

HO-489
The Owing's House
Lisbon
Private

circa 1858

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A two story high, two bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south) frame kitchen wing with square brick chimney centered into its south wall extends south from the west side of the building's south wall. This section features additional east and west entrances, with varied modernized fenestration occurring on its east wall.

Acquired by Nickolas R. Henderson from Charles D. Warfield on June 30, 1858, it passed to Edwin V. Owings, who owned the general store across the street, HO-205, Lee's Store and House, on February 27, 1860.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-489
District 4

MAGI # 1404895504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Owings House

AND/OR COMMON The Frey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
15949 Frederick Road (MD 144)

CITY, TOWN Lisbon VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th

STATE Maryland 21765 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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. William Frey Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
15949 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Lisbon VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21765

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 7, p. 195
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 167
Folio #: 263

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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Owings House faces north on the southeast corner of Madison Street and Route 144. It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame (covered with aluminum siding) building, resting on a stone foundation with square brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls and a roman arched, attic window inset into the central intersecting gable (running north-south) on the north facade, which also features a central entrance, surmounted by a three light transom, and hipped roof, one story high, open porch along this entire elevation.

A two story high, two bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south) frame kitchen wing, with square brick chimney centered into its south wall, extends south from the west side of the building's south wall.

Fenestration is rectangular, double-hung; proportionally scaled and vertically aligned, holding one-over-one lights. Two square attic windows are located in the east and west walls of the front section of the house. The east and west walls of the building's front section hold two first and second floor windows, similar to those on the north wall. Varied windows are cut into the east wall of the building's south wing, which also holds additional entrances, located on its east and west walls. That on the east is covered by a shed roofed aluminum awning, supported by two iron posts, while that on the west is covered by another aluminum, shed roofed awning which runs along this section's entire west wall. Four cement steps lead to the two light rectangular entrance, flanked by rectangular, one-over-one light windows. A cellar door is located beneath that window on the north. Above rest two similar second floor windows.

The south elevation of this wing holds a first floor window on its west side, a second floor window on its east side and two square attic windows, that on the east holding four lights. A square brick chimney is inset into the center of this wall.

The house is in excellent condition and is representative of the romanesque revival in simple domestic American architecture of the 1860's.

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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		(local history)	

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1858 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Owings House in Lisbon is significant architecturally as representative of Romanesque Revival in American domestic architecture in the United States and historically significant in the field of local history regarding this early nineteenth century town, laid out in 1811 by Caleb Pancoast.

Architecturally it not only serves as a representative of the Romanesque Revival style in American domestic architecture as evidenced by the Roman arched, four light casement window inset into its central intersecting gable on the north facade of the building, but in addition its location on the southeast corner of Madison Street and Route 144 creates an architectural anchor for this block which has been broken by the relocation southward of HO-233, located east of the Owing's House and the Exxon Service Station, located east of HO-233.

Four original buildings each occupy a section of the four corners of this intersection, making it one of the most important areas of the town architecturally.

Historically the building can be traced back to 1858 when it was acquired by Nickolas Henderson on June 30, 1858 from Charles D. Warfield.

Edwin U. Owings, who owned and ran the General Store, HO-205, Lee's Store and House, on the southwest corner of this intersection, acquired the house on February 27, 1860 from Mr. Henderson (21-51) for \$800, comprising lots #34 and #84, a half acre of land.

It remained in the Owings family until 1899 when it was acquired by Merriman Fisher for \$3,300.

On 13 June 1940 it was sold at public auction for \$2,200 to William and Lelia Frey, present owners.

