

HO-263  
House of Silence  
Woodbine  
Private

circa 1877

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-263  
Woodbine  
Dist. 4

MAGI # 1402635604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ridgely's Reserve

AND/OR COMMON

House of Silence

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

15780 Union Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Celine Sigelman

977-8585

Telephone #: (301) 986-3228  
Office

STREET & NUMBER

15780 Union Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 14, p. 170  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 538

Folio #: 581

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**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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EAST ELEVATION

The east elevation features a one story high, shed roofed, log, open porch, supported by two posts along the main building block, covering a rectangular, cross paneled entrance door in the south bay. North rests a rectangular, double-hung window, holding two-over-two lights, beneath which is placed the cellar door leading to the stone walled, dirt floor basement of the house.

The east wall of the addition holds a four light, rectangular, paneled entrance door in its north bay and a two-over-two light, rectangular window in its south bay. A second floor, shed roof addition has been added to the roof of what was once a kitchen porch but has now been enclosed. A two-over-two light second floor window is placed in the east wall of this addition.

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WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation holds two two-over-two, first floor windows and two rectangular, double-hung, second floor windows. That on the north holds six-over-six lights, that on the south holds two-over-two.

NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation holds a six-over-nine light, rectangular, second floor window and a two light rectangular attic window.

A one bay wide, one bay deep, one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) cinderblock, one car garage runs along the north elevation of the building.

THE INTERIOR

The interior features one large downstairs room in the main log building block, with two equal, second floor bedrooms.

A narrow, enclosed staircase to the second floor is placed in the southwest corner of the living room. It features a batten wood door to a closet beneath the staircase and a battenwood door to the staircase itself. Interesting, little, narrow cupboards are also located on either side of the downstairs fireplace, centered on the north wall of the room, which is lighted by an east, west and south window. A door on the east side of the mantle place leads into the kitchen addition.

This addition once held an open porch on its east wall, which has now been enclosed, with the east wall opened up to create a large kitchen. A narrow, enclosed staircase is located in its southwest corner, leading up to the large bedroom above the kitchen. A second floor bath is located over the enclosed porch section of the kitchen, lighted by an east window.

A north rectangular, cross paneled, north entrance leads into the cinderblock, one car garage, constructed along the north wall of the kitchen addition. The kitchen was at one time a lean to with an outside stove for cooking.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The House of Silence is a good example of Howard County vernacular log architecture,<sup>1</sup> associated with Ridgely's Reserve<sup>2</sup> and William T. Silence.<sup>3</sup>

Explanatory Notes

1. The House of Silence is a good example of vernacular log architecture. Commonly, in Howard County, the log house of the nineteenth century rested on a full, fieldstone foundation with log joists holding its first floor. The log construction was covered by clapboard on the exterior with its interior walls covered with wood lathing covered with plaster. Small cupboards are located on either side of the fireplace and under the staircases.

2. The House of Silence is located on a part of Ridgely's Reserve, noted on an old deed from Dennis Gaither to William T. Silence in the Howard County Land Records (See Title Search for the liber, folio).

3. The house was completely constructed by William T. Silence, who acquired some 74 acres of Ridgely's Reserve from Dennis Gaither in 1877

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and another 17 acres shortly after, accumulating some 92 acres of land, which was noted on the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas. In 1929 his daughter, Jessie Silence Everly, acquired the property, mortgaging it in 1931 and finally selling it to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder in 1934. It is presently owned by Mrs. Celine Sigelman.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Martennet Map of 1860  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878  
Howard County Land Records  
Interview with Mrs. Celine Sigelman  
August 29, 1980

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.909 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 14

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 538 Folio 581

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.

