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The Roxbury Mills Miller's House

Roxbury

Private

circa 1820

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The building features beaded, batten wood, rectangular entrance doors with original latches, china door knobs, or iron locks, two early mantle pieces, log joists and wide, random width floor boards, which have been covered by new hardwood floors.

Referred to in old deeds as a part of Roxbury Farm, and also as the Roxbury Mills Miller's House, it is also noted on both the 1860 Martennet Map and the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878. Since the Roxbury Mill operated in the first decades of the nineteenth century, it seems plausible that the miller's house dates from that same period.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Woodbine Quad
District 4
MAGI #1401695303

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Roxbury Mill Miller's House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 4102 Roxbury Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Glenwood CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th
VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 Mrs. Raymond Smallwood Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 4102 Roxbury Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Glenwood STATE, zip code Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 21, p. 15
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 137
Folio #: 17

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 Roxbury Mills Miller's House originally faced south on the west side of Roxbury Mill Road, opposite the mill. The old mill race can be seen south of the house and parallel to the Cat Tail, which ran almost a mile northwest of the house. The building is constructed on the high slope of land overlooking the mill race and the Cat Tail.

The house is a four bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) log (covered with wooden shingles) house, resting on a field stone foundation, with a wide stone and brick chimney on its east and west walls. The west wall holds the wide, exterior, stone chimney, which terminates in a tall, square, brick chimney stack, connected to a newer exterior brick chimney, resting on a cinder block foundation. To the east wall was added a three bay wide, two story high, intersecting gable roof (running north-south) frame addition, resting on a field stone foundation, around whose east and south walls runs a one story high, hipped roof, open porch, extending westward along the south wall of the original house. This addition creates an "L" plan for the house.

THE WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation reveals the early character and construction of the building. Here the original fieldstone foundation can be seen, as well as the wide exterior stone chimney. First floor windows rest on either side of the chimney. That on the south, a six light, rectangular window, flanked by flat wooden pilasters, surmounted by a flat wooden lintel and underlined by a flat wooden sill. That on the north is a similar, rectangular, double-hung window, holding six-over-six lights. A rather large, second floor window, similar to the latter, is placed on each side of the chimney. They hold old glass panes. One story high, shed roofed extensions have been made on either side of this west wall. That on the south holds a bath, while that on the north holds a pantry for the kitchen and rests on a cinder block foundation into which a six light, rectangular window has been set. Above lies a similar, first floor pantry window.

THE NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation of the east addition holds a two-over-two light, rectangular, double-hung first floor window and a second floor, six-over-six light window. A one story high, shed roofed, enclosed porch runs along the north wall of the original house, connecting to the pantry and meeting the west wall of the east addition. The enclosed porch covers the rectangular, beaded, batten wood door, located in the second west bay of the kitchen and the six-over-six light first floor window of the original log structure, located in the second east bay of this wall. Another rectangular, east, end bay, entrance for the original log building, has been blocked in.

THE EAST ELEVATION

The east elevation holds the central, eight, proportionally scaled, paneled, rectangular entrance door of the east addition, which is flanked by double windows, each component a four-over-four light, rectangular, double-hung window, divided and flanked by fluted molding and underlined by a projecting flat wooden sill. The one story high, hipped roof, porch, previously mentioned runs along this entire elevation, supported by five, turned, wooden posts on the east, and four, square, wooden posts on the south, all of which are supported by scrolled brackets. A scalloped barge board runs along the east wall's roof line and up along the eave line of the south elevation's gable roof. The one story high, hipped roof, open porch, which runs along two sides of the building is supported by large square brick piles on the east wall and square, hand-hewn beams along the south wall. Lattice work covers this section of the house.

THE SOUTH ELEVATION

The south elevation of the east addition holds a central first and second floor double window, similar to those on the north elevation.

The south wall of the original log house holds a six-over-six light window in its second east bay, with its east bay entrance door blocked in to accommodate interior wall space in the dining room. A four-light, rectangular, batten wood kitchen door is placed in the second west bay, while its west bay opens into the bathroom addition, holding a six-over-six light, double-hung, rectangular window on its south wall.