Architecturally and historically significant, this house, in conjunction with the entire early nineteenth century town of Lisbon, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and included in the State Critical Areas Program.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Howard County

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .50 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 7 p. 195 lots 34 and 84

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 167 Folio 263

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

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Howard
STATE		COUNTY	

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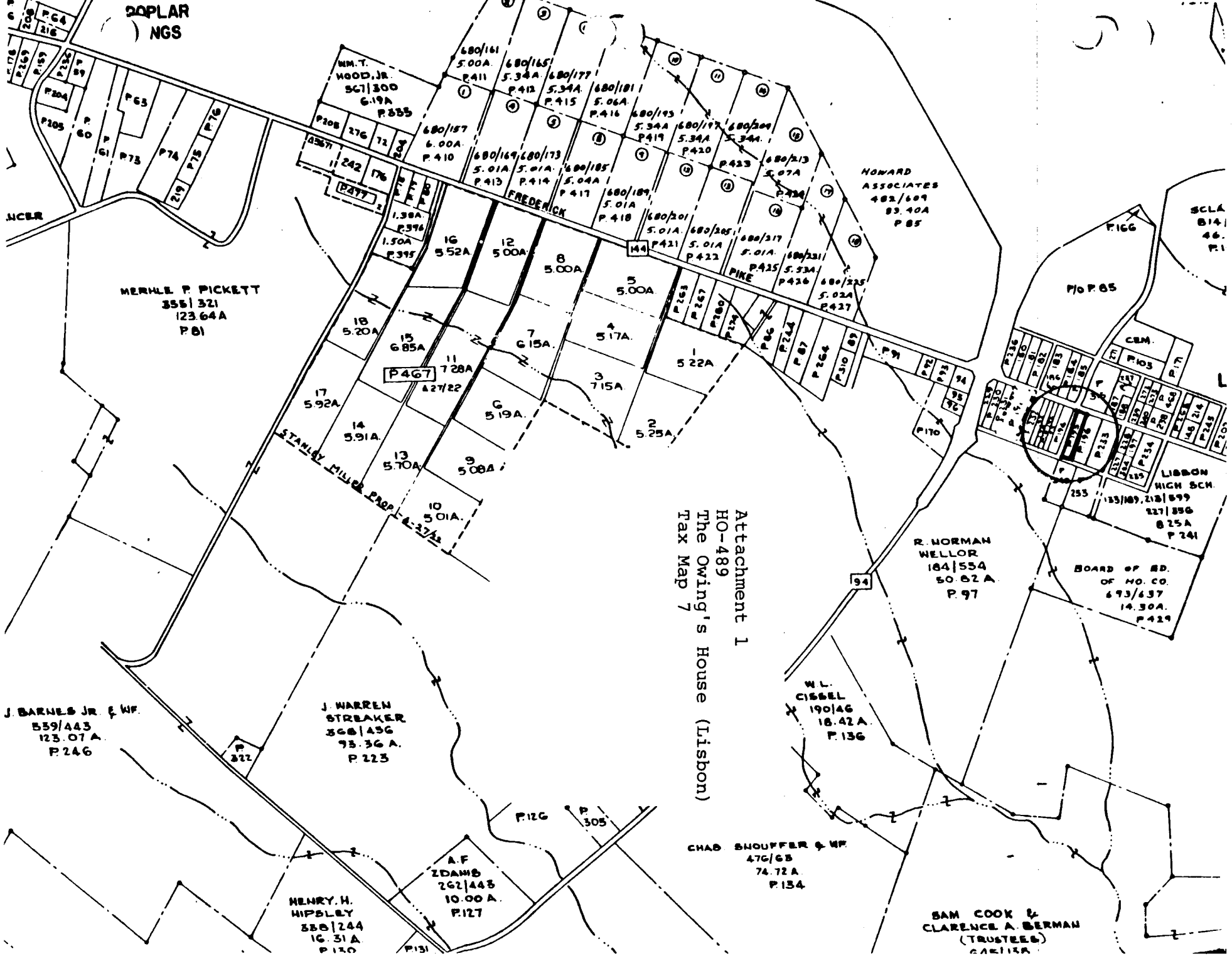
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Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section	465-5000 x257
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
3450 Court House Drive	
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Ellicott City	Maryland

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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
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Attachment 1
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 The Owing's House (Lisbon)
 Tax Map 7

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 123.07 A.
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J. WARREN
 STREAKER
 368/436
 93.36 A.
 P.223

