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The Ellicott House  
Woodbine  
Private

eighteenth and  
nineteenth centuries

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A restored log cabin lies northeast of the house and a stone, gabled roof root cellar northwest, which may be the foundation for an earlier building.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ellicott House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 94, Ellicott Road

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs Hugh O. Defries

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21797

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 13 Blk 19 p. 116  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 444

Folio #: 556

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO-105  
District 4

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Ellicott House faces south on the east side of Route 94, just north of its intersection with Annapolis Rock Road. It is a four bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame house resting on a stone foundation with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls and a four bay wide, one room deep, two story high, intersecting gable (running north-south) log and frame north wing incorporating a two century log house and creating an "L" plan.

The main house faces south and has a rectangular open bible and cross paneled entrance door located in the second east bay of its south wall, whose frame siding is proportionally scaled. The entrance is flanked by five vertical side lights and surmounted by a flat wooden lintel decorated with a row of dentils and surmounted by a three light transom.

The entrance is covered by a flat roofed portico, supported by two fluted columns, (originally four fluted columns) whose cornice is also decorated by a row of dentils. The roof slopes ever so slightly southward. Four second floor windows lie above, proportionally scaled and vertically aligned to the door and windows below.

The east elevation of the house holds a first and second floor, rectangular double-hung window holding six-over-six lights. Two four light attic casement windows rest above. The west elevation holds two attic four light casement windows only.

Off the east bay of the building's north wall extends the north wing. The two west bays of this wall hold two first and second floor rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lights. A similar hall window is located in the second east bay of this wall.

The single east bay of this section of the house is deceiving, for it is a very wide bay and holds the dining room located east of the hall, which is located in the second east bay. The hall appears, however, to be a central hall, flanked by the dining room on the east and the living room on the west. The floors of this section of the house are of heart wood Georgia pine and random width. The staircase in the hall features tapered curly maple spindles and a fine knewel post. The woodwork in the dining room and hall is composed simply of two flat pilasters and a flat lintel, with square corner decoration. This section of the house is believed to date from circa 1837.

The living room features unusually fine woodwork and crown molding. Window and door frames feature fluted pilasters and rosettes at each corner incased within a square, with paneling beneath the windows. The molding consists of a fluted wooden ceiling frame with similar rosettes at every corner of the room. An unusually fine plaster rosette is centered on the ceiling of the room.

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The living room, dinning room and hall were constructed after the log house which is located in the two north bays of the north wing. Originally this log house, which features a wide stone cooking fire place on its south wall and a west entrance, now covered with a pediment, had only a loft above.

Sometime after the main house was built and this log house was used as a kitchen, the connector was constructed to join the two buildings together. This connector is two bays wide, one room deep and two stories high. To tidy up the building's roof line a full second floor and attic was then added to the original log house, whose east wall has been exposed on the interior.

The log house now has a rectangular west door, surmounted by a pediment, with a west window, holding six-over-six lights just south of the entrance. Two similar second floor windows rest above the entrance door, on either side of it. Two six light attic windows are placed above.

The north wall of the log house section holds a single first and second floor and attic window, similar to the others. Off the east wall of this log house was located a mud room which was made into a part of the log building's charming library-den. This one story high, shed roofed enclosure features a double window on its north wall and a tripartite window on its east wall, each component holding a rectangular, double-hung window with six-over-six lights. Additional six light casement windows are located on the south wall of the mud room extension, south of the tripartite window. A powder room is located in this extension. The south wall of the den's mud room section is taken up by a floor to ceiling bookcase.

The east wall of the old log building has been opened up to the mud room so that only a small section on the north and south remain. These sections however, have been completely exposed to indicate the log construction. The remainder of the log structure has been paneled and a narrow enclosed ladder staircase, similar to those used on ships, has been installed along its north wall.

The south door on the east side of the mammoth fireplace leads into the kitchen-dining nook connector. This section of the house features a first floor bay window on its west wall, covered by a semi-conical roof. The bay holds three six-over-six windows. Above rest two similar second floor windows. The east wall of this section features a four-over-four light staircase window above the kitchen entrance which opens on to a shed roofed, open porch extending along the kitchen's east wall. North of the kitchen door lies a rectangular, six-over-six light window.

From the kitchen connector to the dinning room of the main house several steps are taken. The north wall of the kitchen features an exceptionally fine perpendicular wooden mantle with keystone. All the ceiling joists in this room have been exposed.

The entire structure has been renovated and restored by Dr. and Mrs. Hugh deFries who have taken a lively interest in architectural integrity.

