

H0-175

Judge William Matthews House  
Glenwood  
Private

18th Century

Originally part of Ridgely's Great Park, resurveyed by Henry Ridgely, IV, this fine stone house was in all likelihood built at the same time as By His Grace and the stone section of New Year's Gift (1788). These stone houses and those on Route 29, H0-154 and H0-155 have basically the same plan and were all built into the slope of the land creating a ground floor entrance on one elevation and a second floor entrance on the opposite elevation. All have gabled roofs and square four lite attic windows with large cooking fireplaces located on the ground floor. Fine in proportion and scale, they were numerous at one time. Today only a few fine examples remain, one of which is the Judge Matthews House on Route 97 at Glenwood.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Judge William Matthews House
AND/OR HISTORIC: Kingsdene, Ridgely's Great Park

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 2945 RT. #97 (e.s.), Roxbury Mills Road
CITY OR TOWN: Glenwood
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: 21738

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One): District, Building, Site, Structure, Object
OWNERSHIP: Public, Private, Both
STATUS: Occupied, Unoccupied, Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: Restricted, Unrestricted, No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Agricultural, Commercial (office), Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify), Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Boyer
STREET AND NUMBER: 2945 Rt. # 97
CITY OR TOWN: Glenwood STATE: Maryland 21738

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Maryland Attachment 1 21043

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 14, p. 80

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS 754-096, 792-580 11.397 A.

TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input 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"/>	

CRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Judge Matthews House is a three bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story on the west and three and one half story on the east, gabled roof (running north-south) stone covered with stucco house with a two and a half on the east, one and a half story on the west, gabled roof south addition.

Brick chimneys are centered into its north and south walls which hold two square four lite casement attic windows on the south wall and one on the north.

A central ground floor entrance on the west enters the second floor as the land slopes in such a way that the east entrance door is on the ground floor and the west door on the second floor as in the case of By His Grace and the stone houses on Route 29, The Kelly (HO-154) and Gales-Gaither (HO 155) stone houses in District 6, belonging at one time to the Oakland Grist Mill.

The foundation of the two story stone and frame gabled roof (running north-south) addition springing from the south wall is of stone with a first floor ground entrance in the north bay of the east wall and a rectangular double-hung window with six-over-six lites in the south bay. The south wall holds a central first and second floor double-hung window with six-over-six lites decorated by projecting flat sills and wooden shutters. The first floor entrance on the west becomes a second floor entrance into Mr. Boyer's office due to the slope of the land from west to east. A shed roofed cover lies over this door with shed roofed portico supported by two posts over the west entrance door of the main house. Two sheds with gabled roofs running east - west lie east of the house.

Kingsdene, the large residence on the property at one time lay east of the new house which sits on a hill overlooking this original tenant house to the property. Its interior featured central hall, wide random width floors, original mantles and exposed hand hewn beams.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1795

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>            | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Phi-<br>losophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>                  | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>               |
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| Art <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Human-<br>itarian <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"/>     |   | _____   |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |   | _____   |

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

The Judge Matthews House is situated on land once called Ridgely's Great Park, resurveyed by Captain Henry Ridgely IV, oldest son of Colonel Henry Ridgely III, the surveyor, son of Henry and Katherine Greenberry and grandson of the first surveyor. He (III) inherited Waldridge, in Ann Arundel County. By deeds of transfer he acquired Ridgely Forest in Savage in the Howard County area. In 1711, he settled there and acquired additional lands: Hickory Ridge, Ridgely's Great Park and Ridgely's Range. With his brother-in-law, Thomas Beale Worthington he acquired lands called Henry and Thomas, Partnership and Altogether, becoming one of the greatest landowners in Howard. In 1722, he married Elizabeth Warfield, only daughter of Captain Benjamin Warfield. Henry, the III was in charge of constructing Old Christ Church, when Queen Caroline Parish was established circa 1728. We also find Colonel Henry the third, at Round-About-Hills, Ridgely's Great Park and Ridgely's Great Range, thirty miles from his starting point. In his will of 1749 he left son Henry IV "Brokenland", Sapling Range and Cooper's Lot. In 1769 his mother's will transferred additional property. Henry IV re-surveyed the Ridgely lands into a tract of 2750 acres which he named Ridgely's Great Park. In research at the Records Office of Ann Arundel County in Annapolis carried on by the owners, a reference was made to Ridgely's Great Park in 1795 (B-32-316 # of microfilm).

Each land grant needed a house on the property to hold the grant. It is feasible that the stone house, later referred to as a tenant house for Kingsdene, the homestead of Judge William Matthews is an eighteenth century stone house.

Judge Matthews was merchant and postmaster of "Glenwood", who succeeded his father James B. Matthews, in his general store which lay opposite the gate of "Kingsdene". Kingsdene no longer stands but was supposedly a five bay wide, two and a half story frame house, which was situated on a knoll facing west with an east wing extending from its east wall. It had a lovely central hall with spiral staircase.

