

H0-491

The Whittington House

Lisbon

Private

circa 1860

The Whittington House faces south on the north side of Route 144, just east of the Lisbon Methodist Church.

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame house, resting on a stone foundation, with central intersecting gable (running north-south) holding a gothic arched four light attic window and square brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls. A one story high, shed roofed, open porch runs around the entire south and west elevations of the house. Rectangular entrances are located in the central bay (surmounted by a two light transom) of the south wall and the north bay of the west wall.

Fenestration is vertically aligned double-hung, holding two-over-two lights. Windows are decorated with black shutters and underlined by flat wooden sills.

One and two story high, shed roofed winter and summer kitchen additions run along its north wall and are connected and squared off by a one story high, shed roofed open porch on the west side of this collection of appendages.

Designated on both the 1860 Martennet Map of Lisbon and the 1878 Hopkins Atlas, its building history may go back to the early days of Lisbon, which was surveyed by Caleb Pancoast on July 4, 1811.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-491  
District 4

MAGI # 1404915504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**  
 HISTORIC  
 AND/OR COMMON  
 The Whittington House

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 15912 Frederick Road (MD 144)  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Woodbine, \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 6th  
 STATE  
 Maryland 21797  
 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. and Mrs. Whittington Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 15912 Frederick Road  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Woodbine \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF  
 STATE, zip code  
 Maryland 21797

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 7, p. 148  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 Howard County Court House  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Ellicott City  
 STATE  
 Maryland

Liber #: 798  
 Folio #: 701

**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

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
X <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	X <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	X <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 Whittington House faces south on the north side of Route 144, just east of the Old Lisbon M. E. Church, which is located on the northeast corner of Route 144 and Hopkins Alley.

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame house resting on a stone foundation with partial basement and one and two story high shed roofed winter and summer kitchen additions along its north wall, which are connected and squared off by a one story high shed roofed open porch on the west side of this collection of appendages. Square white painted brick chimneys with green borders, are inset into the building's east and west walls. An additional one used by the summer kitchen rises from the middle of the appendages.

A central rectangular, cross paneled south entrance is surmounted by a two light transom and flanked by rectangular, double-hung windows with two-over-two lights. Windows are vertically aligned, decorated with black shutters and underlined by flat wooden sills. A central intersecting gable (running north-south) rests above the central second floor window on this southern elevation, holding a gothic arched four light attic window. A one story high, shed roofed, open porch runs along the entire south elevation and becomes hipped as it turns to run along the west elevation of the house as well. It is supported by eight doric columns.

The east elevation holds two similar first and second floor windows and two square fourlight attic windows, while the west elevation is similar except for a west entrance which is located in the north bay. A white picket fence borders the property in front of the house and part of the back yard.

This house, with its neighbor lying eastward, forms an interesting building complex for the Gothic Revival Period and, as such, are unique in Lisbon. The Mayne Log-Brick House may be added to this list as it features a late Romanesque attic window. These houses, however, rest side by side, and so located, enhance one another. They are both in excellent condition.

An examination of the stone basement underneath the east side of the house leads to a belief in a smaller dwelling unit existing here at an earlier time such as early nineteenth century and enlarged circa 1860, the time of its notation on the Martennot Map of that year.

The interior woodwork is composed of fluted pilasters and lintels joined at the corner by squares, decorated with rosettes, which could be as early as 1824.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      *circa 1832*      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Whittington House, H0-491 and the Harris House, H0-492 are significant architecturally, as representative of the Gothic Revival Style in American domestic architecture and significant historically to the early nineteenth century town of Lisbon, Howard County and the State of Maryland as the property of the Caughy family from 1832 to 1896 when they were conveyed to James Henderson.

Architecturally, these buildings comprise one of the most delightful and unique building complexes in the town of Lisbon, representing the Gothic Revival Period. H0-231, the Joggereit House and H0-232, the Esworthy House, two log houses, located one block west, on the south side of Route 144, form another interesting and charming building complex of an earlier day. These latter log buildings represent early Lisbon, while the Harris and Whittington Houses are more representative of the mid-nineteenth century, though the east sections of both these Houses may date to as early as the two log houses mentioned.

