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Clifton/Welling's Stone House 1818  
Clarksville  
Private

Located on a tract of land called "White Wine and Claret" patented in 1712 by the Honourable John Dorsey of Troy Hill, Clifton is a three bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story, gabled roof (running east - west) stone house with twin gabled roof dormer windows facing south, and brick chimneys set into its east and west walls. An inscription is found on its west wall of 1818. The building features rectangular south entrances, surmounted by three lite transoms in its central bay, fine stone quoining and flat arched stretcher stone lintels. A one story hipped roof porch supported by posts held by scrolled brackets runs along the south elevation while a one bay wide, two story high, shed roofed frame addition runs along its north wall, holding the staircase and hall of the main house which is connected by the hall to a two bay wide, one room deep, one and a half story high stone kitchen wing whose gabled roof runs north - south with wide stone chimney inset into its north wall. Shed roofed frame additions are located on each side of this kitchen wing.

Owned by several generations of the Welling family of "White Wine and Claret", Clifton is one of Howard Counties most interesting homes.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** White Wine and Claret/  
HISTORIC Welling's Stone House

AND/OR COMMON Clifton

**2 LOCATION** (Guilford Road)  
On Route 32<sup>A</sup> just north of Pindell School Road

STREET & NUMBER  
6675 (Route 32) Guilford Road

CITY, TOWN  
Clarksville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
6th Const.

STATE  
Maryland

VICINITY OF  
Howard

COUNTY  
Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Attn. Tax Comm. Prop. Taxes  
Howard Research & Development Corporation Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
P.O. Box 833

CITY, TOWN  
Columbia

STATE, zip code  
Md 21044

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Hall of Records p. 59  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, etc. Howard County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Tax Maps 35, Liber #: 406  
Folio #: 114

CITY, TOWN  
Ellicott City

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE  
June 1977

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Maryland Historical Trust

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**7 DESCRIPTION**Ho 164  
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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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**

White Wine and Claret is located on Route 32 just north of Pindell School Rd. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story, stone, gabled roof (running east-west) structure with brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls. It bears the date of 1818 on a stone plate on the west wall below the brick chimney. It is inscribed  $W^w + W^g$ , standing for William Welling 1818. Two gabled roof dormer windows rest in the roof of the south elevation, holding double-hung windows with six - over - six lights.

The 1818 Welling stone house features stone quoining and ashlar stone, flat arched lintels. A rectangular basement door, added in 1973, rests in the west bay of the south wall. A stone kitchen wing, two bays wide, one room deep and one and a half stories high has a gabled roof (running north - south) with two gabled roof dormer windows on the west elevation. A wide brick chimney is inset into its north wall. Its rectangular west entrance door is located in the south bay, surmounted by a two light transom. A rectangular, double-hung window with six - over - six lights rests in the north bay. The fenestration for the main house built in 1818 is rectangular, double - hung with six - over - six lights, decorated with wooden sills and stretcher stone flat - arched lintels.

A one story, open, hipped roof porch, supported by four columns with scrolled brackets runs along the south elevation. Double entrance doors with three light transoms surmounted by flat arched stone lintels take in the central bay of the first floor south wall. Six wooden steps, lead to the porch and entrances.

A two story high, shed roofed one bay wide frame addition running along the north wall of the stone house creates a hall and staircase. A one story high shed roofed enclosed frame addition lies along almost the entire west elevation of the old house and hall. Six wooden steps lead to a rectangular entrance on its north wall. The entry wall south of the original west entrance and leading into the hall was enclosed and made into a bath by Mr. & Mrs. Beaver, present occupants circa 1964.

A three bay wide, shed roofed frame addition on the east wall of the kitchen wing drops from the apex of that wing's gabled roof line. Originally it may have been an open porch. Later it was used as a dining room with two double - hung windows on its east wall. It is now a first floor bedroom. A wide stone exterior chimney is on its north wall. The roof line continues to slope downward creating a one story high open porch which was enclosed by Mr. and Mrs. George Beaver in 1975. A rectangular four lite door is located in the east bay of its north wall with a rectangular double-hung window with six - over - six lights in the west bay. Three rectangular, double hung windows holding varying lights rest in the east wall of this enclosure.

Mr. and Mrs Beaver in 1975 also added a rectangular cellar door

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in the west bay of the south wall.

The interior features original random width oak floors in the dining and living room as well as original wood work. The interior hall features a fine staircase with wooden bannister and spindels.

Barns lie east of the house which is surrounded by corn fields. The house is 0.1 mile north of Route 32 located on gently sloping farm land. Ruins of an old stone chimney lie west of the house in the woods.

East of the house and barns is located a free parking area for trailers of Columbia residents.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

1818

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Welling House, once known as "Clifton" is a part of the tract known as "White Wine and Claret" patented in 1712 by the Honourable John Dorsey of Troy Hill for his daughter Deborrah Dorsey Ridgely and her two sons.