This south elevation also holds the original rectangular, beaded batten wood, cellar, entrance door, featuring a very large wooden lock.

THE CELLAR

The dirt floor cellar holds log joists, which support 12" to 14" wide floor boards, which have been covered by newer hardwood floors.

THE INTERIOR

The interior features a large blocked in stone fireplace, flanked by wide, flat pilasters and surmounted by a deep, flat architrave centered on the east wall of the original four room log house. All entrance doors, as well as interior staircase door, are rectangular, beaded batten wood entrances with china door knobs or iron locks. The staircase is located in the dividing wall of the two downstairs rooms. Originally the west wall of the kitchen also held a large fireplace, which has since been removed.

Another large, blocked in fireplace is located on the west wall of the east addition. It is flanked by pilasters with deeply cut flutes holding a similar, very deep, architrave. An additional staircase is located in the northwest corner of this east addition, whose downstairs is divided into two rooms, the living room of which takes up two thirds

of the downstairs floor plan. A bedroom and staircase share the remainder third of the building.

West of the house lies an old gabled roof (running east-west) frame barn with east carriage house addition, featuring a sliding carriage north door and open staircase on its east wall.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION
—1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
—1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Roxbury Mill Miller's House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally as a good example of Howard County vernacular log architecture, to which a frame addition was later constructed. The original four bay wide, one story high, four room (two up and two down) with the central enclosed staircase, log house is now covered with shingles but retains much of its original character. Most notable on the exterior is the wide exterior stone chimney on the west wall, which is so representative of early log houses in the County. Batten wood exterior and interior doors remain, as well as the essential two room downstairs plan with its narrow, enclosed, central staircase. The frame addition may be as early as 1840. It features an interesting mantle piece, whose deeply cut fluted pilasters match work found in the Ellicott House on Route 93 and the Bernard Warfield House on the corner of Route 93 and Mullinioux Road, both constructed in this period of time. An interesting, small corner staircase serves this part of the house.

Historically, the house is also significant to Maryland's industrial and commercial history. Roxbury Mills was a Howard County flour mill, which used a completely automative system for the processing of flour. This system was patented by Oliver Evans, a Quaker from Delaware, who was responsible for several inventions at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Mr. Evans issued a Certificate or License to use his automative system for a fee of \$20.00.

It seems reasonable to assume that, during the operation of Roxbury Mills in the early decades of the 19th Century, the Miller's House was constructed. It is also conceivable that it even predated the mill. By 1860 a store and post office are shown at this location in both the 1860 Martenet Map and the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas.

Deeds in the Land Records of Howard County mention the property as the "Roxbury Mills Miller's House and Store Dwelling."

During the war of 1812, the price of flour per barrel was eleven dollars. During that time a general prosperity permeated society, resulting in the construction of many of the stone houses in Baltimore and Howard Counties that we see today. By the end of the war prices began to lower, until they sank to \$4.50 per barrel.

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The log building, which we see today could conceivably date from the eighteenth century. By 1812 it most certainly existed, in conjunction with the operation of the Roxbury Mill.

Historically and architecturally noteworthy to both Howard County and the State of Maryland, the Roxbury Mills Miller's House should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Sites, the State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance the citizens of Howard County may seek to initiate, should its owner so desire.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Raymond Smallwood on Thursday, February 21, 1980
at her home.
Howard County Land Records
McGrain, John

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.05 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 21

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 137 Folio 17

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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TITLE SEARCH