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  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

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HO-263 HOUSE OF SILENCE  
Prepared by Cleora B. Thompson, AICP

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LIBER-FOLIO</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>TRANSACTION</u>
1980		Nicholas A. Hill	Celine Sigelman	Deed to 5.909 acres
17 August 1976	538-581	Steven F. Paul, & Maurice Sisler	Nicholas A. Hill and Bernadette Celine Hill	Deed to 5.909 acres
8 September 1969	517-465	Guinevere M. War- field, um.	Steven F. Paul & Maurice Sisler	P/O 1st parcel
8 September 1969	517-464	Steven F. Paul & Arlene	Guinevere M. Warfield	Deed to 2 parcels (1) 81.433 acres + (2) 123 acres +
27 June 1969	513-228	William H. Hill & Elva	Stephen F. Paul	Parcel #1, Deed to 143 3/4 acres except 3.805 acres +
8 July 1936	154-443	Sarah M. Snyder, widow	William H. Hill	Deed to 90 acres
25 June 1934	149-201	Anna E. Curran, unm.	William E. Snyder	Deed to 90 acres.
25 June 1934	149-198	Joseph L. Donovan, attorney, William & Sarah Snyder	Anna E. Curran	Deed to 89 acres +, 2 roods & 22.2 perches of land

"Whereas at a public sale made on the 7 April 1934, at 12:00 noon,....by a certain mortgage from Jessie Silence Everyly & John Thomas Everly, her husband, to the Eureka-Maryland Assurance Corp., dated Sept. 29, 1931 (142-186),....default occurs...sold to William L. Snyder...for \$2870.00 ratified on May 25, 1934, Equity Case No. 3397."

1st - "Ridgley's Great Park"  
October 4, 1873 33-306 73 acres 3 roods, 36 sq.  
perches

2nd - May 7, 1877 (38-47) Dennis  
To W. T. Silence 17 acres 1 rood 13 sq. per.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LIBER-FOLIO</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>TRANSACTION</u>
21 September 1929	Will 7-275	William T. Silence devised property to	Jessie Silence Everly, daughter	
25 May 1934	Equity Case No. 3397	Eureka Assurance Corp.	William L. Snyder	Deed to 89 acres, 2 rds. 22.2 ps.
29 September 1931	142-186	Jessie Silence Everly	Eureka Assurance Corp.	Deed to 89A 2 rds. 22.2 ps.
23 March 1923	117-502	Edwin Warfield, Jr.	William T. Silence	Deed to 64/100A, 88/100A, and 3/10 A
17 May 1877	38-47	Dennis P. Gaither	William T. Silence	Deed to 17A +
17 May 1877	33-306	Dennis P. Gaither & Leanora	William T. Silence and Mary E.	Deed to 73A +

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

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Hakes' log house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Roxbury Mills Road (Md 97) about 0.3 mi

CITY OR TOWN: near Cooksville south of McKeendree Rd

STATE: Md COUNTY: Howard

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Rental housing</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Jesse Hakes

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Glenwood STATE: Md 21738

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: clerk of the circuit court

STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Md

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	Added to (Check One)			Original Site (Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small log house with logs exposed on the front (or south exposure) is flanked by two lean-to additions of board and batten over frame, each of ~~one~~ one-story, the east section 2 bays by 1, west 1 by 1.

The <sup>log</sup> center section is 3 bays ~~wide~~ long, with windows downstairs 6 over 6, upstairs 6 over 3. The A-frame roof/ridgeline runs east west. A small stone chimney rises inside the east end wall at the peak. Above the level of the log construction ~~which runs~~ (to the eaves) the gable ends are clapboard with a fixed sash of 6 lights in ~~the west~~ <sup>the west</sup> end.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was put in good condition to serve as target former dwelling for the estate on the south. The present owner rents, works elsewhere.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for Major Bibliographical References.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S EWING**

ORGANIZATION **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE

STREET AND NUMBER: **2525 RIVA ROAD**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND**

