

HO-127

The Linda Byrd Stone Log House
Sykesville
Private

circa 1860

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It is a three bay wide, one room deep, one story high gabled roof (running east-west) stone house, resting on a stone foundation, featuring fine stone quoining and flat stone lintels, over central door and flanking rectangular windows, around which has been constructed a modern log and frame house, constructed in several, one room, interconnecting, one story high intersecting gable and shed roofed sections, blending old hand hewn logs found in an adjoining house with materials, such as stone, which have been found on the property.

An old log smoke house, converted into a bedroom unit, has been incorporated into the overall building complex, through a one story high living-sitting room addition, off its north wall, featuring a west wall bay window, and east wall exterior stone chimney, and a north entrance from this sitting room area onto the brick patio, which runs along the south elevation of the stone house.

Interesting terraced levels, with steps and paths leading from one to another surround this house, connecting units to one another, to create variety and interest, as well as a degree of unity to the overall building complex.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-127
Dist: 3

MAGI # 1401275504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Linda Byrd Stone-Log House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

River Road

CITY, TOWN

Sykesville

— 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ms. Linda Byrd

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

561 River Road

CITY, TOWN

Sykesville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21784

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 4, p. 49
Hall of Records

Liber #: 380

Folio #: 260

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

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District 3

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

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It is a three bay wide, one room deep, one story high gabled roof (running east-west) stone house, resting on a stone foundation, featuring fine stone quoining, and flat stone lintels, over central door and flanking rectangular windows, as well as newly constructed exterior east stone chimney, around which has been constructed a modern log and frame house, constructed in several one room, interconnecting, one story high, intersecting gable and shed roofed sections, blending old materials, such as hand hewn logs with those such as stone, found on the surrounding property.

Along the south or front facade of this old stone house, which was in a dilapidated condition, with no roof and crumbling walls, and no exterior stone chimney, when acquired by the Eareckson family, runs a brick patio with steps on the east leading to the higher sloped driveway. This brick patio acts as a connecting unit to the old one story high rectangular gabled roof (running east-west) log smoke house, resting on a stone foundation, (formerly used as a root cellar), which now has been created into an interesting bed room unit with one story high, hipped roof, closet addition, centered on its east wall and large sky light cut into its gable roof.

The patio borders the north wall and rectangular entrance to an old, one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame shed, which extends from the north wall of the log smoke house. This old shed is in the process of being completely modernized for use as a sitting area, featuring a one story high bay window on its west elevation and a large exterior stone chimney centered into its east elevation.

Connected to the north wall of the original old stone house is, on the west side an "I" shaped, one story high, shed roofed, new log kitchen unit and, on the east side a one story high, rectangular, gabled roof (running north-south) hand hewn log house bedroom section, the logs of which were found in another old frame and log tenant house, which burned and was located east of this stone house.

Extending from the west wall of the old stone house is a one story high, frame den unit, off whose north wall is one further rectangular, one story high, gabled roof, (running north-south) new log bedroom unit.

Interesting terraced levels, with steps and paths leading from one to another surround this house, connecting units to one another, to create variety and interest, as well as a degree of unity to the overall building complex.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<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	circa 1860	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Linda Byrd Stone-Log House is significant architecturally to Howard County and the State of Maryland for its blending and mixing of a gabled roof, one story high, stone building (believed to be the stone dairy of Joshua Warfield's Salopha, See HO-533) and an old log smoke house belonging to the log-frame tenant house on the property, with a modern design, incorporating frame and log additions which utilize old building materials, such as hand hewn logs (found in the burned out tenant house on the property) as well as other natural materials found on the property, such as field stone.

The old stone building, which was in a state of disrepair and around which the other buildings, sections and additions cluster, is believed to be the old stone dairy of Salopha, the property of Joshua Warfield in the mid-nineteenth century. Please see Significant Statement of HO-533, Salopha. Several other auxiliary farm buildings were once located here, among them this log smoke house* with root cellar, converted by the present owners into a charming bedroom unit connected to a frame shed, resting on a stone foundation, which is in the process of being completely rehabilitated and modernized, with wide exterior stone chimney, constructed on its east wall and a one story high bay window added to its west wall, all of which is crowned by a new shake roof. New exterior, vertical frame siding has also been added to this building unit, once a modest frame shed, connected to the smoke house. A brick patio runs between the south elevation of the stone building and the north elevation of the frame shed, creating a unity of design.