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LIBER-FOLIO</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u># ACRES</u>
3/8/29	137 17	Raymond L. Smallwood & Irene Smallwood	Clara C. Klaschus (Single)	being P/O "The Roxbury Farm" 7-3/4 acres
3/8/29	137 16	Clara C. Klaschus	Raymond L. Smallwood and Irene and Wm. W. Smallwood	7-3/4 acres
18/8/22	115 479	Raymond L. Smallwood & William W. Smallwood	Walter Jackson Livesay & Lizzie Fanny	7-3/4 acres being P/O "The Roxbury Farm"
This deed mentions the parcel composed of tracts of land originally called "Vanity Mount", Duvall's Range, "Hard to Get and Dear Paid For". . .including the "Roxbury Mills", "Miller's House" and store dwelling".				
27/8/20	HBN 110-573	Walter Livesay and Lizzie Fannie Livesay	Victoria Duvall, widow	same as above, 7-3/4 acres *mentioned easements and rights under 1874 Deed
"And the right of access to and from the head-race and dam as heretofore used and enjoyed by the tenants of Allen B. Davis for the purposes of cleaning out and repairing said head-race and dam: with the further right and privilege of all necessary stone, earth and gravel from the north and east banks of said head-race and dam, . . .provided. . . privilege. . .shall not be claimed or used for any other purpose."				
7-1-1919	HBN 106-457	Victoria Duvall	Wm. B. Rucker and Ida L, wife	same as above- 7-3/4 Acres
19-8-03	JHO 77-468	William B. Rucker and Ida L.	Stephen A. Brandenburg & Margaret D.	7-3/4 - \$3500.
9/5/95	JHO 63-480	Stephen A. Brandenburg	Joseph H. Peddicord, Elizabeth A. C. Peddicord	\$2,200. 7 3/4 A.
*19-10- 1874	LJW35-124	George T. R. Peddicord	Allen B. Davis & Hester Ann of Montgomery County	7-3/4 acres \$6,000

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"right of way across land. . .
on the west side of the Miller's house heretofore and
lately occupied by George Brandenburg". . . . the further
right to use the spring. . . and reserves the right to erect
a Dairy immediately below and adjoining any Dairy. . .erected
by. . . George Peddicord

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Roxbury Miller's House ??