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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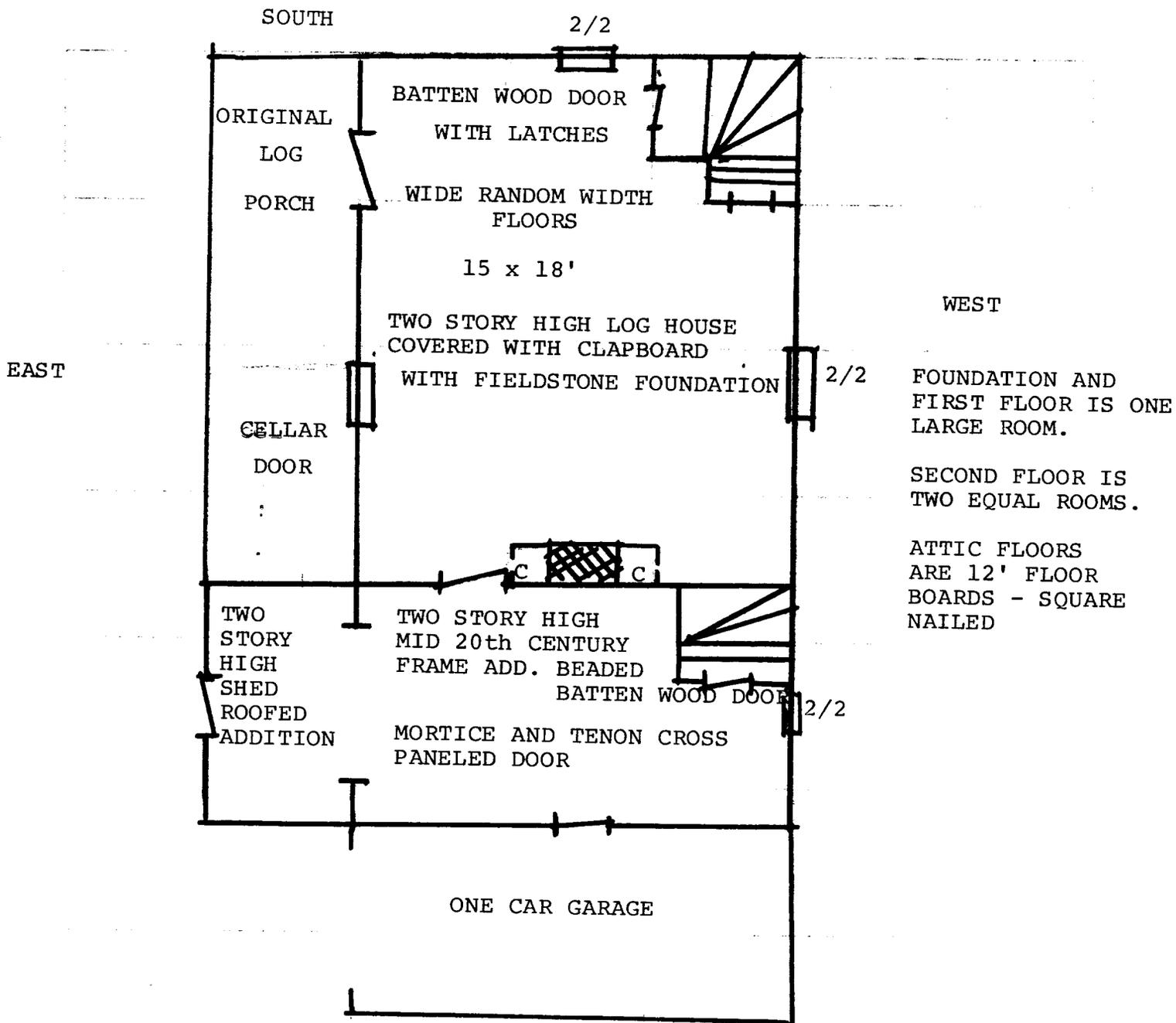


