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The Misses Dobbins' House/Thomas Dobbin House  
Elk Ridge  
Private

1875

This house faces south on the north side of Old Lawyers Hill road, east of the intersection of Lawyers Hill Road. Built by Thomas M. Dobbin, son of Judge George Washington Dobbin, after whom the Lawyers Hill area was named, it served for almost fifty years as solely a summer home for the Dobbin family.

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure built on a partial stone foundation with two square corbeled brick chimneys placed on each side of the apex of its roof line.

A one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by eight square columns with scrolled brackets runs along the west and south walls of the building.

An east wing of WWI vintage is placed on its east wall, two bays wide, two bays deep and two stories high. Its intersecting gabled roof runs east-west.

A rectangular front entrance is located in the east bay of the south wall, with two three-three light french doors to the west and another two on the west wall, all entering on to the open porch.

Second floor double-hung windows holding two-over-two lights are vertically aligned and proportionally scaled with the central front window covered by a hood and surmounted by a roman arched vent, representative of the romanesque revival in American architecture during this time.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Misses' Dobbins House/The Thomas Dobbins House

AND/OR COMMON  
The Dougherty House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER <sup>6078</sup> Old Lawyers Hill Road

CITY, TOWN ElkrIDGE VICINITY OF Sixth District CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard County

**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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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. and Mrs. George N. Dougherty Telephone #: 796-5228

STREET & NUMBER Old Lawyers Hill Road

CITY, TOWN ElkrIDGE VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 32 p. 55  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 308  
Folio #: 97

STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1977  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**Ho-380  
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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Misses Dobbins' House also known as the Thomas Dobbin House, faces south on the north side of Old Lawyers Hill Road east of the intersection of Lawyers Hill Road. It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure built on a partial stone foundation with two square brick chimneys with decorative corbeling placed on each side of the apex of its roof line. A one story high, hipped roof open porch supported by eight square columns with decorative scrolled brackets runs along the west and south walls of the building.

A two story high, shed roofed addition extends from the north wall of the east wing. A rectangular entrance covered by a hipped roof portico supported by two columns rests in its east wall with a double 8-8 light casement second floor window located above. A square brick chimney decorated with corbeling is centered into the east wall of the east wing which matches those of the west wing.

An east wing is placed on its east wall, two bays wide, two bays deep and two stories high. Its intersecting gabled roof runs east-west.

A rectangular front entrance is located in the east bay of the south wall, with two 2/2 light windows to the west and two 3-3 light french doors on the west wall entering on the open porch. Second floor windows are proportionally scaled and vertically aligned to the first floor doors, and hold two-over-two lights, decorated with flat wooden lintels and black wooden shutters.

The front facade holds a central second floor window similar to the others but covered with a copper hood supported by wooden brackets and surmounted by a roman arched attic vent.

Two four light, square, second floor casement windows are located on the east wall of the east wing. A six light first floor casement window is located in the south bay of this wall and a six-over-six light, double hung, rectangular window in the north bay. These windows are surmounted by flat wood lintels and flanked by flat wooden pilasters.

The main body of the house was constructed circa 1875 by Thomas M. Dobbin, son of Judge George Washington Dobbin. The roman arched vent above the central hooded, second floor window is indicative of the romanesque revival which spread through American domestic architecture in the mid nineteenth century.

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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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Misses Dobbins house, formerly the Thomas Dobbin house, is significant historically and architecturally. The land on which this house stands is part of the property described in two deeds to Judge George W. Dobbin, the first from Andrew Ellicott et al. dated February 15, 1845 (5-469) called "Barren Hills", being 10 acres, and 10 square perches and the second from James A. Murray, administrator, dated March 1, 1853 (WWW 13-213) "together with all the improvements thereon made," being a part of the "Rock burn, including six acres, three roods and fourteen square perches.

James A. Murray, administrator of Mary Murray of Rockburn, sold it to George Washington Dobbin.

On January 5, 1866 George W. Dobbin et al were complainants and a certain St. George W. Teakle et al, defendants in a cause of equity. Nicholas G. Penniman was appointed trustee by order of the Supreme Court of Baltimore City in place instead of Robert A. Dobbin, former trustee, then deceased. Nicholas G. Penniman as trustee sold a portion of the property to Susan D. Mayer and allotted certain other portions to the several children of the said George W. Dobbin on June 19, 1874.