HENRY H.
 HIPSLEY
 358/244
 16.31 A
 P.130

A.F.
 ZDAMB
 262/443
 10.00 A.
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CHAD SHOUFFER & WF
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 WELOR
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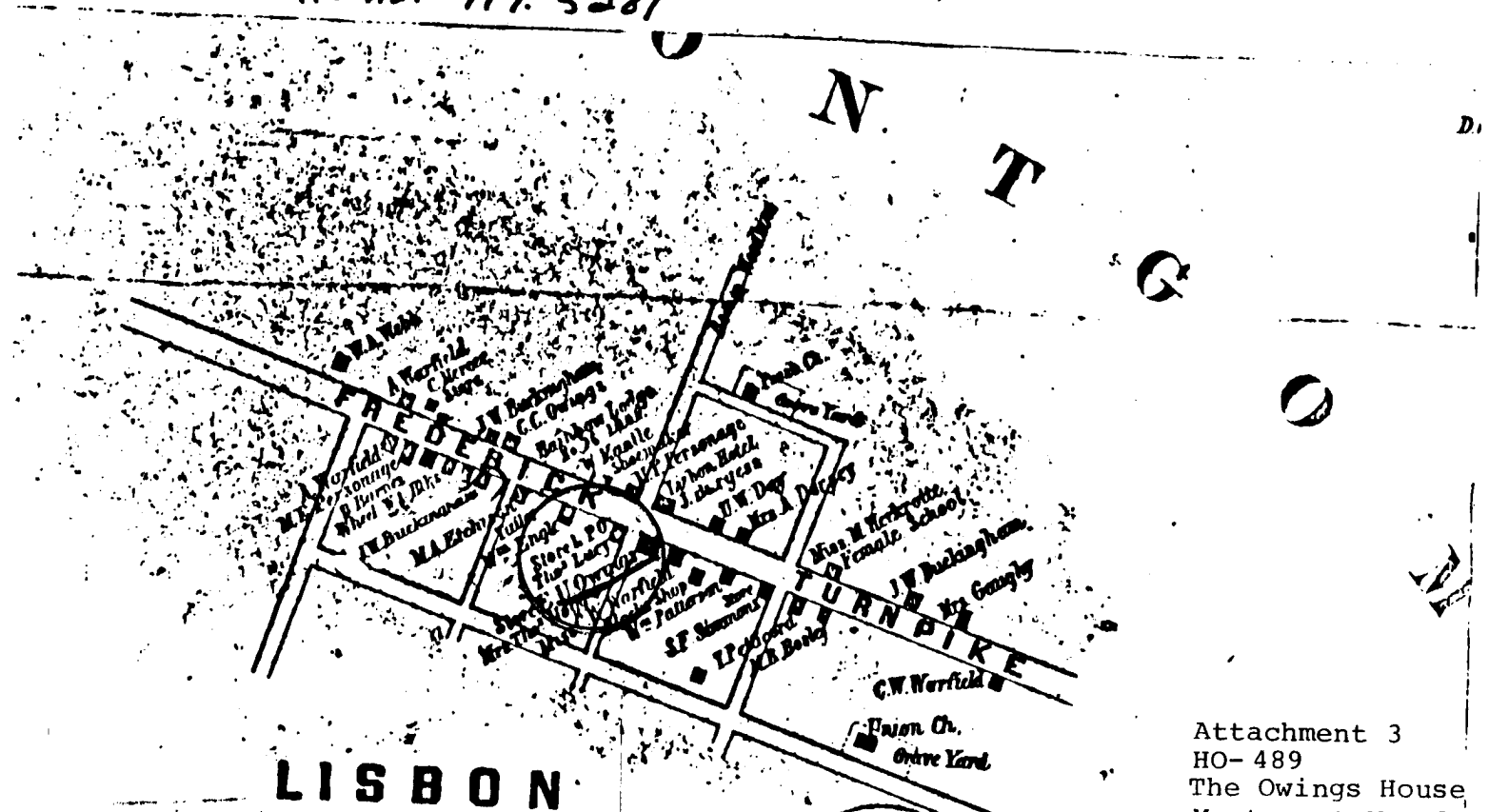