Mrs. Smallwood's House

Roxbury Mill Rd, ~~Mass~~

located by Mrs 7/30 -

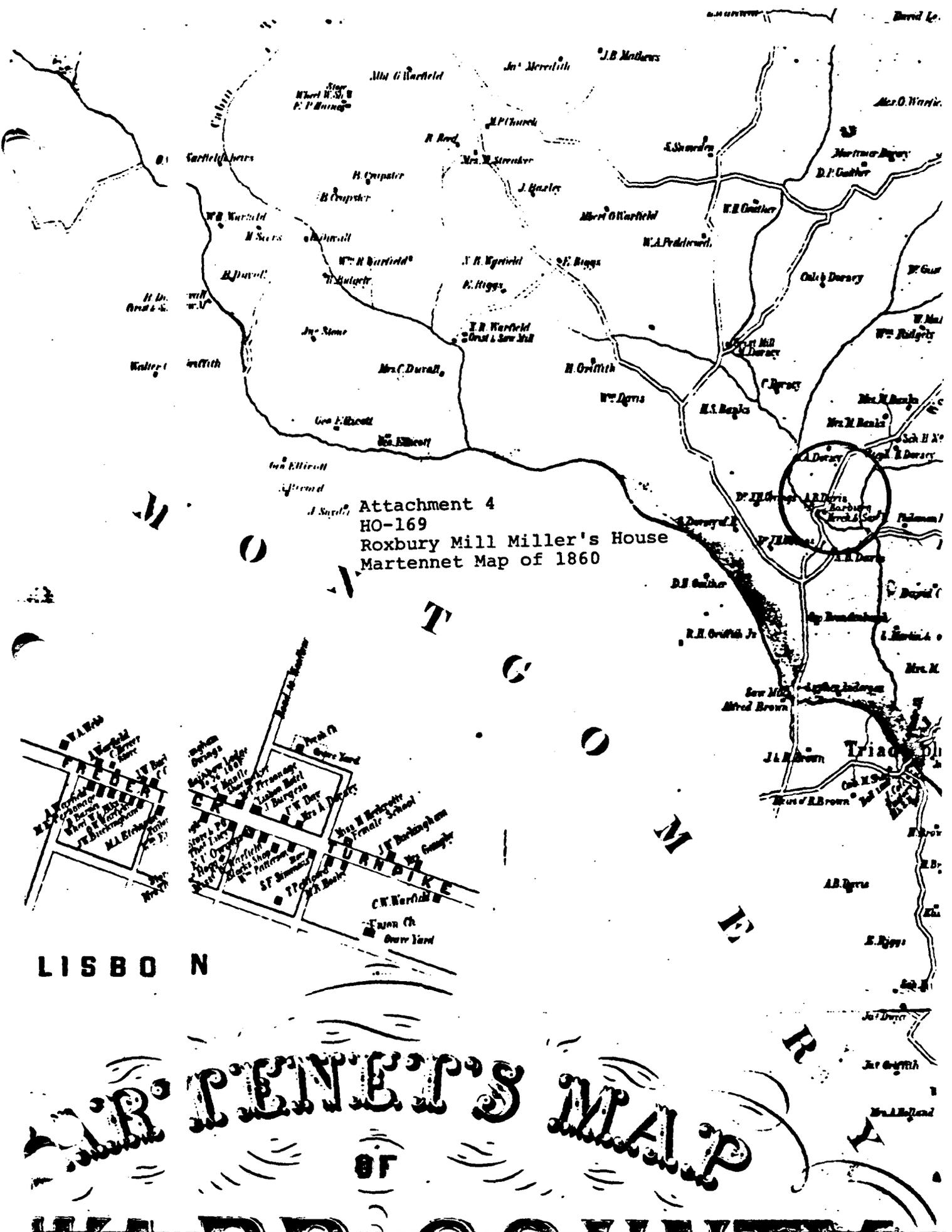
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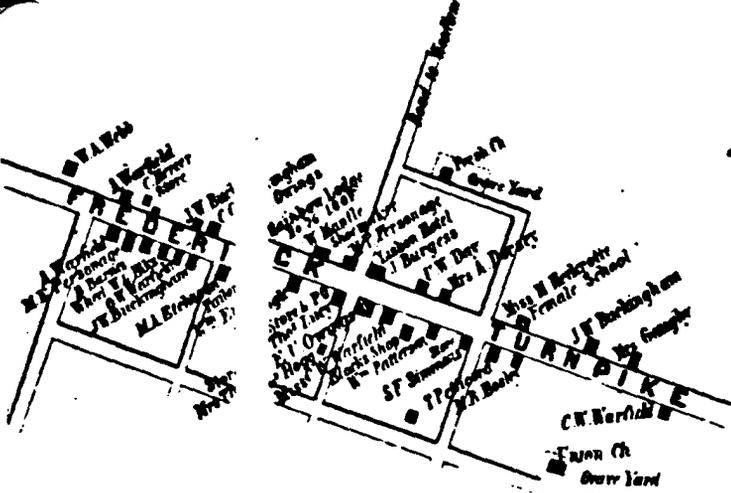
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137/17

5.05 A.



Attachment 4
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 Roxbury Mill Miller's House
 Martenet Map of 1860



LISBON

MARTINET'S MAP
 OF
 Roxbury, Massachusetts

EVERETT D. MARSTON & WF
& ROBT. W. DOUGLAS & WF.
517/677

154.42A.
P. 2

JOS. M.
DELLA RATTI
580/688
9.96A.
P.132

J. GARRETT
REILLY
257/518
262.70A.
P.13

M. GEMMILL
ELLINGSWORTH
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81.48A.
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JOHN J. HERDER
807/38
15.93A.
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ALSTON
SPECHT
166/167
295A.
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ROXBURY