The imaginative use of what were once modest farm buildings into a general transformation for residential use, as part of a larger building complex, with the stone building acting as a focal point, is quite unique and gives these log and stone structures added importance and significance.

Not only are the old log and stone buildings united into a design, but further additions have been constructed along the stone building's north and west elevations, most notable of which is the one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) log

*This log smoke house should not be confused with another constructed close to the residence of Joshua Warfield, mentioned in the Significance Statement of HO-533, Salopha.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(constructed of old hand hewn logs found in a burned out tenant house) bedroom wing off the east side of the north wall of the stone building.

None of these additions detract from the fine south facade of the stone section, which features a central door, flanked by rectangular windows, all of which are surmounted by flat stone lintels. The stone building also features fine stone quoining.

As once part of Salopha, the holdings of Joshua Warfield, a Commissioner for Howard County in the nineteenth century, the building has significance in the field of local history.

For these reasons the Linda Byrd Log-Stone House should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places, the State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance the citizens of Howard County may seek to initiate, should its owners so desire.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Howard County
Interview with Mr. James Eareckson, owner, May 30, 1979 at his home.
Interview with Mrs. Conaway, resident, of River Road, May 30, 1979

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 27.52 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 4

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 380 Folio 260

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

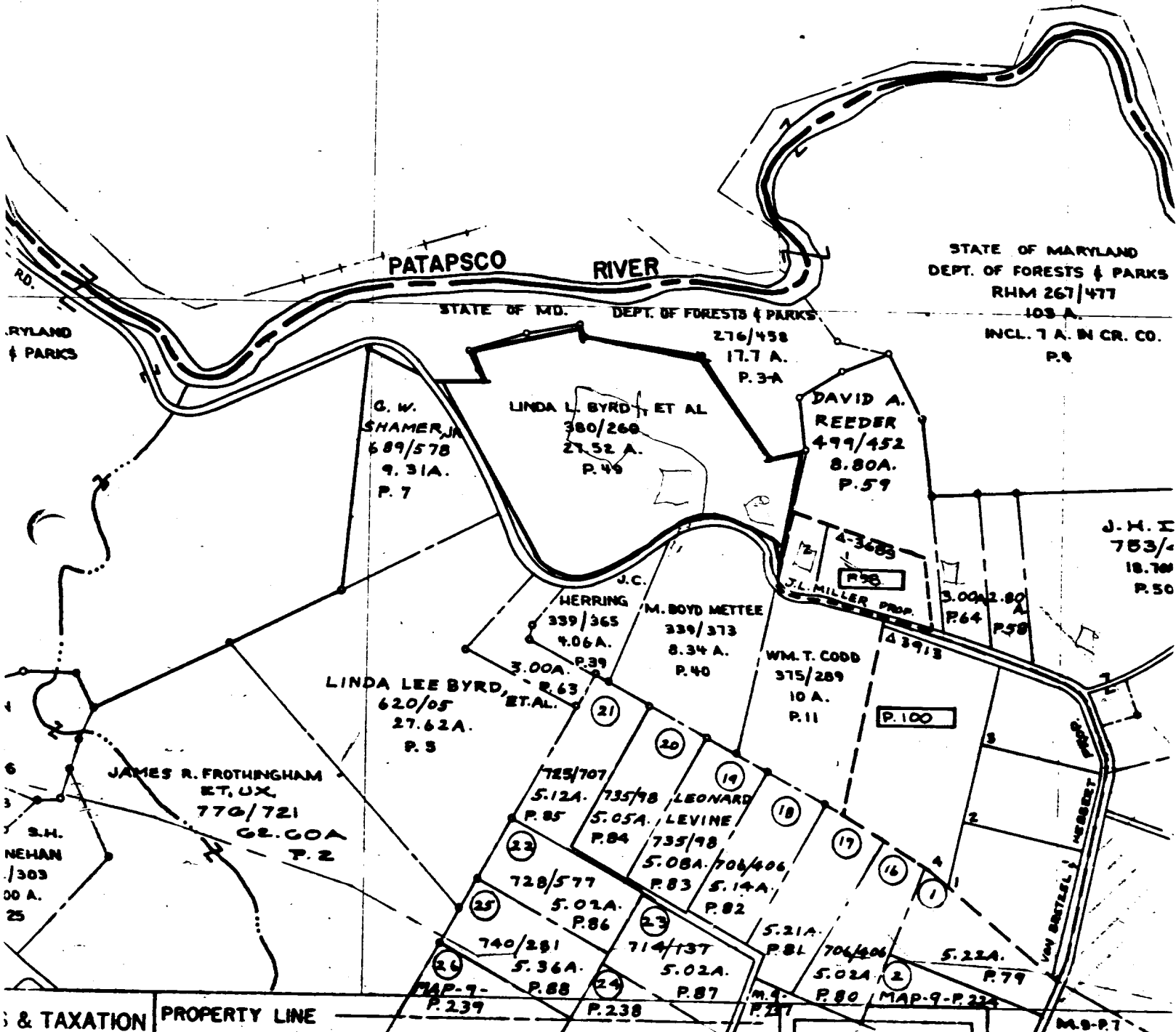
CARROLL COUNTY

MAP 78

Attachment I

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The Linda Byrd Stone-Log House
Tax Map 4



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DEPT. OF FORESTS & PARKS
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P. 9

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& PARKS

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S.H.
NEHAN
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PROPERTY LINE
SUB-DIVISION BOUNDARY
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PARCEL NUMBER P. 349 (ASSIGNED TO IDENTIFY AND INDEX OWNERSHIP. MUST BE PRECEDED BY MAP NUMBER.)
SCALE: 1" = 600'

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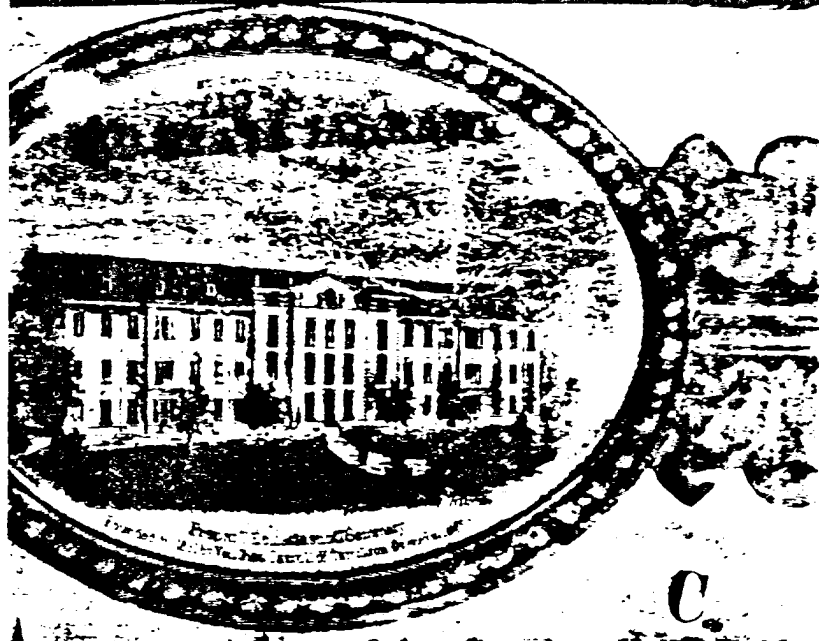


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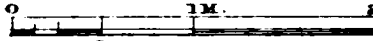
The Linda Byrd Stone-Log House
Martennet Map of 1860



CROSS DISTRICT

HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 1/2 Inches per Mile



EXPLANATIONS	
Dist. & Co. Lines	-----
County Roads	-----
Private	-----
Turpicks	-----
Rail Roads	-----
Streams	-----

The figures along the Roads shows the distance in Rods from junction to junction thereof

