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The Robert Hunter House
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Fenestration for the head of the "T" is rectangular, double-hung and vertically aligned with two-over-two lights. A romanesque window in the central intersecting gable of the west facade is representative of the Romanesque Revival in American domestic architecture while the exceptionally wide double row of vertical lights which flank the central entrance are noteworthy and may indicate a double house, replacing two central entrances.

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

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An additional shed roofed, one story high, open porch is centered on the building's west facade. It covers a centraltwelve light entrance door, flanked by eight lights. Rectangular, double hung windows with two-over-two lights rest on each side of the central entrance. Above rest similar, vertically aligned second floor windows, except for that in the south bay of this wall, which holds six-over-two lights. A central intersecting gable on this elevation holds a roman arched four light casement window. The north and south walls of this section of the house hold central first and second floor vertically aligned windows, similar to the others and a single four light attic casement window.

The kitchen wing is of log and is sure to antedate the front of the house. The log house was of substantial size but the square brick chimney installed for a latrobe stove does not indicate a very early date. The log house with its wide six to eight inch floor boards probably dates from the mid to late nineteenth century and the main west wing facade of the late nineteenth or turn of the century.

The house sits in a shallow hollow, east of the old school house on Route 94, just north of its intersection with Annopolis Rock Road. On the north it is surrounded by a row of trees and on the south by a large frame barn and auxiliary farm buildings.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert Hunter House is significant architecturally to Howard County and the State of Maryland as a representative of the roman revival style in American domestic architecture. In addition, the kitchen wing is of log and may very well have been an old log tenant house of an earlier century. Its wide floor boards on the first floor indicate a mid to late nineteenth century structure.

The small romanesque four light attic casement window, located in the central intersecting gable on the front facade, is representative of the roman revival in domestic architecture. This type of farmhouse is quite common to Howard County and can be seen in the three bay wide, small scaled farm houses as well as those five bay wide homes, built on a more grandiase scale. This house does not feature a central hall. The central entrance leads into a dividing wall which extends from the central mantles to the east wall of this section of the house. It may well be that the home was once constructed as a double house with two central entrances and that the present central dividing wall, now open near the central entrance, was completely closed at one time. This is conjecture, but the location of a central entrance with corner staircase is quite unusual. The house might have served initially to house three farm families and later been converted to its present single family status.

In any event, the present house is structurally sound, but cosmetically in need of attention. As it stands today, it is a one family house with corner staircase in the southeast corner of the front section's south room and in the north east corner of the log kitchen section. A passage from the south room to the kitchen is located in the east wall of the former.

An interesting house architecturally and representative of the romanesque revival in American domestic architecture, the Robert Hunter House is of outstanding architectural significance, and as such, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Maryland Historical Trust Survey Sheet 7/20/70 Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh deFries, adjoining property owner.