A letter to Mr. Boyer, owner, from Mr. Raymond S. Matthews, of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, dated October 27, 1975, grandson of Judge William Matthews states Judge Matthews and his wife Harriet lived at Kingsdene in the 1920's when he was a boy. His grandfather was in his 80's and 90's, living a retired life, "swatting flies on the front porch". All his children were born here, several of them born prior to 1865.

William Matthews sold Kingsdene to Charles Hammond, his son-in-law. His will is recorded in Howard County records office under RLP #15, micro film #CR 8440. Later the property was acquired by a nephew from Philadelphia

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Judge Matthew's House  
Significance Statement  
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and father of Carmen Matthews, well known stage and television actress. Albert Matthew's will is recorded in Howard County under RLP# 8-224, filed November 17, 1936. Later Carmen Matthews sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Cotton (CR 3248-1920-57) in micro film index of the Land Record Index for Howard County.

The old stone house on the east side of Route 97 had a fireplace in the basement which is now covered. It originally had a dirt floor and no staircase from the basement to the upper floors. This area was probably used as a kitchen.

The plan of the house is identical to that of the stone houses, H0-154 and H0-155, on Route 29 connected to Oakland Mills, circa 1795 and to By His Grace and original stone house of Villa de Speranza, circa 1788. This house featuring similar characteristics most certainly dates from this same period. Its exceptionally wide random width floor on the third floor and original fine wooden mantle on the second are similar to those featured in By His Grace located a few miles south of this home.

Its excellent condition, thoughtful restoration and original state (no additions other than a very early south wing) give it added value and significance. It should be placed on the National Register and any future local landmark legislation, as well as the Critical Areas State Planning Program. Its proximity to Route 97 adds further impetus to this recommendation.

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Stein, Charles. Origin and History of Howard County, Maryland. Baltimore, 1972. pp 38,188,300,326.  
 Warfield, J.D. Founder of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Md. Baltimore, 1973. pp. 448,534.  
 Interview with Mrs. Boyer, owner of the Judge Matthews House.  
 Letter from Raymond Matthews, grandson of Judge Matthews to Mr. and Mrs. Boyer October 27, 1975, who was born in the little stone house.  
 Records Office, Annapolis, Md.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreege Justification:**  
 Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 14, p. 80 11.397 acres  
 754-096, 792-580

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Comprehensive Planning Section	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Courthouse Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

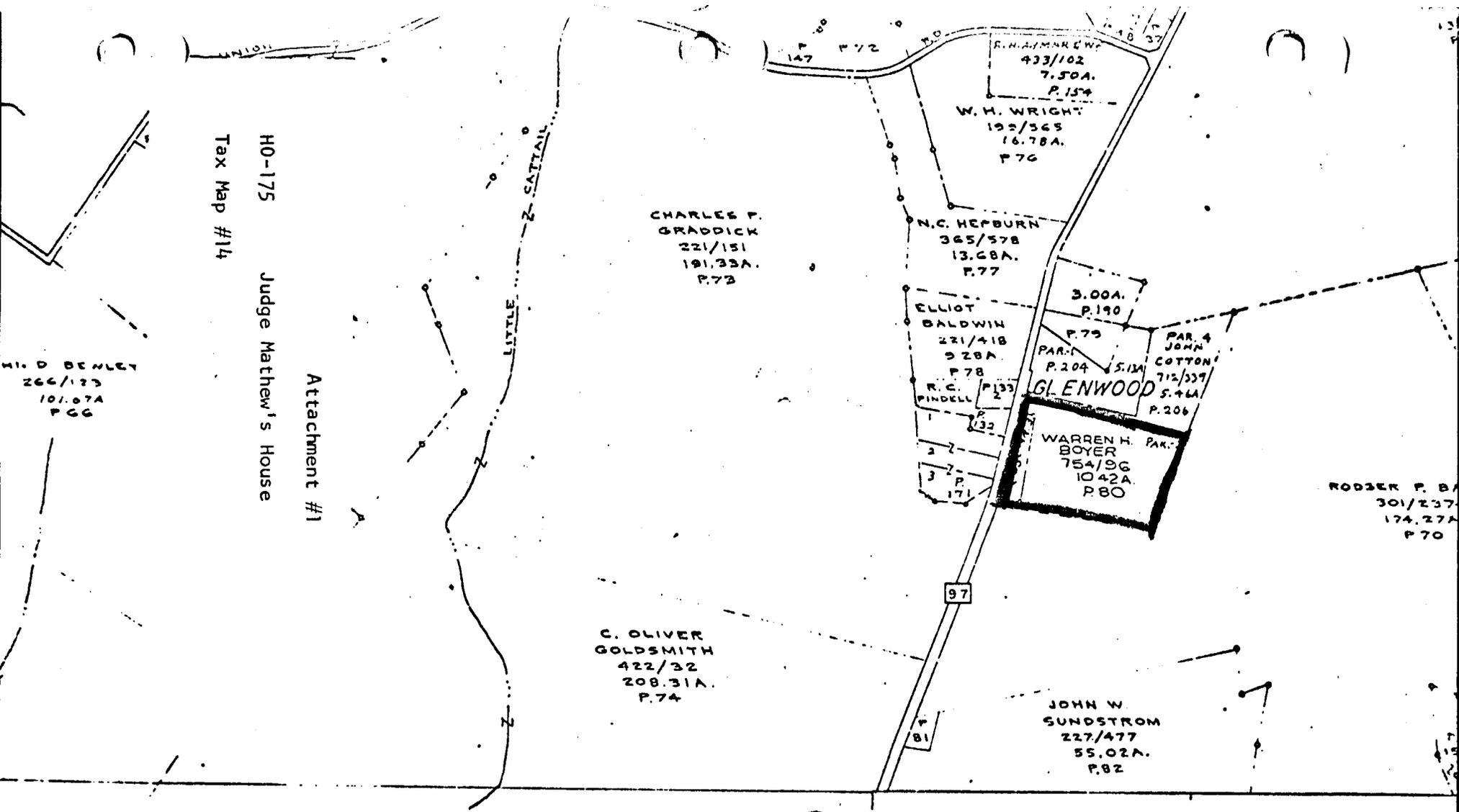
**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