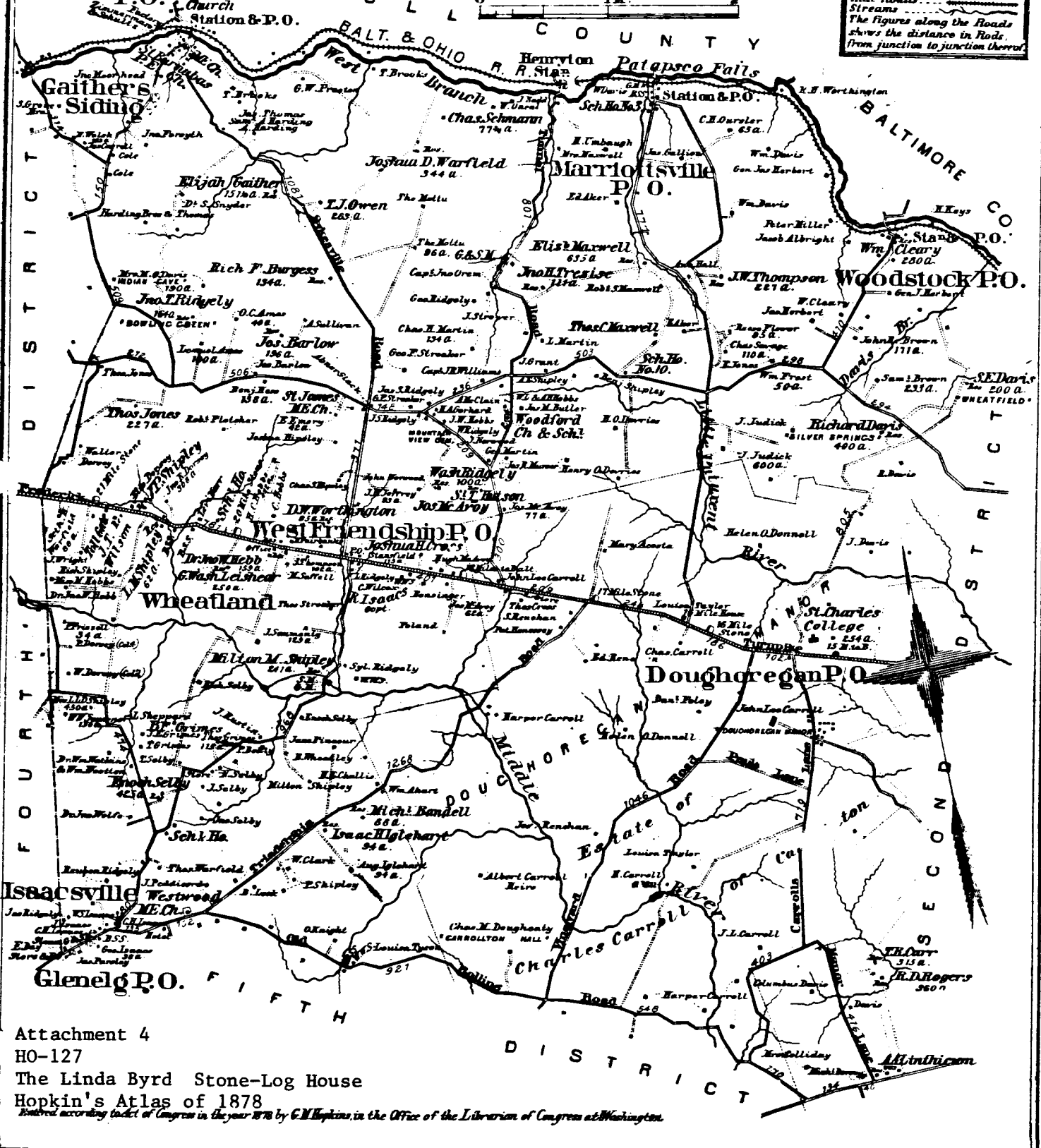
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BLACKSMITH.