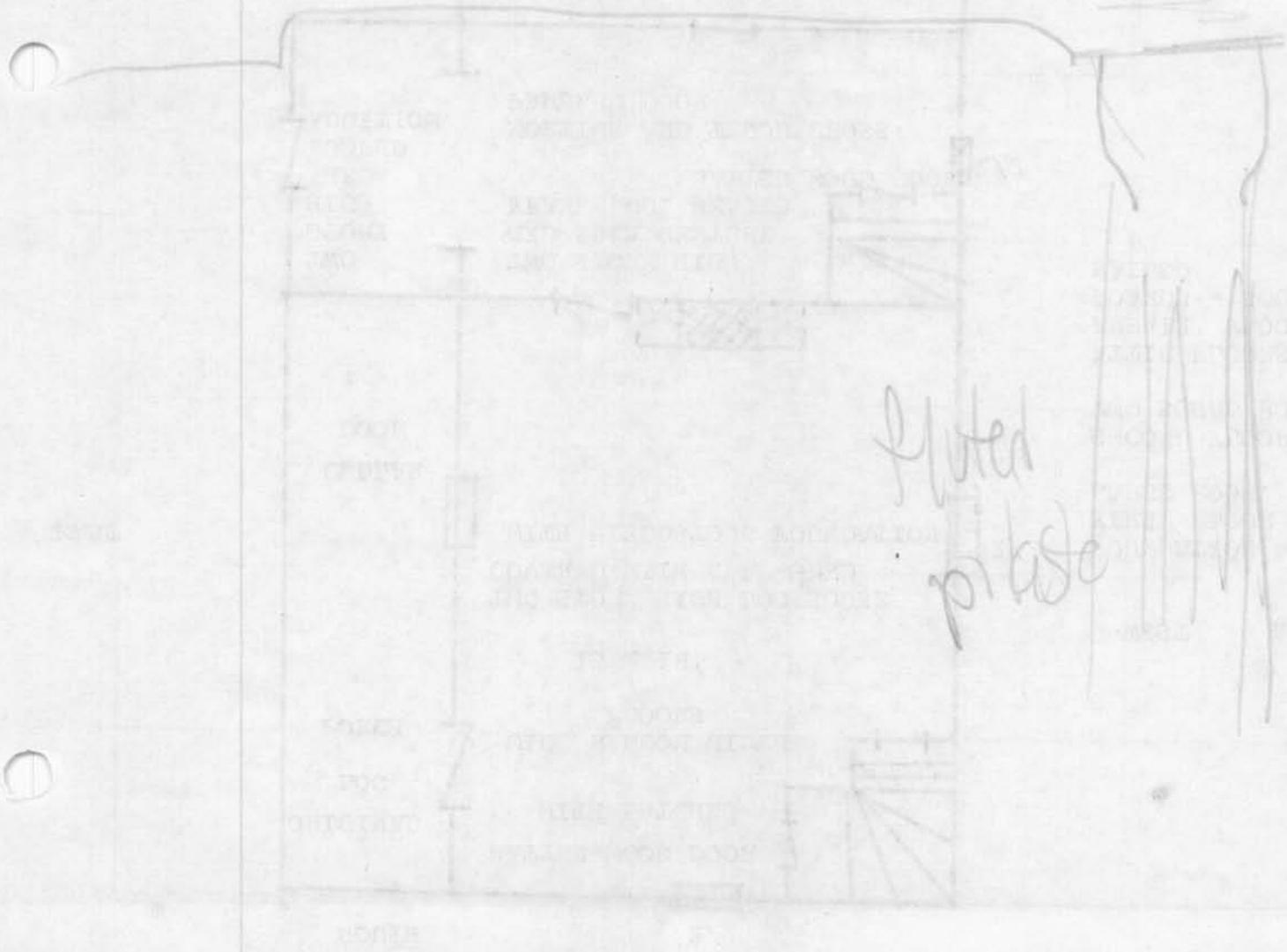
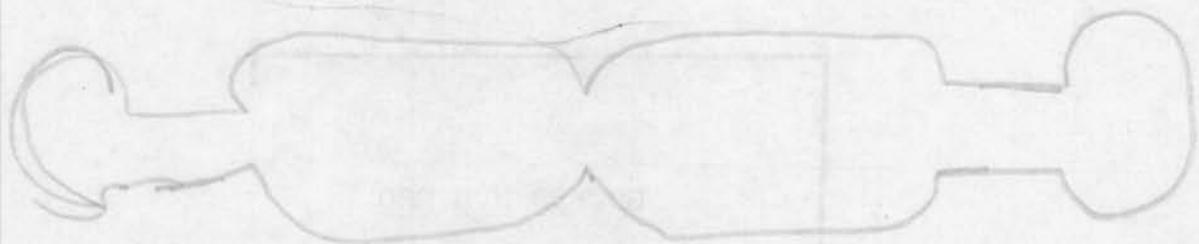
FIGURE I  
 HO-263  
 HOUSE OF SILENCE  
 FIRST FLOOR PLAN

