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THE EMORY JAIL OR WILLOW GROVE

1878

Public

Ellicott City

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Built in 1878, executions took place between the jail and the court house with local men as witnesses until 1916.

Presently still in use, it is hoped that when new correctional facilities are constructed by Howard County and/or the State, that the building will be utilized as an annex or recycled for further use and preservation.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

**for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: The Howard County Jail				
AND/OR HISTORIC: The Emory Jail or "Willow Grove"				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1 Emory Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City,				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Howard	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition:		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Jail-Bldg	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: County Commissioners of Howard County .				
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland	21043
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records				
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE Maryland	21043
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 25A, p.243				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1977 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Howard County Jail is a five bay wide four bay deep, two and a half story granite block structure with intersecting gabled roofs, projecting central south bay holding a central rectangular entrance door surmounted by a tall Roman arched second floor window. The entrance is decorated with a projecting corbeled stone lintel held by two brackets. Fenestration is set into rectangular recesses which run from first to second floors on the south, east and west walls and are surmounted by flat stone lintels. Bars and/or protective screens are located at each door and window. A central octagonal copula with molded curvilinear roof is placed in the center of the gable roof which runs east-west. Originally the east and west walls were identical, holding two deeply set rectangular recesses which run from the ground floor to the second floor, each holding first and second floor rectangular double-hung windows with 15-over-15 lites. In 1959 a central third floor rectangular window was added to the east wall. The 1959 alteration created space on the third floor for the Central Alarm Headquarters.</p> <p>A double glass and aluminum door in the north central bay and a 9 lite rectangular window in the south central bay were added while the west window of the extreme north bay was elongated, utilizing the original lintel. An iron walkway and railing leads from this west door to the Courthouse parking lot.</p> <p>From the north wall springs a three bay wide, two bay deep three story high granite (for two stories) and frame (top story) addition whose gable roof runs north-south and intersects with that of the main south wing. A shed roofed semi-enclosed porch rests on the west wall of this addition.</p> <p>The north wall holds two barred first floor windows and two second and third floor rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lites. Two shed roofed porches are placed along the east wall of this addition, one on the ground floor, another on the second floor. A first and second floor rectangular east central entrance is flanked on the second floor by rectangular double-hung six-over-six lite windows and on the ground floor by a flight of stairs on the north and a similar window on the south.</p>	

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input 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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Emory Jail, known as Willow Grove was constructed in 1878 and is a unique architectural landmark with its element of the Romanesque revival style seen in the central bay tall roman window above the main entrance on the south elevation. The stone work is particularly fine with the rectangular recesses which run from ground level to second floor providing window insets on the south, east and west elevations, decorated with fine stone lintels.

Executions by hanging took place between the Courthouse and Jail with local men acting as witnesses. No hangings took place after 1916.

The need for a new jail is extreme at this time. It is hoped that this building will be preserved and recycled for another use or as an annex to additional correctional facilities.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

American Association of University Women, Howard County Chapter,
Mimeographed paper on the history of Ellicott City, Ellicott City, 1972.

Interview with Mrs. Evelyn Cranwill, member of AAUW and participant
in the research, February 4, 1977.

Map of Historic Ellicott City, 1867 - Mrs. Jean Hannon, Ellicott City,
1972.

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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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 25A
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Howard County Office of Planning and Zoning	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Court House Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

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

Significance of this property is:

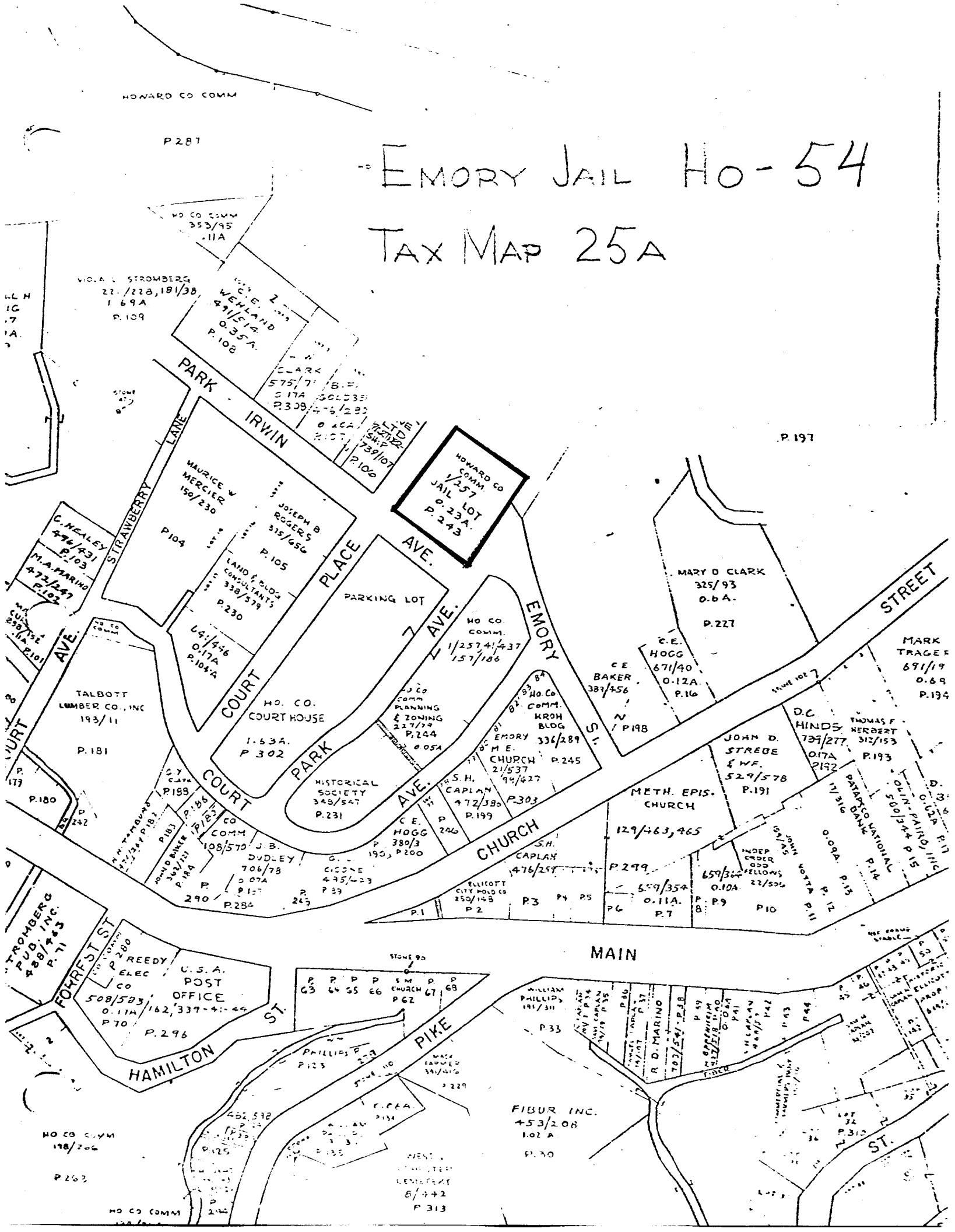
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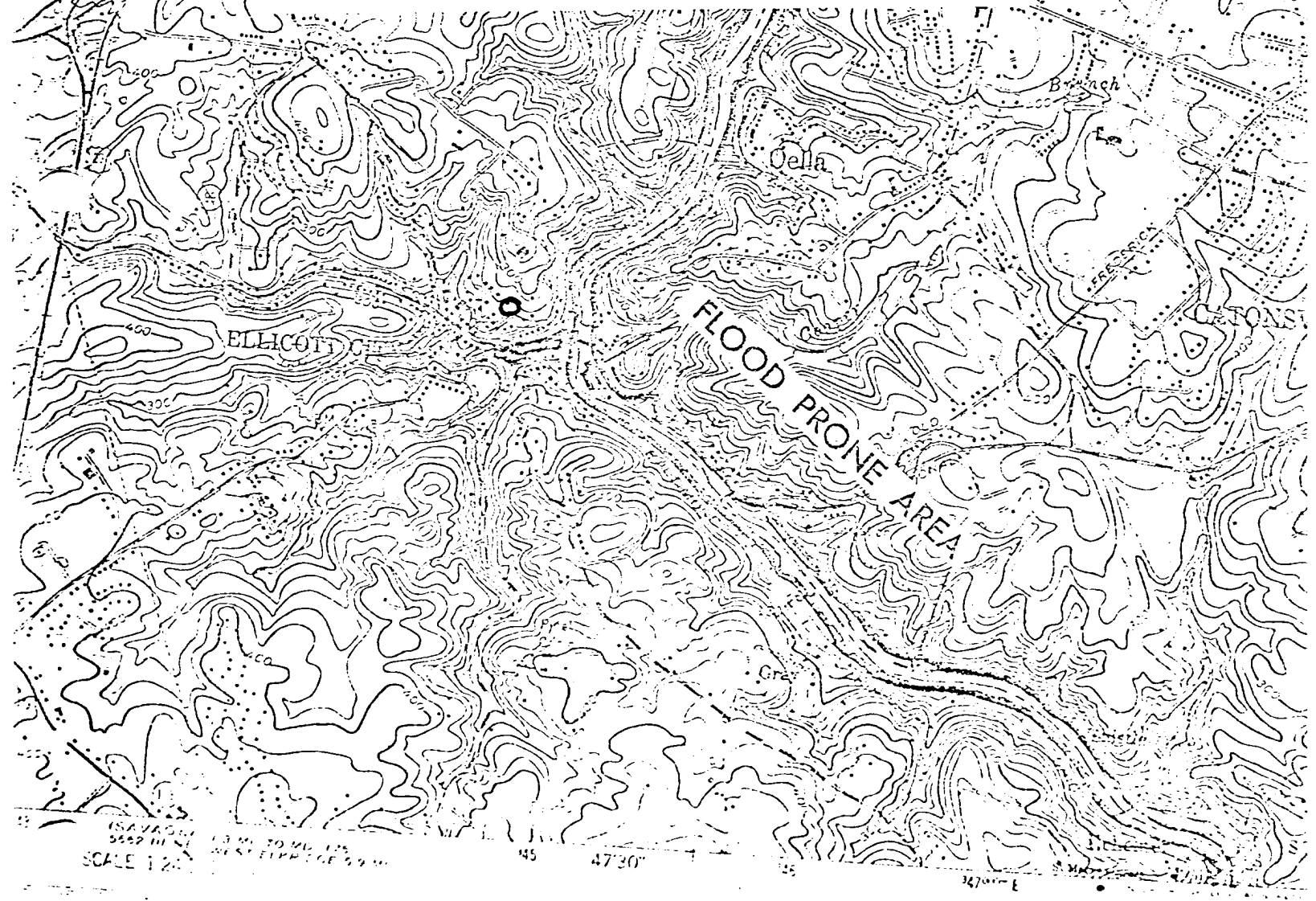
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EMORY JAIL HO-54
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
MAP - ELLICOTT CITY, MD. QUAD



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
ELEVATION IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

EXPLAN
Flood boundaries are
Regional stage



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FEB. 1977 (SOUTH)
CLEORA THOMPSON