On August 7, 1875 Thomas M. Dobbin acquired the property, "together with all the improvements thereon, made and being erected." (LJW 35-465)

On July 19, 1881 Thomas N, Dobbin and Bessie his wife conveyed the property to Charles E. Wethered, George L. Harrison and Charles K. Harrison, trustees as security for the sum of \$5,000 (43-471) The property contained 4 1/2 acres "together with all the improvements. On January 7, 1884 Bessie H. Dobbin, his wife acquired the land from these trustees upon payment of the \$5,000 with all interest due (LJW 47-439)

In 1936 Bessie H. Dobbin left her three daughters, as heirs, the summer home. Jeanette B. Dobbin. Rebecca Dobbin and Anne Bathurst Dobbin

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It along with this whole section at Lawyers Hill should be placed on the National Register of Historic places as well as made a local historic district should its residents so desire.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Howard County Land Records  
Hopkins Atlas of 1878  
Interview with Mrs. Jeanne Dougherty, December 28, 1977

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.50 acres

Please see Attachment 1  
Tax Map 32, p. 55

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records  
Liber 308, Folio 97

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

465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

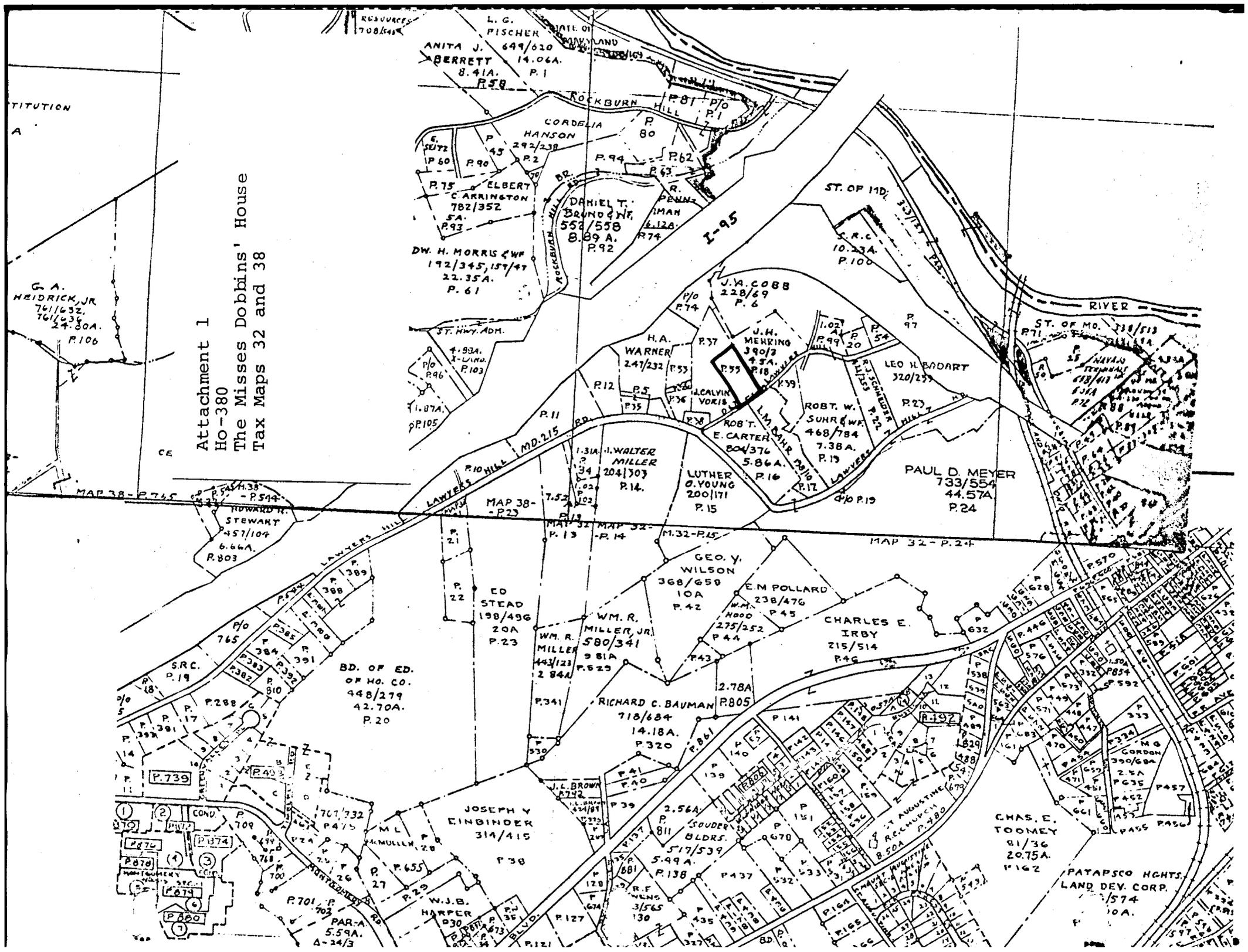
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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  
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Attachment I  
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The Misses Dobbins' House  
Tax Maps 32 and 38



L. G. FISCHER  
ANITA J. BERRETT  
8.41A. P.1  
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ROCKBURN HILL  
CORDELIA HANSON  
292/238  
R.80  
R.94  
R.62  
DANIEL T. BRANDT  
558/558  
8.89 A.  
R.92

DW. H. MORRIS  
192/345, 157/47  
22.35A.  
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J.A. COBB  
228/69  
P.6