plaster walls

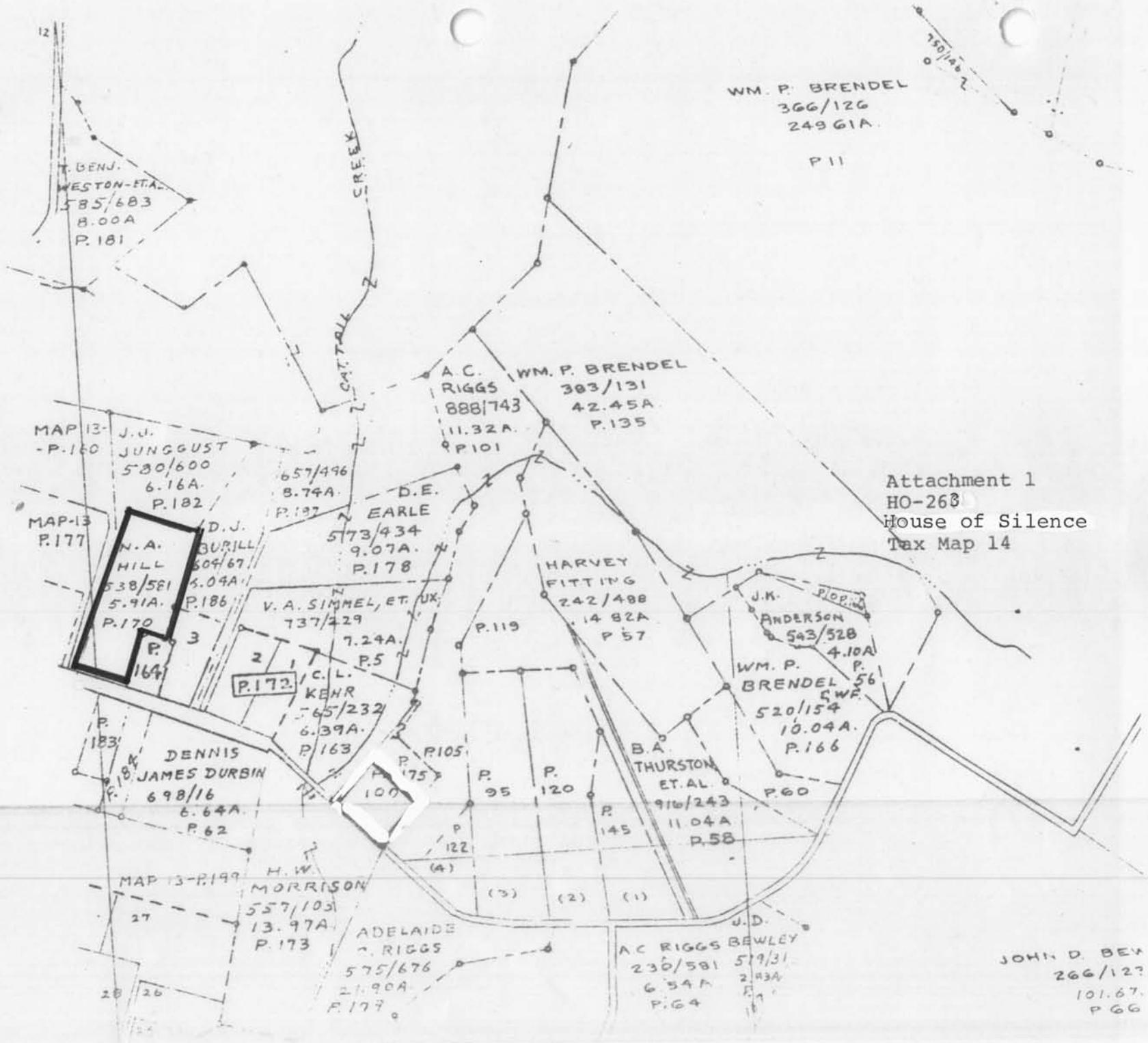
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w/ entrance