Joshua Warfield relates a bit of Welling family history in speaking of William Welling, brother of Major Henry in the following paragraph:

From William Welling, brother of Major Henry, descends the Welling family of "White Wine and Claret". He had two sons, Henry and William. Henry's only daughter is Mrs. Kate Watkins, widow of Thomas Watkins (of Dr. William). Mr. Trueman Welling, upon the old homestead, and Mrs. Henry Forsythe, are heirs of William Welling, Jr.

Trueman's son, Clinton E. Welling was born on the place as was his daughter, Luoy Welling, now Mrs. James Boss of Laurel, Maryland. A Mr. William Welling of West Friendship, had grandparents here.

According to Mr. Harwood Owings, Sr., the great tall stone on the west side of Ball Shop Road where there is a very well angled turn was one of the boundary stones for White Wine and Claret. When the tract was surveyed it was a wintry day and after looking at the finished plat, Mr. John Dorsey remarked that the men must have drunk too much "White Wine and Claret", thus the name of the tract.

The Hopkins Atlas of 1878 indicates that Mr. Willaim Welling lived here at that time.

The date of 1818 on a stone plate on the west wall below the brick chimney offers the date of construction. It is believed by family members that the kitchen wing was constructed at the same time as well as the hall. This is possible and no proof to the contrary has been uncovered. It is possible that a breezeway originally existed between the kitchen and main house which later became the present hall.

Due to the interesting stone architecture with its double doors entering into a double living room and its historical association with the Welling family of "White Wine and Claret", "Clifton" should be

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<sup>1</sup>Warfield, JD. Founders of AA and Howard County, Md. p.418

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considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic  
Places and any local landmark legislation.

**9** MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Warfield, J.D. Founders of Anne Aundel and Howard County, Maryland. Baltimore, 1973.  
Interview with Mrs. Harwood Owings, Sr.  
Interview with Mrs. James Boss, Sr. former resident, now of Laurel, Md.  
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**10** GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 238.48  
Please see attachment 1, Tax Map 35, p. 59 (406-114).

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment I, Tax Map 35, p.59 (406-114) 238.48 Acres.

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 465-5000x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER  
3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN  
Ellicott City