In addition to their unique architectural character, these two buildings present a strong culmination visually to the streetscape on the north side of Route 144. Each is three bays wide with central entrance and intersecting gables, holding either a Gothic arched or Gothic cut attic window. Each features a one story high, open porch on its south elevation, east and west square brick chimneys and two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) kitchen wings.

Historically, the properties belonged to Samuel and Elizabeth Caughy in 1834. Circa 1842, Sarah Jane Caughy inherited the property from her father Samuel. Upon her death, John Caughy, brother of Samuel, became her only heir to the property, and died, leaving the property to his children, John, Sarah Jane and Patrick Caughy. Both attachments 3 and 4, the Martennet Map of 1860 and the Hopkins Atlas of 1878 note the houses belonging to the Caughy family. On the Martennet Map J. W. Buckingham is noted on the Whittington House and Mrs. Caughy on the Harris House. The 1878 Atlas notes both houses under Caughy. On June 18, 1896 John, Sarah Jane and Patrick Caughy conveyed the property to James Henderson (66-9), who four years later sold it to Daniel Hartsock (72-201). The Hartsock family held the property from 1900 until 1937 when it was sold, with the two houses, to Daniel Murray, who divided the parcel into two lots, selling the Harris House to W. Guy Hartsock with .714 acres.

On 14 October 1942, the Whittington and Harris Houses had been acquired by Norman Mullinix and his wife, Pauline, who conveyed the Harris House and .714 acres to Ralph E. Brightwell and granted the right and easement to enter upon the land of the said Norman Mullinix and Pauline K. (The Whittington House) and to pass and repass by a foot path to

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and from the well, now located on said last named land, and to take and draw water from said well and use the same, together with the pump (176-351).

In 1949 the Whittington House became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monroe Clary, who until 1969 made their home here, while the Harris House became the property of Robert and Elsie Gosnell.

Interlocked historically and architecturally, the Harris and Whittington Houses are of unusual significance to the town of Lisbon and should be placed, along with the entire early nineteenth century town, on the National Register of Historic Places and the State Critical Areas Program.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hopkin's Atlas of 1878  
Interview with Mrs. Whittington, November 1, 1978

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .44

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 7, p 148

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 798 Folio 701

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

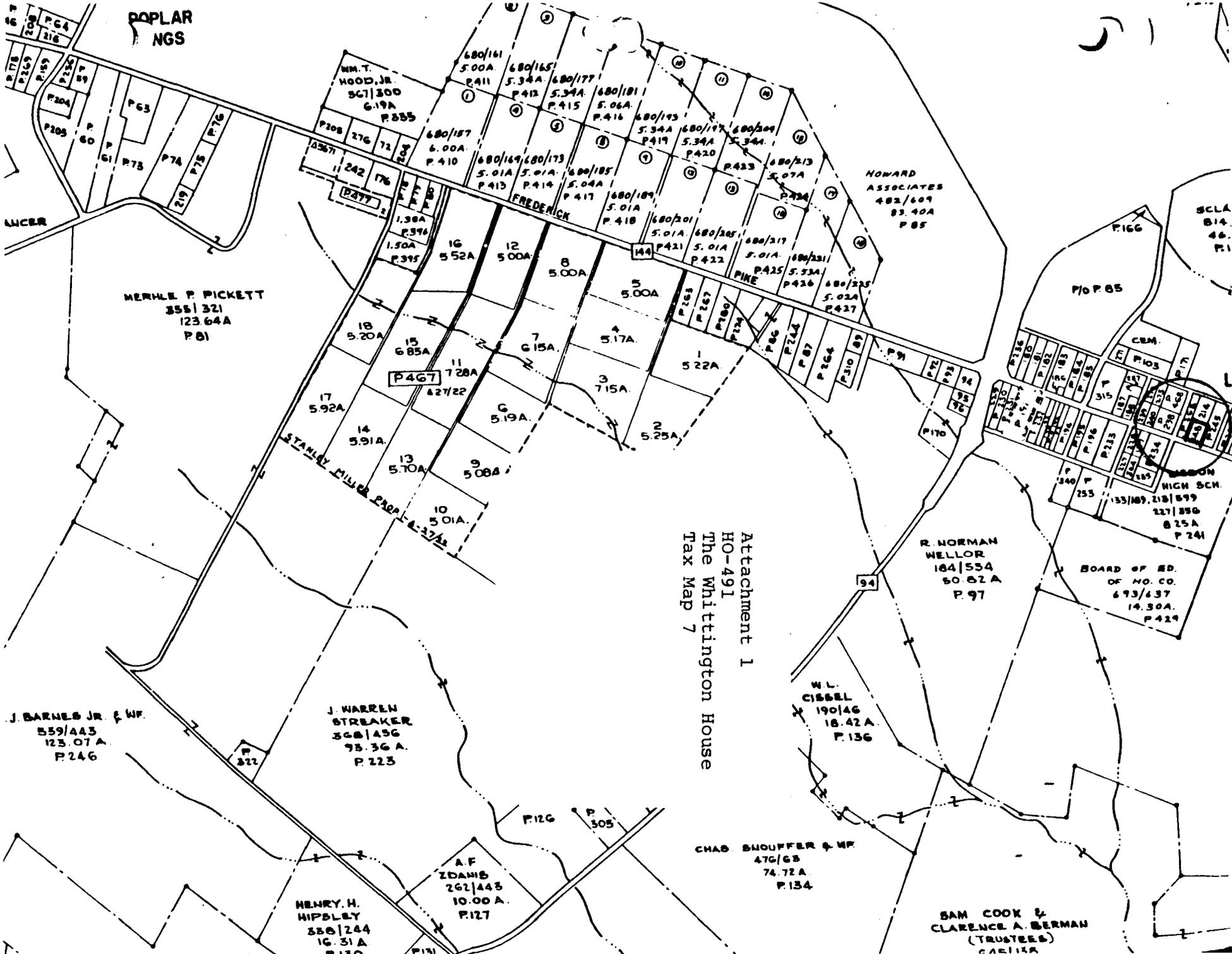
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

