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The Robert Hunter House  
Woodbine  
Private

circa 1900

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It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame house set on a stone foundation with central brick chimney and two story high, intersecting gable roof (running east-west) east kitchen wing of log, which creates a "T" plan. This is filled in by the addition of a shed roofed open porch on the south wall of the kitchen and a one story high shed roofed appendage along the kitchen's north wall.

Fenestration for the head of the "T" is rectangular, double-hung and vertically aligned with two-over-two lights. A romanesque window in the central intersecting gable of the west facade is representative of the Romanesque Revival in American domestic architecture while the exceptionally wide double row of vertical lights which flank the central entrance are noteworthy and may indicate a double house, replacing two central entrances.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Robert Hunter House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North Side of Annapolis Rock Rd. 1500 feet South East of Rt. 94

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. Victoria Bohar Egan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

306 Griswold St.

CITY, TOWN

Glastonbury, Conn.

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

06033

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Liber #: 199

Folio #: 388

Tax Map #19 p 12 Block 6

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

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

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame house set on a stone foundation with central brick chimney and two story high, intersecting gable roof (running east-west) east wing creating a "T" plan. This latter wing is constructed of log, three bays wide and one room deep with batten wood north central entrance and south central two light entrance door which is flanked by rectangular double-hung, two-over-two light windows. A square brick chimney is inset into its east wall which holds a similar first and second floor two-over-two light window just south of the chimney and two four light casement attic windows. The "T" is filled in by the addition of a shed roofed open porch on the south wall of the kitchen east wing and an enclosed one story high shed roofed appendage along the kitchen's north wall which holds a north entrance and no apertures on its east wall.

An additional shed roofed, one story high, open porch is centered on the building's west facade. It covers a central twelve light entrance door, flanked by eight lights. Rectangular, double hung windows with two-over-two lights rest on each side of the central entrance. Above rest similar, vertically aligned second floor windows, except for that in the south bay of this wall, which holds six-over-two lights. A central intersecting gable on this elevation holds a roman arched four light casement window. The north and south walls of this section of the house hold central first and second floor vertically aligned windows, similar to the others and a single four light attic casement window.

The kitchen wing is of log and is sure to antedate the front of the house. The log house was of substantial size but the square brick chimney installed for a latrobe stove does not indicate a very early date. The log house with its wide six to eight inch floor boards probably dates from the mid to late nineteenth century and the main west wing facade of the late nineteenth or turn of the century.

The house sits in a shallow hollow, east of the old school house on Route 94, just north of its intersection with Annapolis Rock Road. On the north it is surrounded by a row of trees and on the south by a large frame barn and auxiliary farm buildings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES      circa 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Robert Hunter House is significant architecturally to Howard County and the State of Maryland as a representative of the roman revival style in American domestic architecture. In addition, the kitchen wing is of log and may very well have been an old log tenant house of an earlier century. Its wide floor boards on the first floor indicate a mid to late nineteenth century structure.

The small romanesque four light attic casement window, located in the central intersecting gable on the front facade, is representative of the roman revival in domestic architecture. This type of farmhouse is quite common to Howard County and can be seen in the three bay wide, small scaled farm houses as well as those five bay wide homes, built on a more grandiose scale. This house does not feature a central hall. The central entrance leads into a dividing wall which extends from the central mantles to the east wall of this section of the house. It may well be that the home was once constructed as a double house with two central entrances and that the present central dividing wall, now open near the central entrance, was completely closed at one time. This is conjecture, but the location of a central entrance with corner staircase is quite unusual. The house might have served initially to house three farm families and later been converted to its present single family status.

In any event, the present house is structurally sound, but cosmetically in need of attention. As it stands today, it is a one family house with corner staircase in the southeast corner of the front section's south room and in the north east corner of the log kitchen section. A passage from the south room to the kitchen is located in the east wall of the former.

An interesting house architecturally and representative of the romanesque revival in American domestic architecture, the Robert Hunter House is of outstanding architectural significance, and as such, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Maryland Historical Trust Survey Sheet 7/20/70  
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh deFries, adjoining property owner.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 58.261 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 19 p.12

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 199 Folio 388

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 465-5000 x257

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Robert Hunter  
~~ABB~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

House

Ammopolis Rock Rd.

2-story frame or log bldg

located in field by MOB

7/20/70

Tex Map #19

Robert Hunter

199/388

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Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: ~~Robert Hunter House~~ **Robert Hunter ADD HOUSE**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Poplar Springs vicinity**

STATE: **MD** CODE: COUNTY: **Howard** CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes:		
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>		
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)							
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>			
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>				
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>					
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>					

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: **Robert Horner**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Poplar Springs (?)** STATE: **MD** CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Howard Co.**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Ellicott City** STATE: **MD** CODE:

ACREAGE APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:  
COUNTY:  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Robert Hunter House is a dwelling of frame construction in a three part balanced composition. The center block is two bays in length with matching wings to each side also of two bays but somewhat longer.