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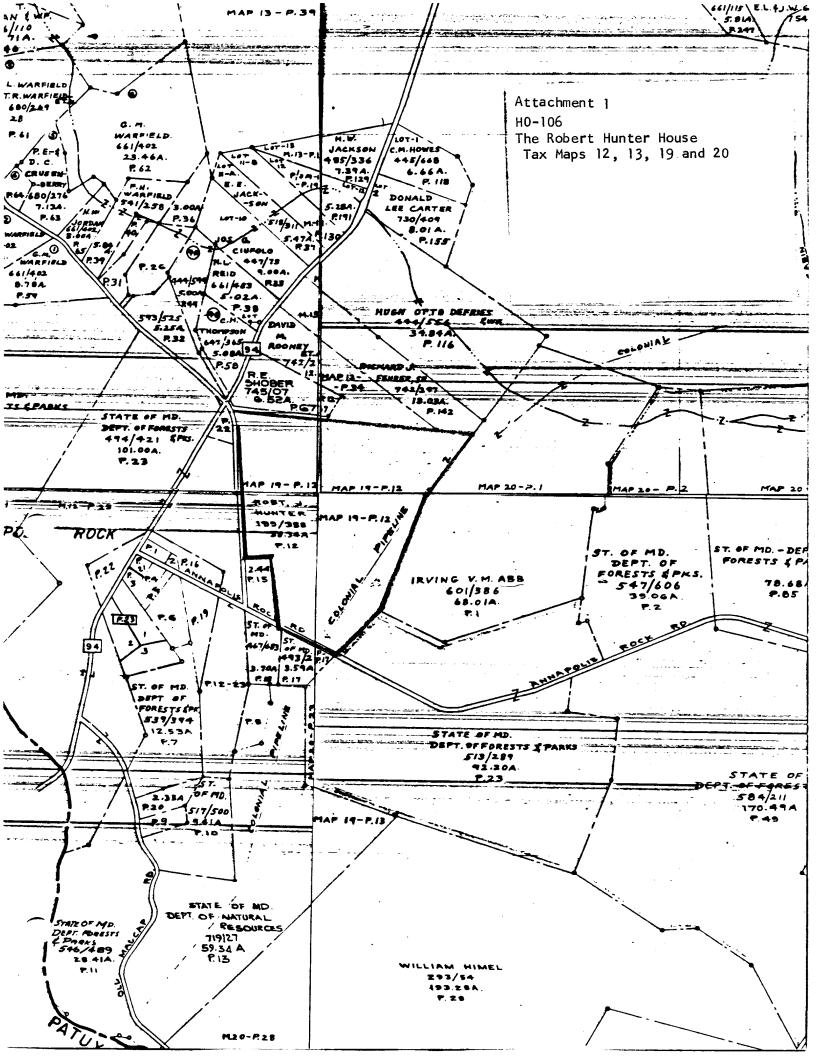
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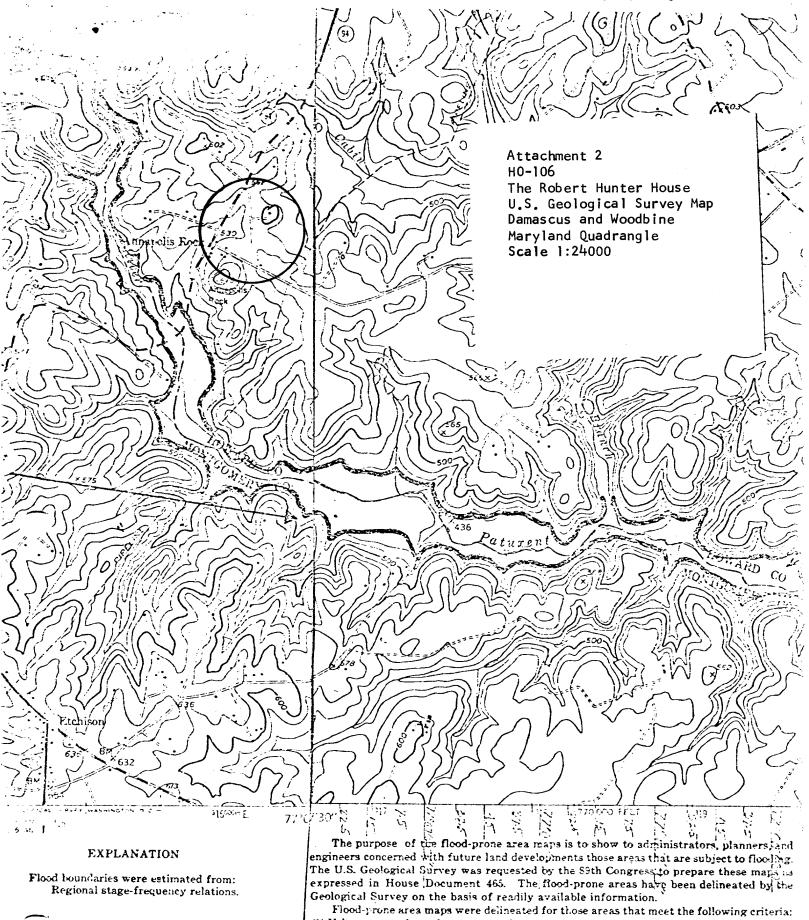
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