North east of the house stands an old log building which was recently moved to this location and totally restored by the owners. Northwest of the house is the stone foundation of what may have been another dwelling. It is now covered by a gable roof and was used as a root cellar.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES eighteenth and nineteenth centur BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ellicott House is significant architecturally as an example of how Howard Countians added and incorporated later buildings into early log structures, as one of the few four bay wide-central hall homes and for its outstanding interior woodwork.

The one story high structure with loft faced west and later was raised to a second story when it was connected to the second structure built here; a four bay wide, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame house, featuring a central hall and staircase and flat roofed portico.

The connector was two stories high and the log house was raised to meet the same height and extend the intersecting gabled roof. Because the ceilings of the log house were lower and those of the connector higher, a third floor was added to the log house.

Its architectural significance is furthur enhanced by it being one of the few, if only, four bay wide-central hall structures in Howard County. Houses are three bay wide or five bay wide but seldom four with a central hall.

This hall features an exceptionally fine staircase with curly maple, tapered spindles, which points to the third architectural feature of the house, its exceptionally fine woodwork. This woodwork is most unusual in the living room and dining room of the house, off the hall. That of the living room is most unusually composed of squarely cut fluted pilasters decorating doors and windows and similarly cut and fluted flat lintels. A crown molding of similar design runs around the entire living room ceiling. In addition, paneled sections lie beneath the four windows of the living room which also features an exceptionally fine mantle piece.

The wood work and crown molding in the hall and dining room are simpler in design and as well executed as that found in the living room.

An unusually fine perpendicular mantle with keystone is found in the connector-kitchen, whose rough hewn ceiling joists have been exposed to add charm as well as an architectural feature to this room.

Historically the frame main section of the building, as it now stands, dates to 1837, while the log section of the north wing could be as early as 1715. The farm was originally called "Big Meadow. It was the homestead of Basil Mullikin

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Duvall who married Belilah Duvall, of Philemon, of Montgomery County. Their daughter Kate, married in 1867 George Ellicott of the family who founded Ellicott City in Howard County. They had several children, one of whom married H. Lee Hoffman of Baltimore. Their son has written articles concerning the life and times of his family and of the old house, located immediately upon the Cat tail of the Patuxent. Of historic and architectural significance, the Ellicott House should be placed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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H. Lee Hoffman "A Family Tale of Romance at Annapolis Rock", The Sun Magazine  
October 24, 1971  
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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 34.84 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 13, p. 116

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 444 Folio 556

### 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

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
COUNTY	VICINITY	2. NAME	Ellicott House
TOWN		DATE OR PERIOD	Ca. 1840
STREET NO.		STYLE	
ORIGINAL OWNER		ARCHITECT	
ORIGINAL USE		BUILDER	
PRESENT OWNER		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
PRESENT USE			
WALL CONSTRUCTION			
NO. OF STORIES			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC	
<p>Facing S. The Ellicott House is an attractive A roofed, two storey, five bay brick dwelling painted white. The roof ridge which runs E to W ends at a single interior chimney at each end.</p> <p>At the rear wall is a slightly lower 2 1/2 storey wing with the 1st level sheathed in vertically hung clapboards. There is a shed extension of 1 storey to its E wall.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior
			Exterior Excellent
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER	
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		DATE OF RECORD	

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1. STATE COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO.  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
	2. NAME  DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION  <p style="text-align: center;">faces SE      A roof          5 bay 2 story frame - int. chimney          Ea. end.      side ext. of 2 1/2 stories but lower          than main block. 1st fl. of wing vert. clapbds.          centered chimney - shed ext. of 1 story to          NE wall. -          Approach from N.E.          Attractive.</p>	OPEN TO PUBLIC
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endangered      Interior      Exterior

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



Ellicott House (Common "Rockland Farm")