J.H. MEKING  
390/3  
4.5A.  
R.18

ROBT. W. SUHR  
468/784  
7.38A.  
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LUTHER O. YOUNG  
200/171  
P.15

PAUL D. MEYER  
733/554  
44.57A  
P.24

J. WALTER MILLER  
204/303  
P.14

WM. R. MILLER, JR.  
580/341  
9.81A  
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WM. R. MILLER  
443/123  
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RICHARD C. BAUMAN  
718/684  
14.18A.  
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JOSEPH Y. EINGBINDER  
314/415  
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W.J.B. HARPER  
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GEO. Y. WILSON  
368/650  
10A  
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EM POLLARD  
238/476  
W.M. H000  
275/252  
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CHAS. E. IRBY  
215/514  
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CHAS. E. TOOMEY  
81/36  
20.75A.  
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G. A. HEIDRICK, JR.  
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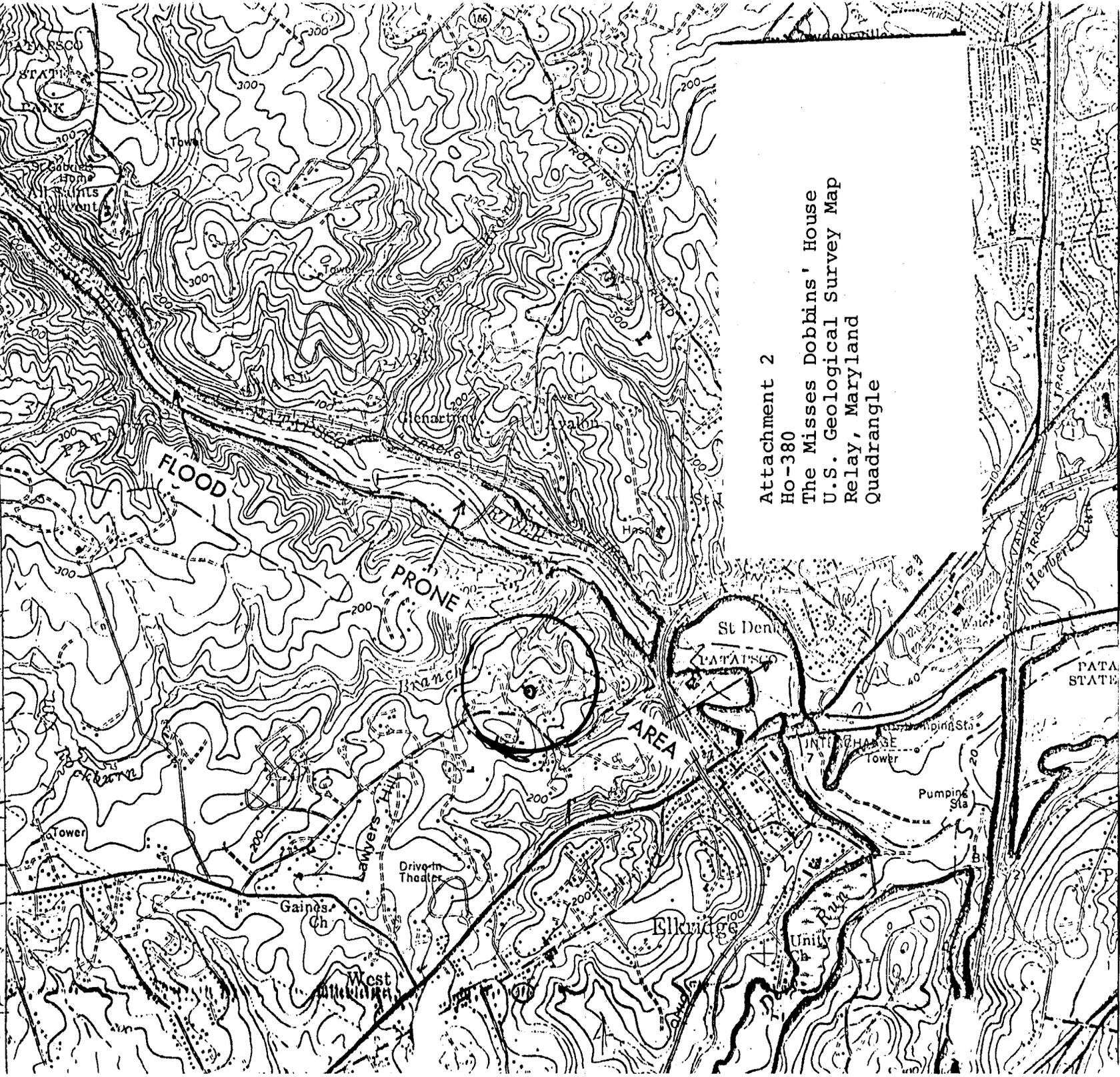
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Attachment 2  
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The Misses Dobbins' House  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland  
Quadrangle



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The misses Dobbins' House  
South  
C.B. Thompson, AIP  
Dec. 1977