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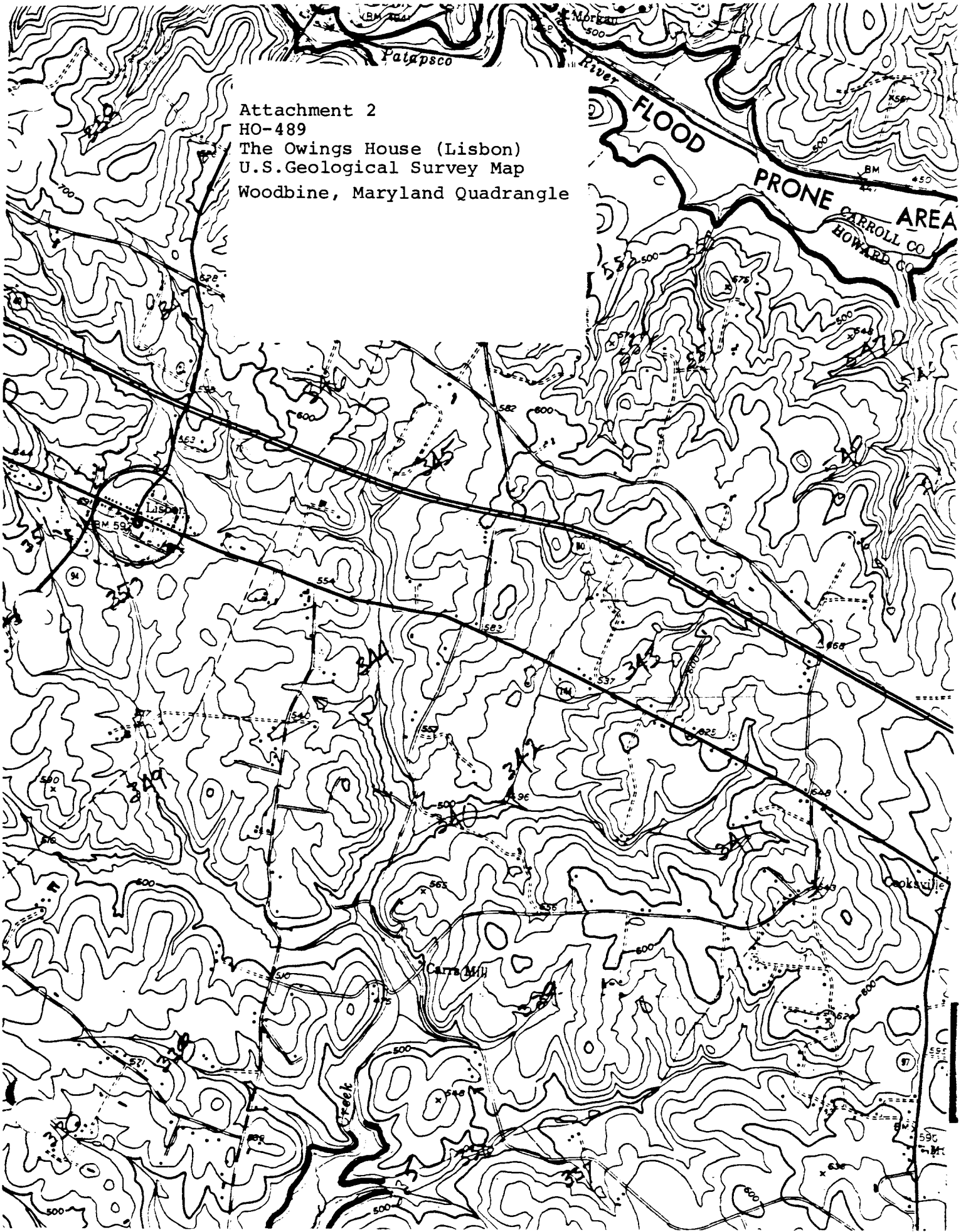
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Attachment 2
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The Owings House (Lisbon)
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Woodbine, Maryland Quadrangle