The house sits in a shallow hollow, faces west, and has an A frame roof on all three parts. Although of probable ca. 1900 date the dwelling is interesting for its composition being reminiscent of earlier styles of architecture further south.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       or <sup>See</sup> 20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       late 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Rwovis?

ORGANIZATION: MHT DATE: 3/71

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

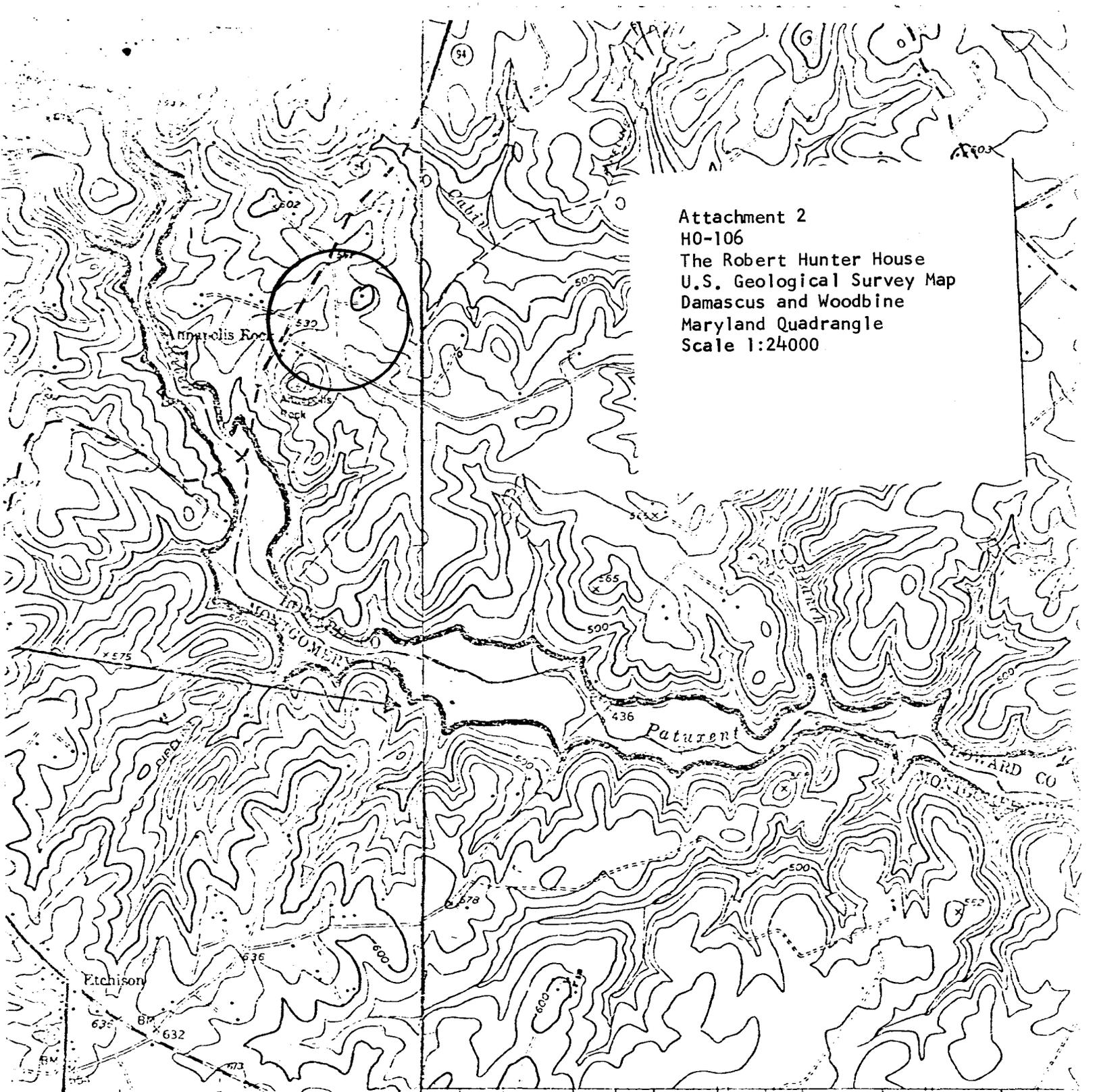
Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_





Attachment 2  
 H0-106  
 The Robert Hunter House  
 U.S. Geological Survey Map  
 Damascus and Woodbine  
 Maryland Quadrangle  
 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



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Robert Hunter farmhouse



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THE ROBERT HUNTER HOUSE  
SOUTH

CLEORA THOMPSON, AIP  
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