Ellicott Road

Rte 94, Mt Airy

located by Mrs 7/20/70  
with assistance of Mr + Mrs Grankow

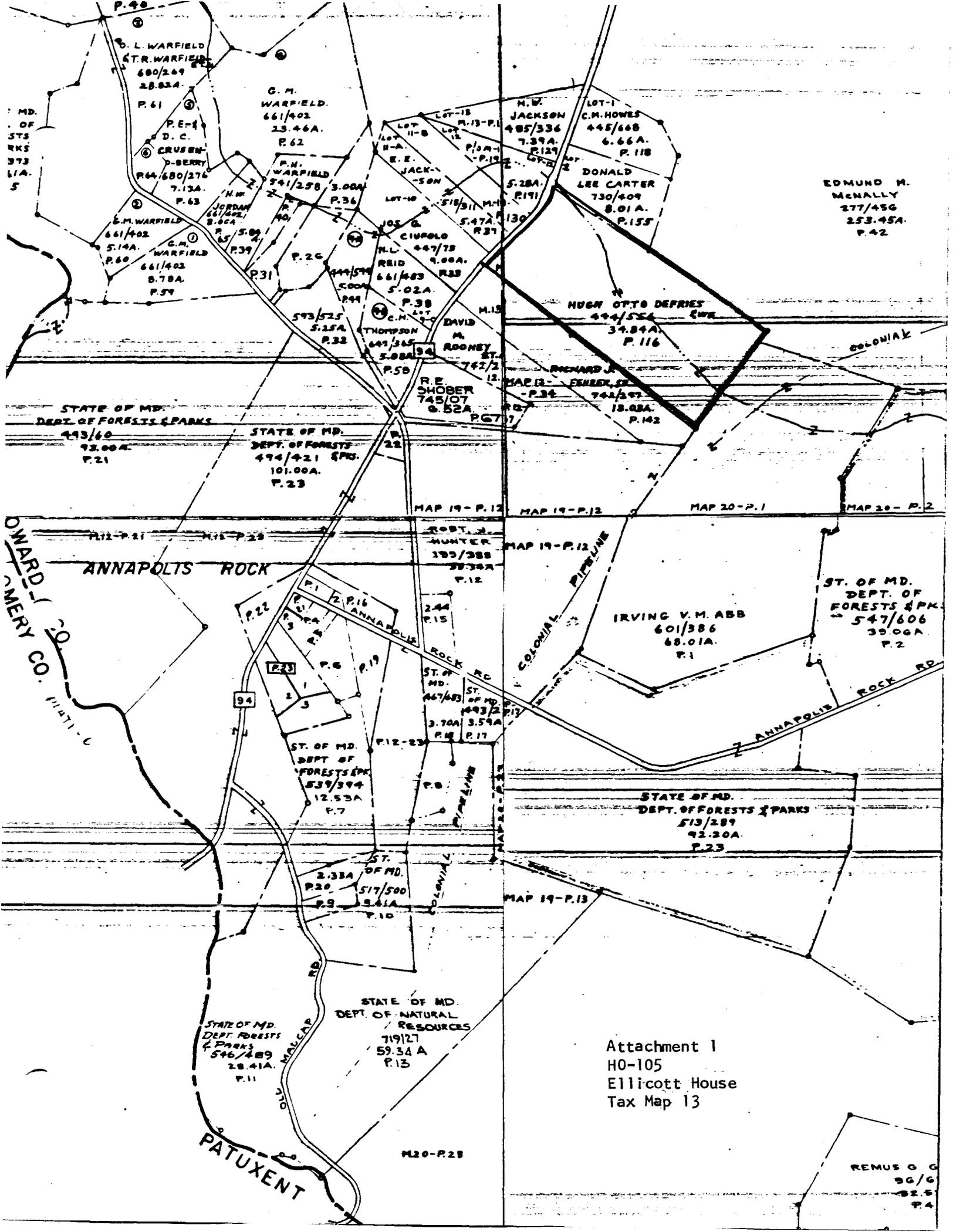
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Hugh Otto Defries + w/f