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Attachment 1  
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 The Whittington House  
 Tax Map 7

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 STREAKER  
 308/496  
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W.L.  
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 190/46  
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CHAD SNOUFFER & W.F.  
 476/65  
 74.72 A.  
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SAM COOK &  
 CLARENCE A. BERMAN  
 (TRUSTEES)  
 CARLISA

R. NORMAN  
 WELOR  
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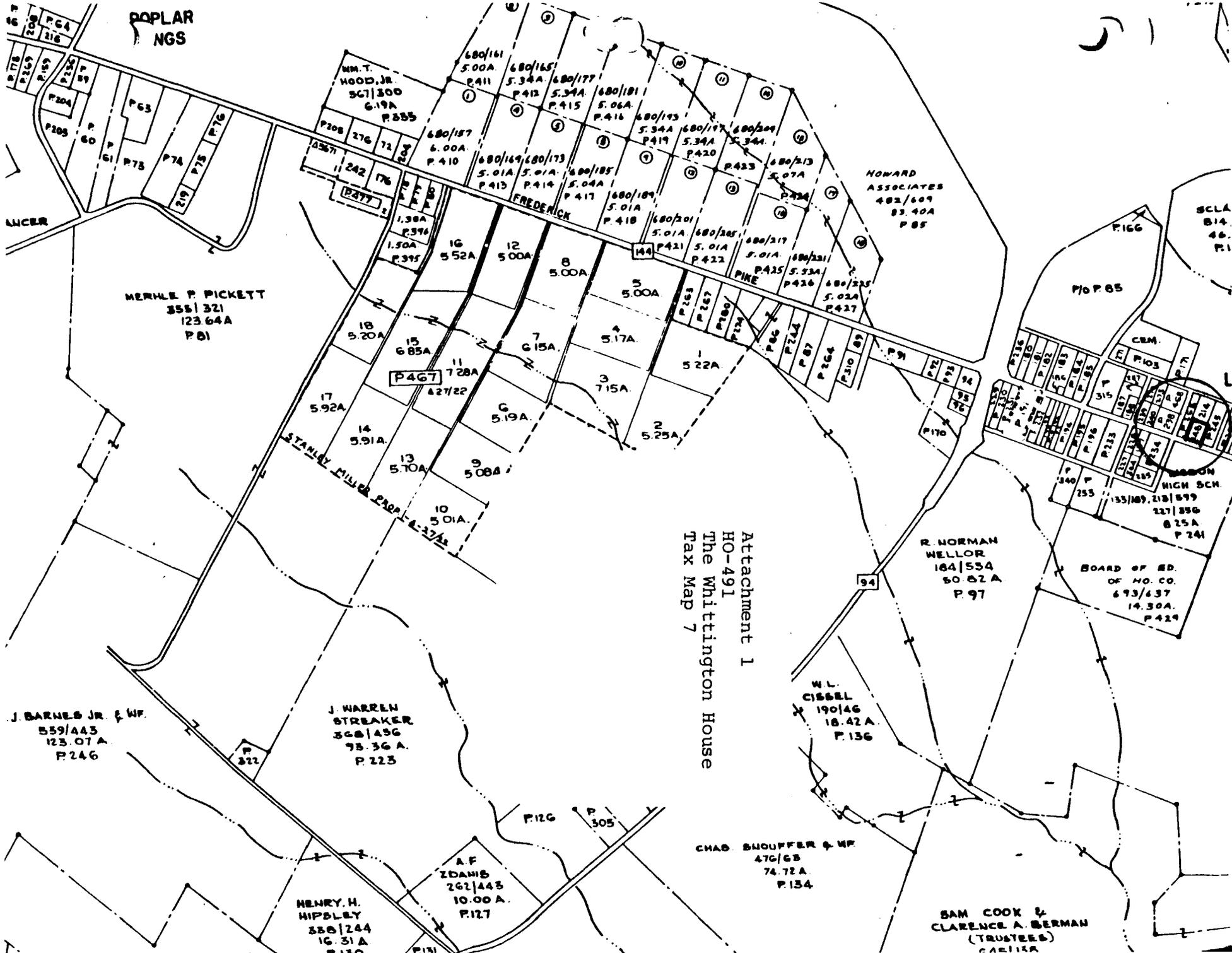
