single leaf doorway is one larger, double-hung, wooden sash window (8/1). The south façade has similar windows arranged asymmetrically, one smaller sized single window, and another similar pair as on the front elevation. The windows flank an exposed red brick chimney structure that extends well above the height of the gable roof. Gutters, if there were any originally, are missing. Rafter ends of the roof are exposed.

The rear (east), and other side (north) facades were not accessible for thorough inspection. Fencing and overgrown hedges have blocked access. What areas are visible of the rear (east) façade, from adjacent lands, show similar materials as described above. The wall plane has an applied stone veneer. There appear to be three windows on this façade, two, asymmetrically located on the south end, at the first floor level; and one small half-round window in the uppermost portion of the gable end. The two individual windows appear to have 6/1 lights in a double-hung wood sash and frame. The north side façade is not accessible or visible, even in part. Presumably, the elements and motifs of the other three facades carry through generally.

There is a non-historic lattice fence that has been installed between the Bungalow and the other building on the site, the service station structure. Thought to have been constructed circa 1935, the front façade is recessed beneath a great over-hanging roof form. The

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<b>Specific dates</b>	N/A	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1924 bungalow; 1937 gas station		

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Diehl property is in its association with the development of US Route 1 and its representative architectural merit. The site illustrates the way residential properties were turned into commercial ventures by their owners, offering services along bustling US 1, the so called "Main Street" of the East Coast.

The bungalow style residential building (circa 1924) and the former gas station structure (circa 1935) especially embody characteristics that, while not necessarily unique, lend significance for architectural merit. The Diehl property, today known as Hub Cap City, also seems 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.

### NARRATIVE HISTORY

The Diehl/Sullivan property, today known as "Hub Cap City", 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 (also known as: Washington Blvd., the Washington Road and following the Baltimore Washington Turnpike.) Historically the route between Baltimore and Washington dates back two centuries. The road that would become the Baltimore Washington Turnpike predated the "Residence Bill" of July 16, 1790, that established the national capital, "The Territory of Columbia."

Originally constructed under the 1704 Act requiring 24 foot cart paths, the first section of the road was constructed in 1741 connecting Baltimore and Elkridge. By 1749 the road continued to Georgetown and the banks of what is now referred to as the Potomac River. According to many period accounts, maintenance was always a concern. During the turnpike movement of the late-eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, several different turnpike companies tried to construct a successful turnpike. Only one company succeeded in 1820. Their success was short lived, as the State of Maryland condemned the road in 1865.

In 1906 the State responded to the public's request for rebuilding the roadway and State Route 1 was officially born. The military used the road heavily during WWI and in 1918 and 1919 the road was laid in concrete and expanded by twenty feet in width. In 1925, State Route I became part of US 1, the so-called "Main Street" of the East Coast, from Fort Kent, Maine to Key West, Florida.

The development of US 1, as well as many other roadways during the early twentieth century, occurred in response to the culture's acceptance and increased use of the automobile. Few inventions have had as great and as widespread an impact as the automobile.

The National Park Service (NPS) reports:

"By 1920, more than 300 cities had roadside camping facilities for motorists and more than one million people used them. Streets and highways were quickly built or modernized and a uniform numbering system for highways was introduced in 1925. In 1930 nearly 27 million cars were registered. The production, sale, repair, and servicing of cars provided work for millions."

With the Great Depression the tourist industry and related businesses were nearly cut in half between 1929 and 1932. The businesses that were successful during these difficult times were often ones that appealed to the smaller number of tourists on the road and

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property approximately 3 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting unknown, large farm (plus 100 acres) subdivided circa 1920  
Quadrangle name Savage Quadrangle Quadrangle scale: 1: 24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 43, Grid 4, Parcel 428

See attached map with parcel identified.

Also see legal metes and bounds description in attached Deed: Liber 1878 Folio 090, dating to August 9, 1985.