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Tax Map #14  
Judge Mathew's House

Attachment #1



SCALE  
1" = 800'

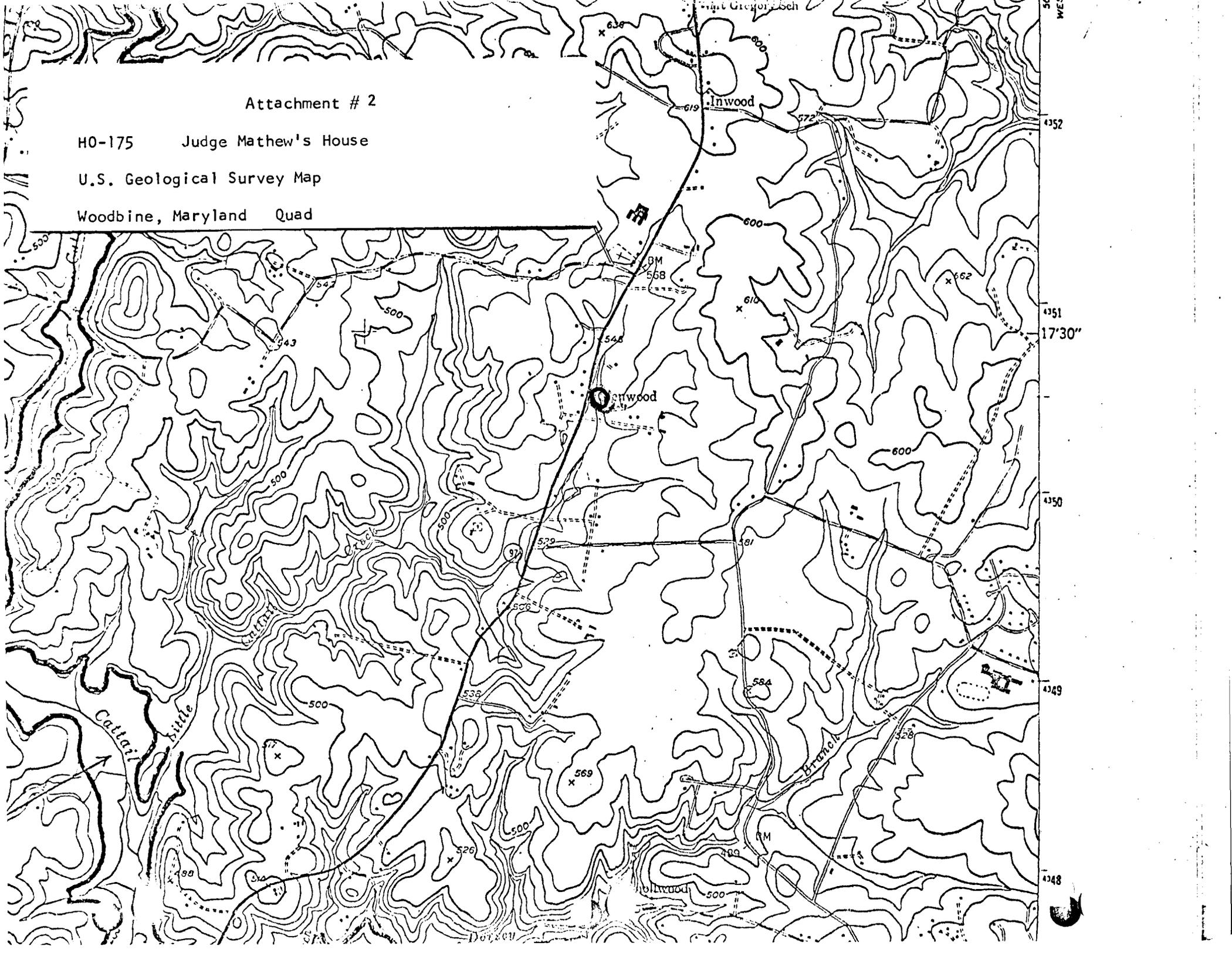
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Attachment # 2

H0-175 Judge Mathew's House

U.S. Geological Survey Map

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Patton house JSE May 72



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