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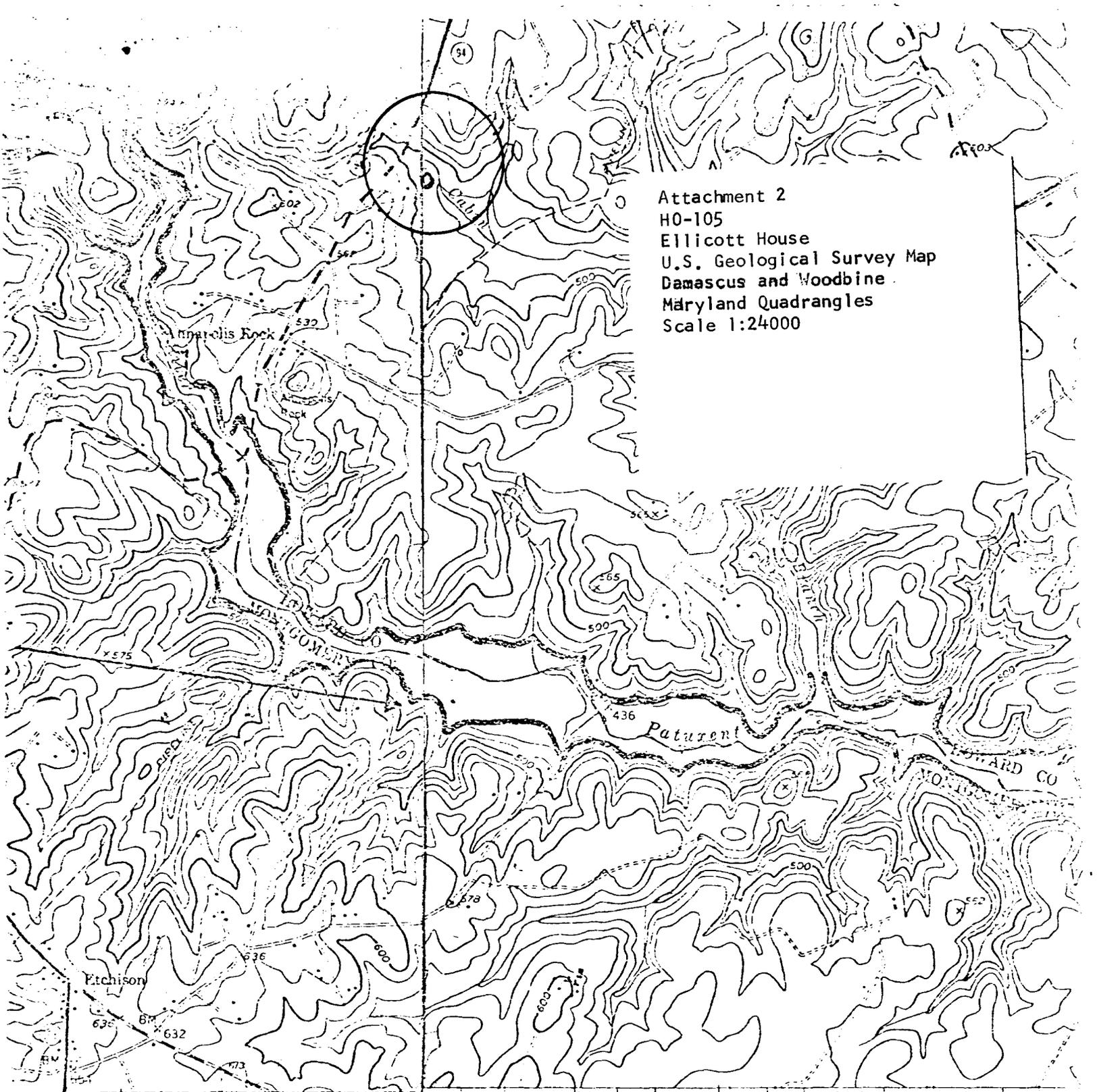
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 Ellicott House  
 Tax Map 13

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Attachment 2  
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 Ellicott House  
 U.S. Geological Survey Map  
 Damascus and Woodbine  
 Maryland Quadrangles  
 Scale 1:24000

**EXPLANATION**

Flood boundaries were estimated from:  
 Regional stage-frequency relations.

**DAMASCUS, M.D.**

Base by U.S. Geological Survey

1944

PHOTOREVISED 1971

The purpose of the flood-prone area maps is to show to administrators, planners and engineers concerned with future land developments those areas that are subject to flooding. The U.S. Geological Survey was requested by the 89th Congress to prepare these maps as expressed in House Document 465. The flood-prone areas have been delineated by the Geological Survey on the basis of readily available information.

Flood-prone area maps were delineated for those areas that meet the following criteria: (1) Urban areas where the upstream drainage area exceeds 10 square miles, (2) rural areas in humid regions where the upstream drainage area exceeds 100 square miles, and (3) rural areas in semiarid regions where the upstream drainage area exceeds 250 square miles.

The flood prone areas shown on this map have a 1 in 100 chance on the average of being inundated during any year. Flood areas have been delineated without consideration of present or future flood-control storage that may reduce flood levels.

Flood-hazard reports provide the detailed flood information that is needed for economic studies, for formulating zoning regulations, and for setting design criteria to minimize future flood losses. When detailed information, such as that contained in the flood-hazard reports, is required, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the U.S. Geological Survey.



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Ellicott House (from east)

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Ellicott House from west



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log cabin - ruins at Elliott Hse.



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Root Cellar at Ellicott House)

JSE May 72



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THE ELLICOTT HOUSE  
NORTH

CHEORA THOMPSON, AID  
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