Beginning on the Southeast side of Washington Blvd., U.S. Route 1, (60 feet wide) at S 56 degrees 30 minutes, 00 seconds, W, 88.10 feet from the intersection formed by the Southeast side of Washington Boulevard, and the Southwest Side of Kit Kat Road, (30 ft wide); then running S 25 degrees, 34 minutes, 00 seconds E, 1293.57 feet to an iron pin; then S 56 degrees, 30 minutes, 00 seconds W, 100 feet to an iron pin; then running N 25degrees, 34 minutes, 00 seconds W, 1293.57 feet to intersect the Southeast side of Washington Blvd N 56 degrees, 30 minutes, 00 seconds, E, 100.00 feet to the place of beginning.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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building is one story, rectangular in plan and has a shallow gable roof. The roof extends approximately 15 to 20 feet away from the main building face, toward the right-of-way with US 1. At its westernmost end, the roof has a hip form. The structure of this roof is currently supported by numerous (approximately 8) lolly columns or wooden posts that have been added to alleviate the sagging structure. The original structure for this roof consisted of one large wooden column located at both front outside corners of the roof. The architectural details for these columns, while missing, in part, on the northernmost column, appear consistent with 1930's detailing. It was not possible to confirm if this roof projection was added after the main building was constructed or if it is in fact original.

The main building beneath this roof, appears to be frame construction. It appears the exterior walls have a thin veneer of a light yellow toned sandstone, that seems to have been added at a later date (date unknown). Finishes beneath this system were not able to be confirmed without invasive inspection. Symmetrically arranged, this three bay building has the main entrance at the center. The door is not original or historic. The windows on either side of the door are double-hung sash, wooden windows (4/4 lights.) The gable roof over the main building is a deteriorated asphalt shingle roof with tarpaper patches, here and there. Access to the interior, the sides and the rear of the building was not available for inspection.

Today the site service-station building functions as a commercial establishment selling hubcaps of every style imaginable. Current conditions for both buildings are "deteriorated." There is evidence of a lack of routine maintenance. The bungalow residence, while predominantly unaltered, is now apparently vacant and falling into a ruinous condition.

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maintained a smaller scale operation. As economic times improved later in the 1930's and onward, roadside advertising became commonplace. Fanciful buildings, grand colorful signs (often humorous in language), and huge, over-sized sculptures of trademark characters and animals offered highly visible attractions for the passing motorist. All aimed to incline the traveler to stop, pass some time, and of course spend some money. These distinctive architectural and landscape features created a roadside or highway culture that, in part, gives context for understanding the history of many commercial and residential properties along Route US 1, including its run through Howard County.

The development of the subject property by Mr. J. C. Cooney at the turn of the century illustrates an entrepreneurial spirit to capitalize on the development of the roadway. Part of a very large parcel, (acreage unconfirmed but parcel maps indicate it to be greater than 100 acres, illustrated ) deed research confirms the parcel, known as "Lot 2," on the associated subdivision map, was sold to Christine A. Sullivan on December 15, 1924 (liber 123/ folio 194). The corresponding map, copy attached, outlines as many as thirty-six (36) parcels sold or to be sold by Mr. J.C. Cooney, subdividing his large farm (liber 122/ folio 600). It also illustrates a large segment of land central to the smaller subdivision sites that is noted as his residence. Mr. Cooney also granted a Deed of Easement to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Baltimore City as of April 8, 1910 (liber 83/ folio 554), an indicator of the burgeoning growth and the related service needs that would be forthcoming along this roadway.

The year of 1924, as the sale date to Catherine Sullivan, seems to correspond architecturally with the modest frame bungalow structure sited reasonably to the right half of the 100 ft. width parcel, as looking from US 1. (See Section 7 – Description above). One other note of possible interest in this deed document is the covenant restrictions that state: "that at no time shall the land hereby granted or any part thereof, be conveyed to or owned by a Negro or person of Negro extraction and that this covenant shall run with the land and bind the parties hereto, their heirs and assigns, forever. (p.195)"

By the mid 1930's, the property was in the name of Edwin Augustin Sullivan, of unknown relationship with Catherine A. Sullivan. At that time, he sold it to Mr. Leo J. Diehl (no deed reference provided). It seems the Diehl's owned the property for a few short years before Mr. Diehl died on August 3, 1938, leaving the property to his wife, Eleanor F. Diehl. On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1947, the widow, Mrs. Diehl sells the parcel to Charles Richard Dorsey and his wife, Helen Tyler Dorsey.

Site inspection of the property reveals a second building on the parcel, closer to the roadway with a large overhanging roof form, typical to gas station and roadside architecture of the 1930's. Initial investigations were not able to confirm the exact date of construction for this building, although the columns at the front overhang look similar to designs common in the 1930's. It is reasonable to suggest the gas station structure was possibly built when the Diehl couple purchased the property in the mid 1930's. There is evidence the service-station building has been altered, historically.