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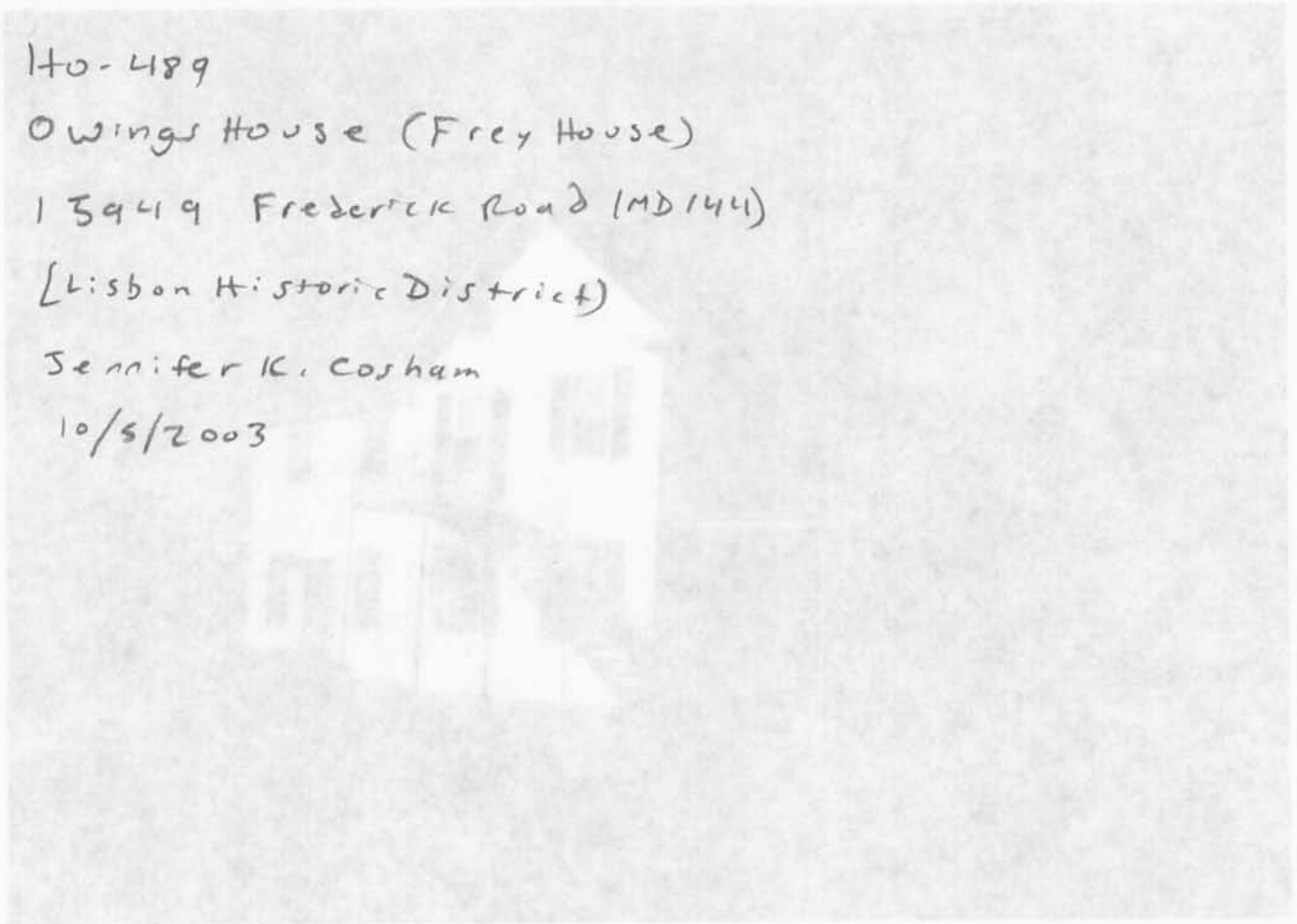
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