STATE  
Maryland

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Tax Map 35, p. 59

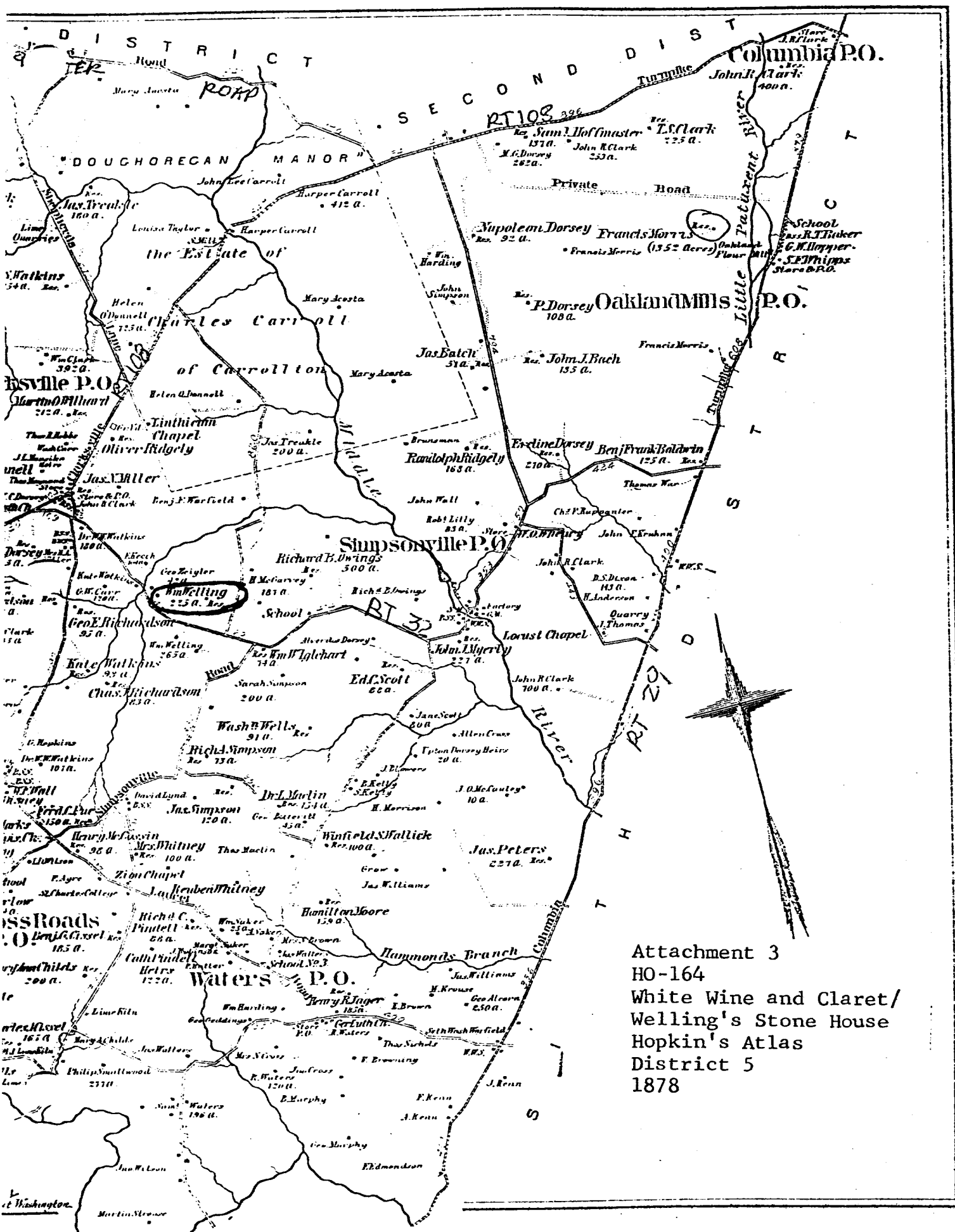
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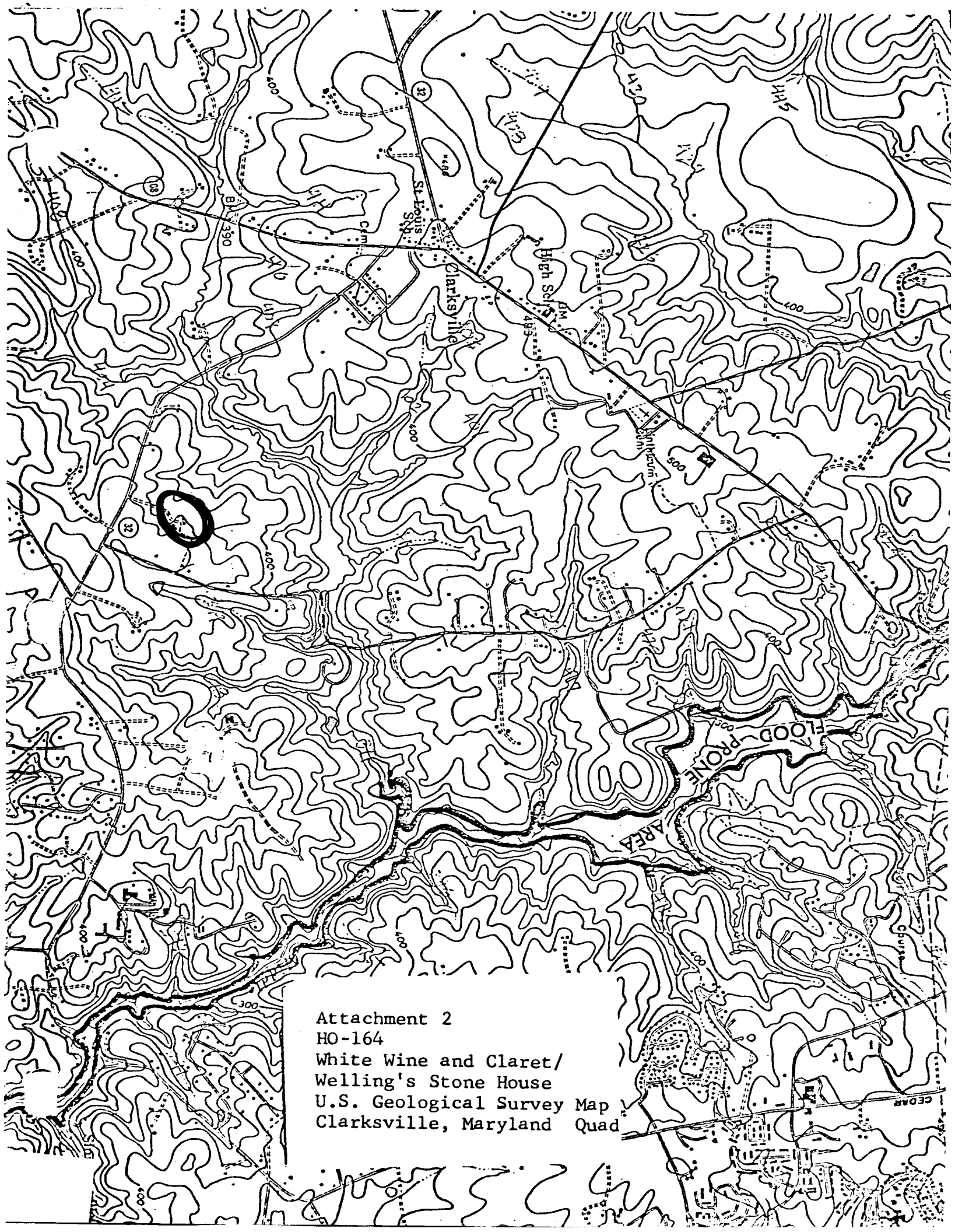
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Attachment 3  
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 White Wine and Claret/  
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 Hopkin's Atlas  
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Attachment 2  
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White Wine and Claret/  
Welling's Stone House  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Clarksville, Maryland Quad



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