The continued use of the property to service travelers along US 1 contributes to the significance of the site. The property speaks to the nature of "mom and pop" businesses that were common in the first half of the twentieth centuries across the country and especially along such historic roadways. While deteriorated, the modest complex is stylistically contributing to the significance of roadside architecture along this historic corridor.

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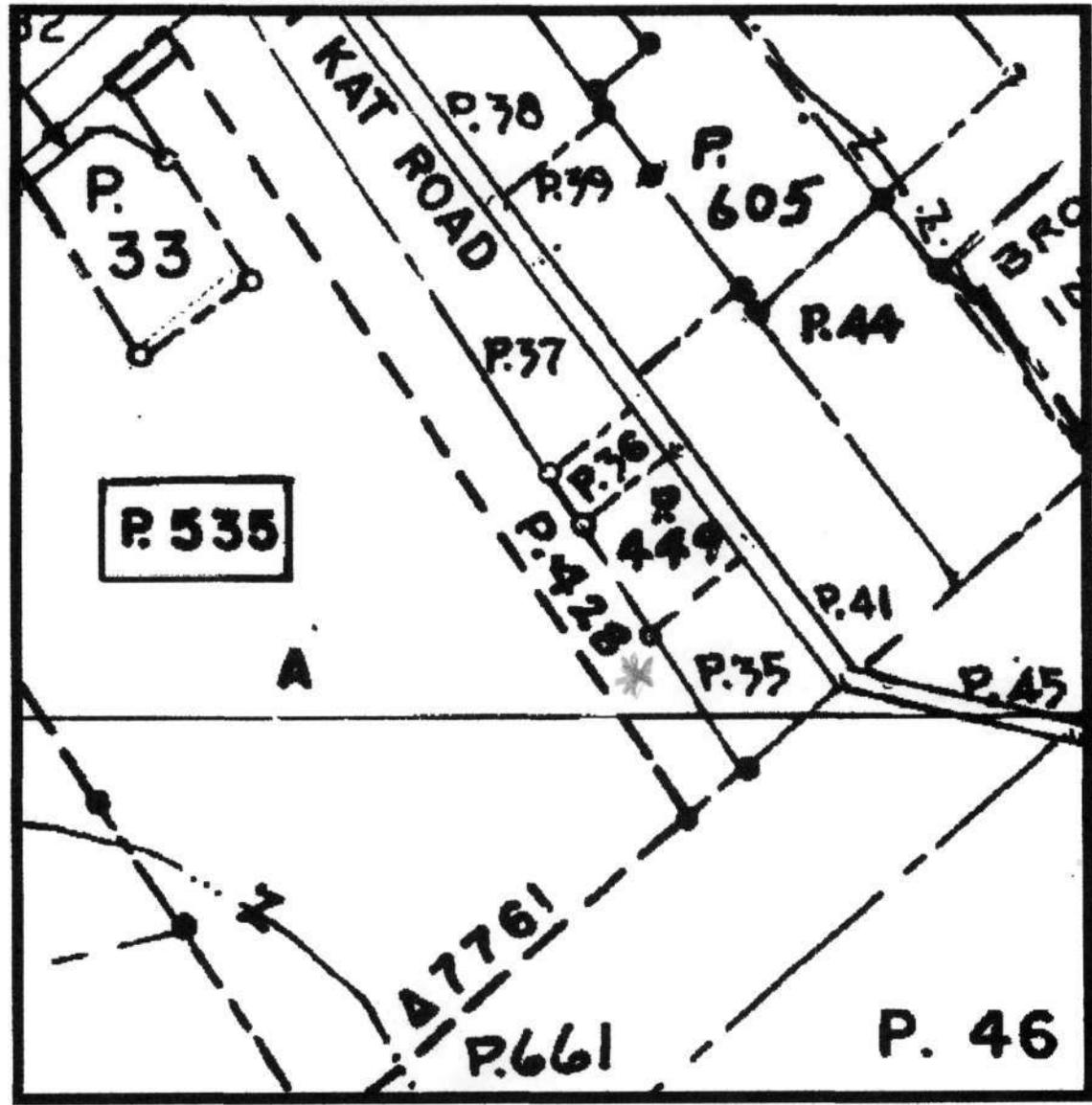
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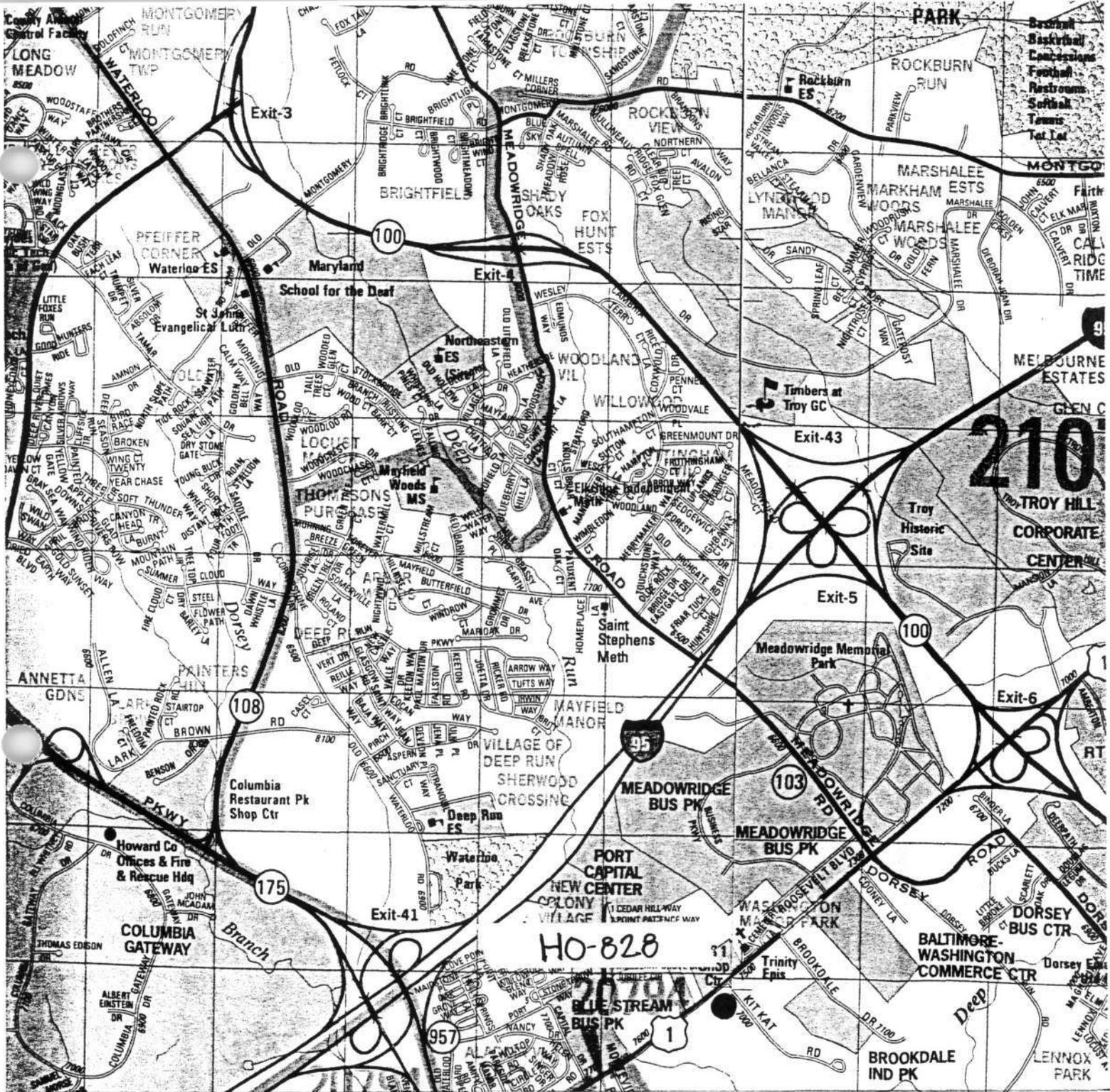
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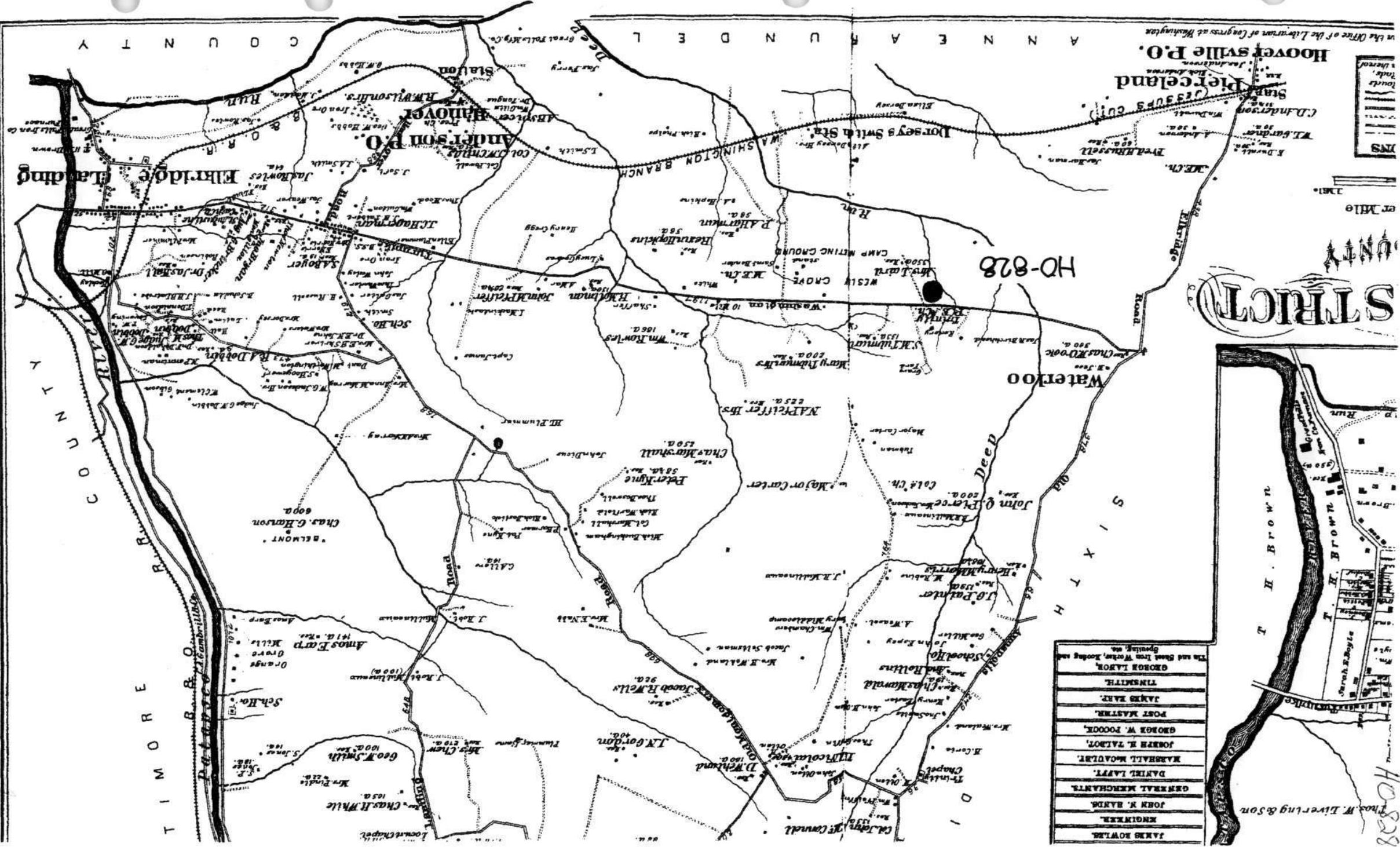