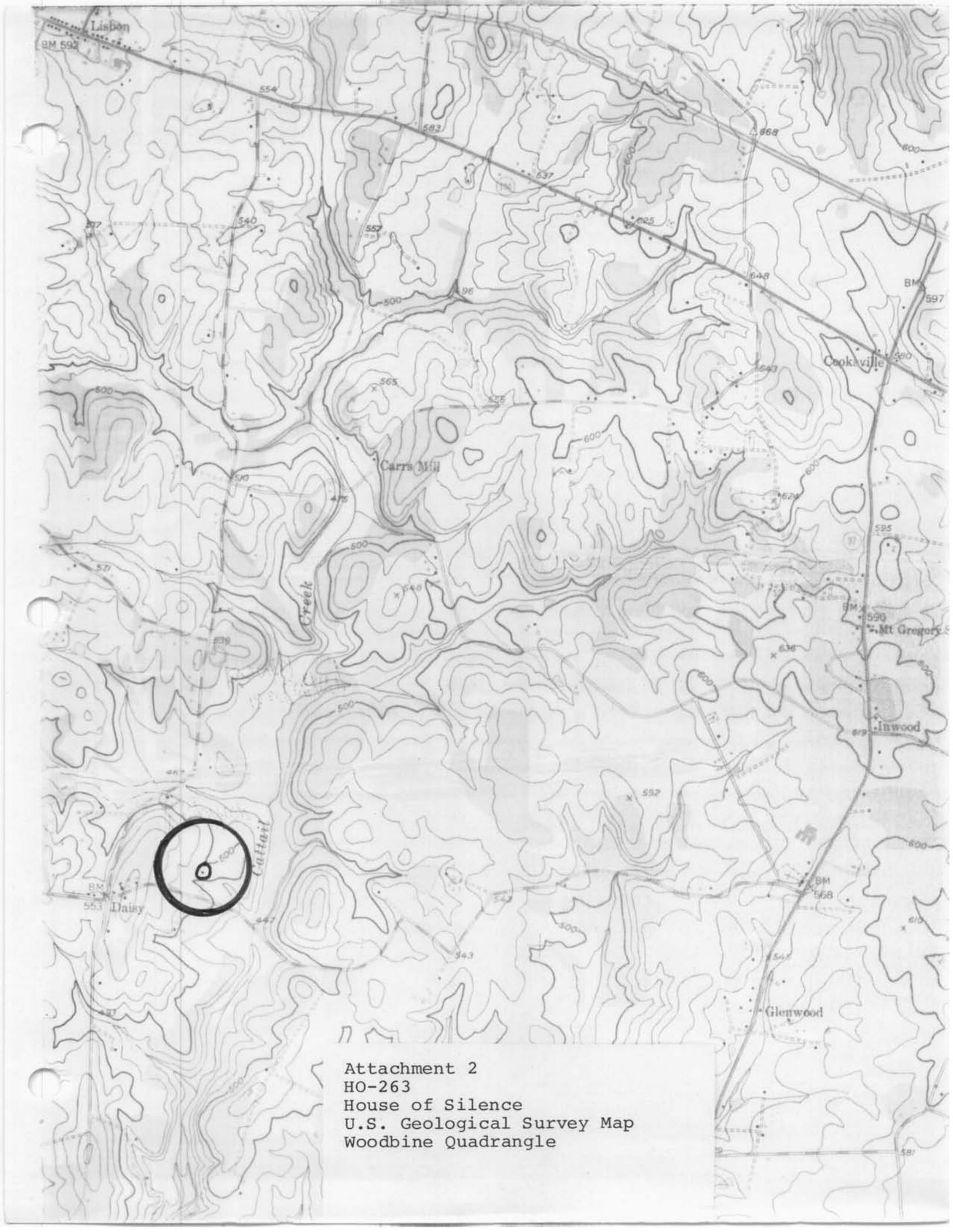


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Attachment 1  
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 House of Silence  
 Tax Map 14





Attachment 2  
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House of Silence  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Woodbine Quadrangle



HO-263  
Name: House of Silence

Location: 15780 Union Chapel Road  
Woodbine, Maryland

Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.

Date of photograph: September, 1980

Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust

View: south

Photographer looking: north

Photograph number: 1 of 1