J. T. ISAAC,
Blacksmith in General,
Woodstock, Howard Co.

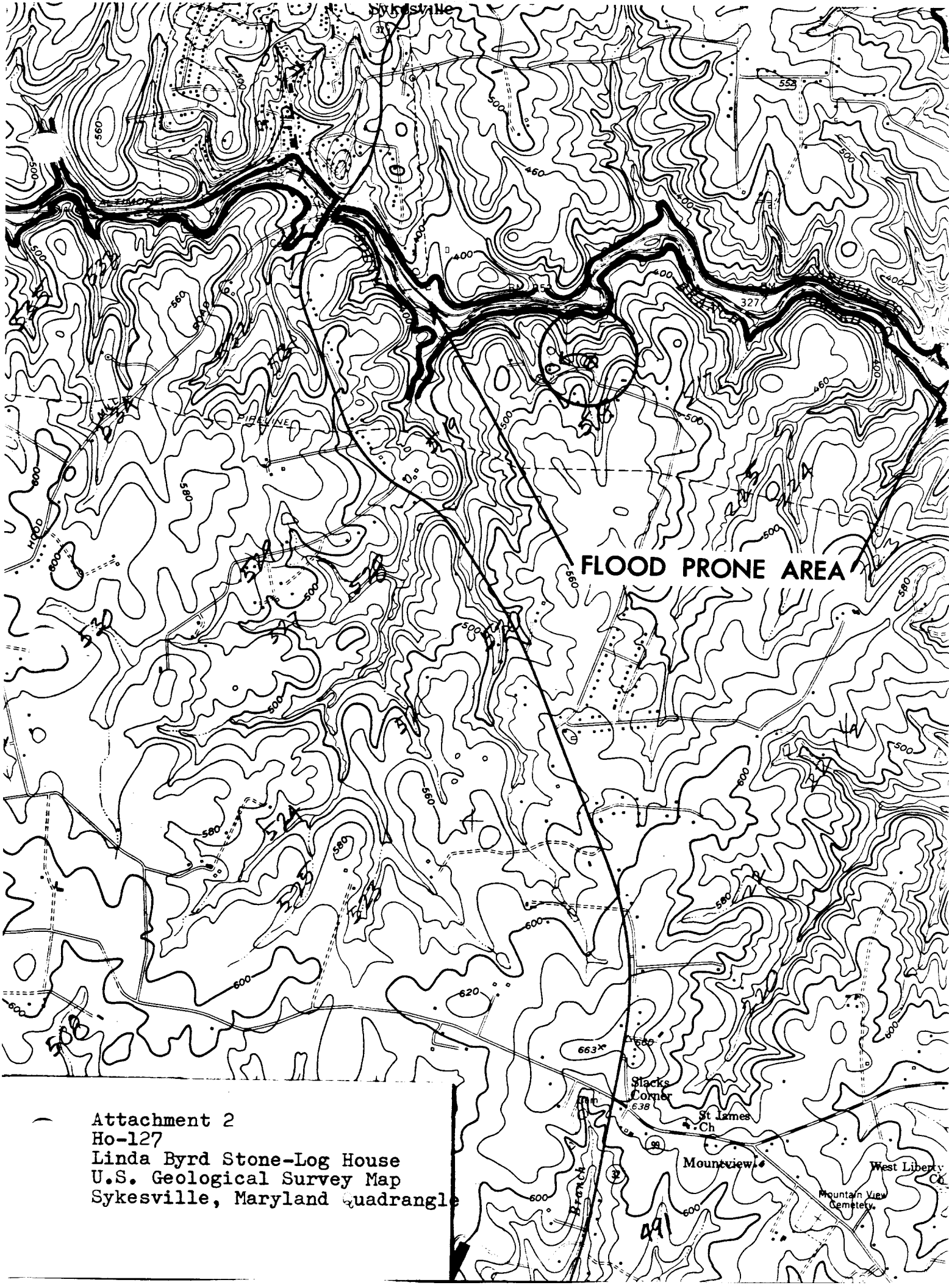
Buggies and Carriages on hand and Built to Order. Cast Steel Work of every Description, and all kinds of Country Work. Machines Repaired.

Sykesville P.O.
Church Station & P.O.



Attachment 4
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The Linda Byrd Stone-Log House
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878
Reproduced according to Act of Congress in the year 1878 by G.M. Hopkins in the Office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington.

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FLOOD PRONE AREA

Attachment 2
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Linda Byrd Stone-Log House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Sykesville, Maryland Quadrangle

Slacks
Corner
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Mountview

West Liberty
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Mountain View
Cemetery

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Lynda Byrd's log house



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Lynda Bourde log, toolhouse



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Linda Byrd Stone-hog House

MAY, 1979
C.B. Thompson, ALCP