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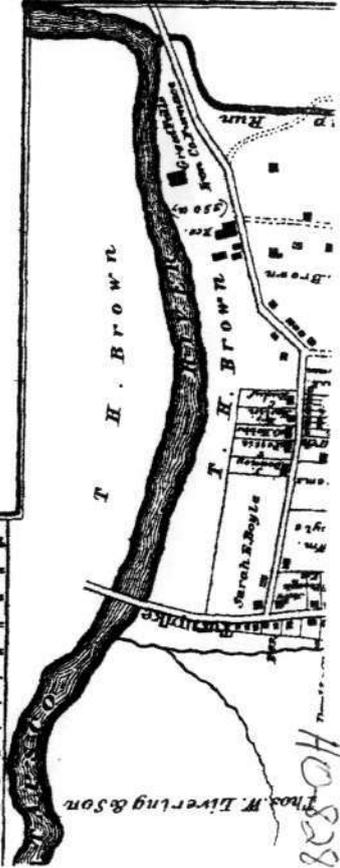
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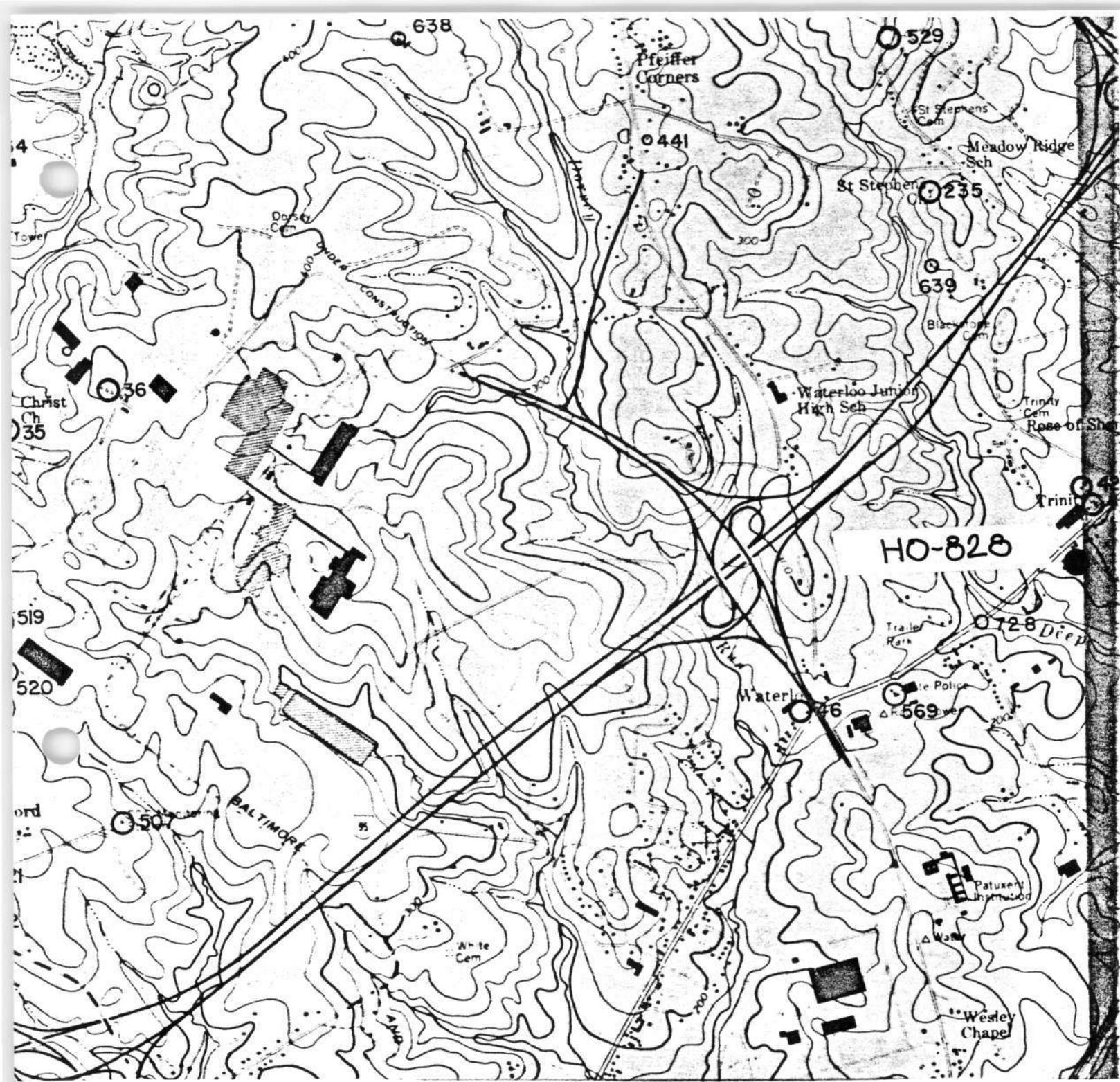
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