MILLS

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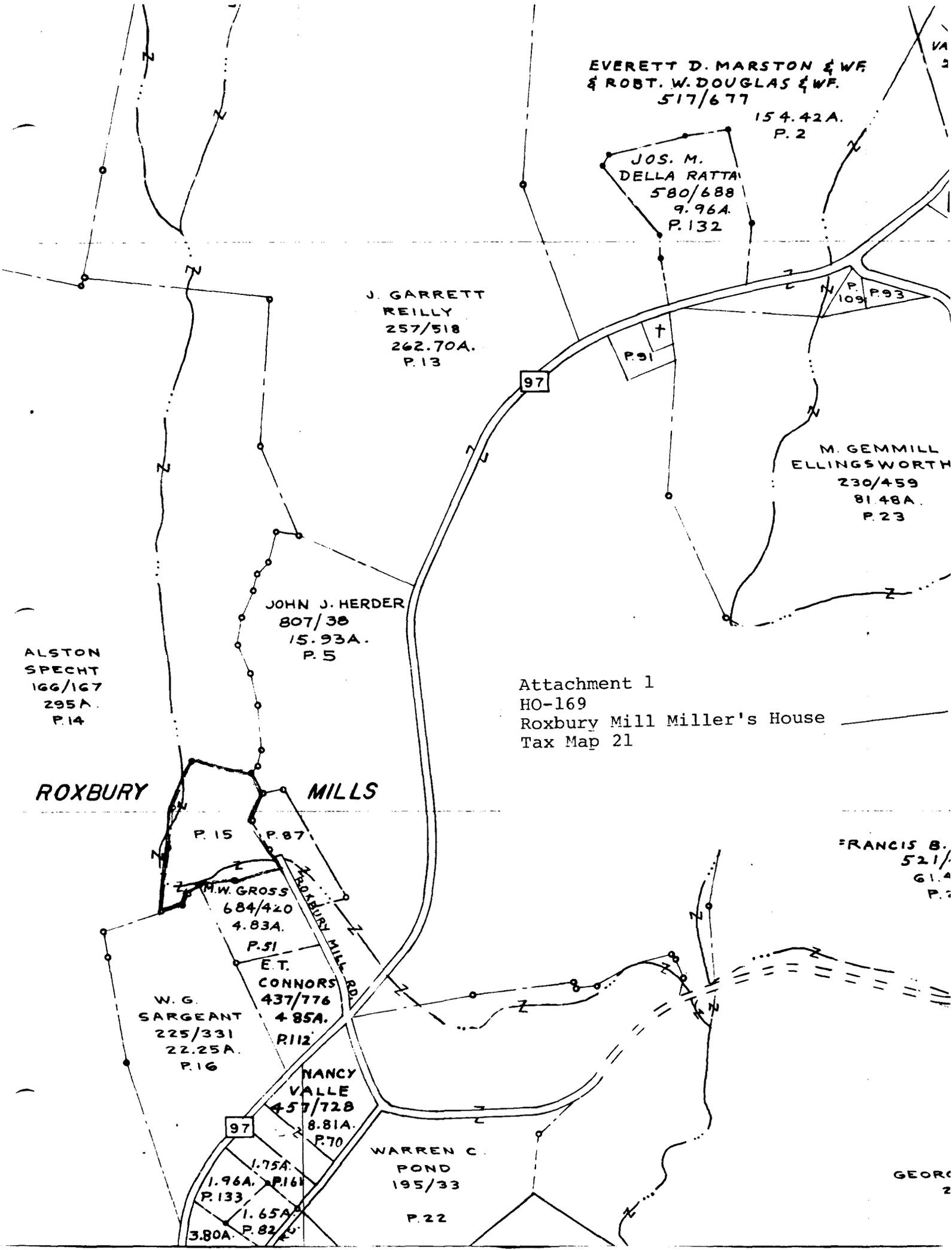
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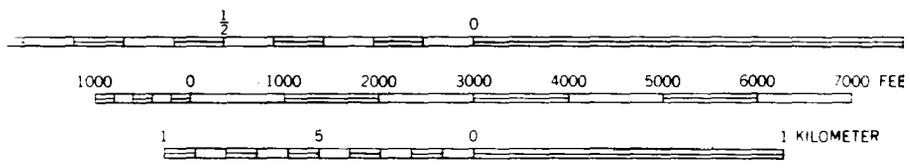
GEORGE
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DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

Attachment 2
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The Roxbury Mills Miller's House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Woodbine, MD. Quadrangle

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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Mrs Smallwood's house

JSE April 1972



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Location: The Roxbury Mills Miller's House
4102 Roxbury Mills Road
Glenwood, Maryland 21738
Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.
Date of photograph: February, 1980
Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust
View: West elevation of the original log house
Photographer looking: East
Photograph number: 1 of 1