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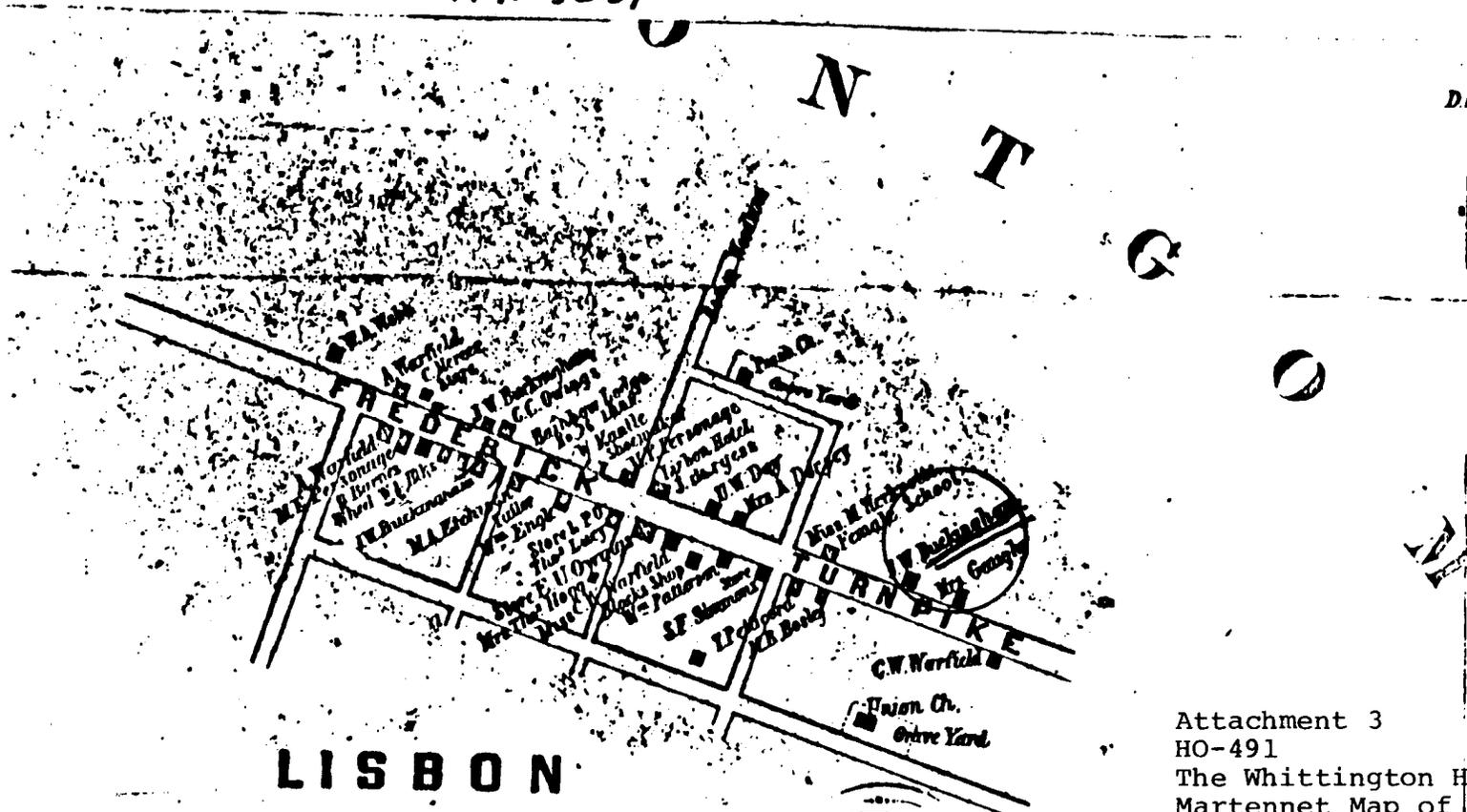
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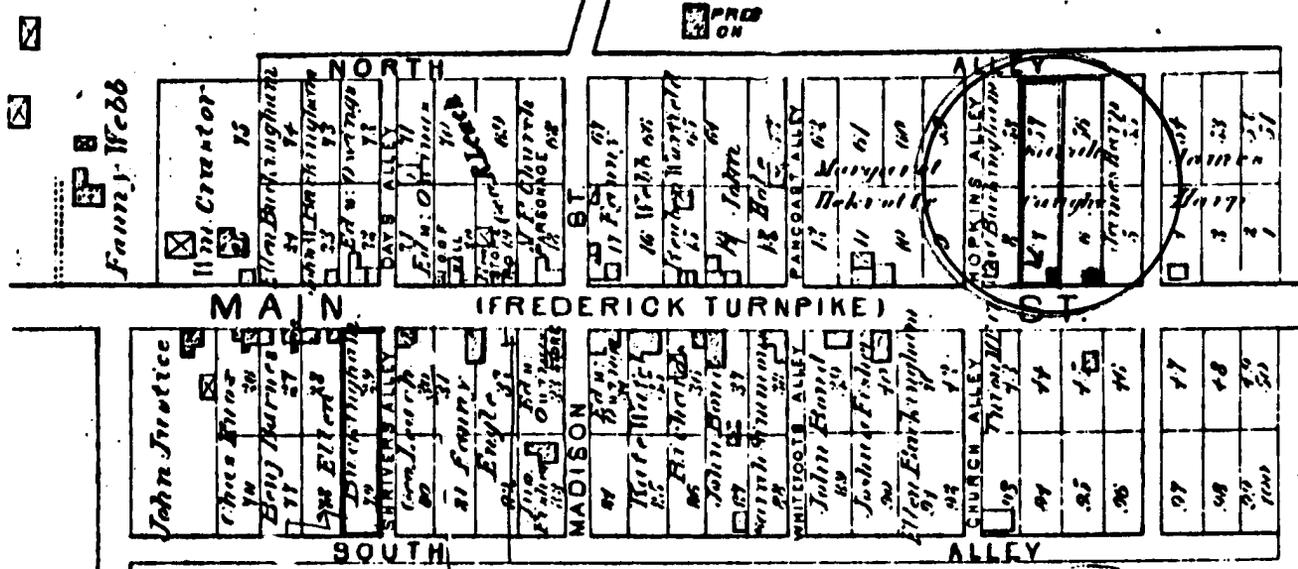
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Attachment 3  
 HO-491  
 The Whittington House  
 Martennet Map of 1860

**MARTENNET'S**  
 OF  
 HOWARD CO. 1860

Attachment 4  
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 The Whittington House  
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



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Scale 300 feet per inch

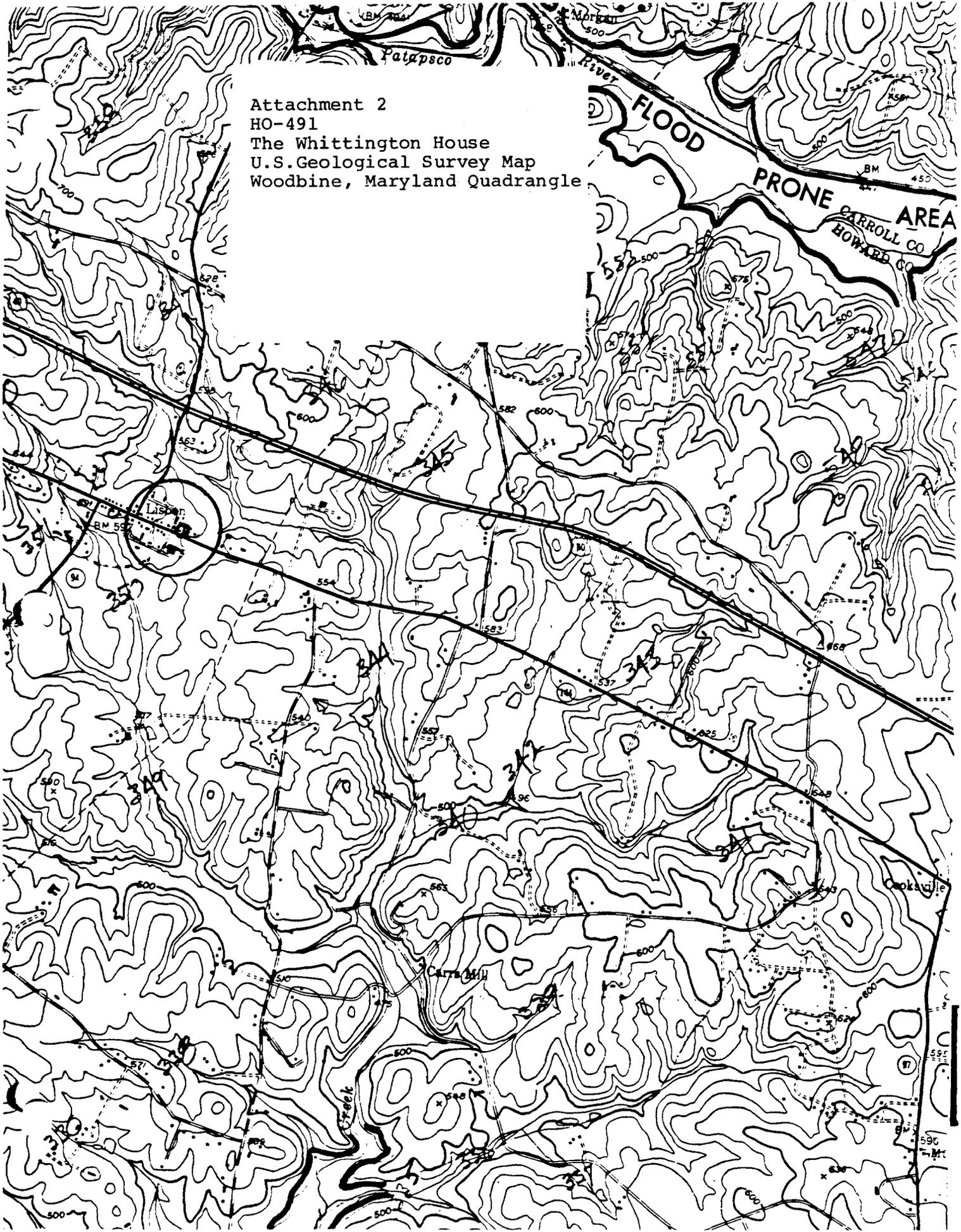
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Attachment 2  
HO-491  
The Whittington House  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Woodbine, Maryland Quadrangle



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Whittington House  
15912 Frederick Road (MD 144), Lisbon  
Jennifer K. Cosham  
April 16, 2004  
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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THE WHITTINGTON HSE  
(SOUTH)

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