HO-253 The Old Florence School Florence Private

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Fenestration for the old school building in the main section of the house is rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights. Windows placed in the new additions to the building are rectangular and double hung, holding one-over-one lights.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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History and Support

- 1. In 1872 Samuel and Amelia Jarden granted one (1) acre and five (5) perches of land, part of a tract of land called "Hobson's Choice", to the Board of School Commissioners of Howard County for the present school. By 1944 the school board saw no longer a need for this two room school and conveyed the property and school building to Raymond C. Duvall and his wife, Mary. Since that time it has been converted into a private residence, which is now occupied by Homer and Charslee Day.
- 2. The original, gabled roof, building block of the two room school, with its central, square brick chimney remains evident, as well as the retention of its east facade, which features a central, gabled roof entrance portico, covering a rectangular entrance, which is flanked by rectangular, double-hung windows. As late as 1972 the south facade, too, was intact, featuring a central entrance, flanked by rectangular, double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights, covered by a one story high, shed roofed open porch. This porch has since been enclosed with similar windows, holding one-over-one lights.
- 3. This building is indicative of the pattern of enlargement by increments over a period of time. Initially a two room country school, composed of one basic building block, later became a private residence, which was enlarged along its west elevation by a one bay wide, three bays deep, one story high, shed roofed addition. Still later the porch was enclosed to provide additional space.

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4. With the growth in population, as well as the influx of new families into the western part of Howard County, coupled with greater sophistication in the design of schools to provide several rooms to accommodate this larger school population into separate rooms and grades by age and ability, the extinction of the two room, one teacher school was inevitable. A page in American education turned and was past, and with it, went those buildings which were associated with it. Howard County is indeed fortunate to have only a few, which remain now in private hands and are almost always adapted to residential use. Such a one is the Old Florence School.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Land Records of Howard County Hopkins Atlas of 1878

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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TITLE SEARCH

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14-7-78	893-677	Janet G. Harrison surviving tenant by the Entirety of Raymond E. Harrison	Homer Fay Day, Charslee Day	Deed to 302/1000 of an acre for \$38,500.00
15-9-72	609-4	Ethel F. Harrison, Isabelle D. Eyler	Raymond E. Harrison, and Janet, his wife	302/1000 of an acre of Land
30-5-72	594-144	Ethel F. Harrison, Isabelle Eyler, personal represen- tatives of the Estate of Mary Duvall	Ethel F. Harrison, Isabelle Eyler	1 Acre, 5 Perches of Land
2-5-44	181-511	Thomas G. Pullen, Jr. State Superintendent of Schools	Raymond C. Duvall, Mary E. Duvall, wife	Deed to land known as the Florence School House Lot
24-8-1872	33-131	Samuel Jarden, Amelia J. Jarden	Board of School Commissioners of Howard County	Deed for \$1.00 called "Hobson's Choice" 1 Acre- 5 Perches of Land

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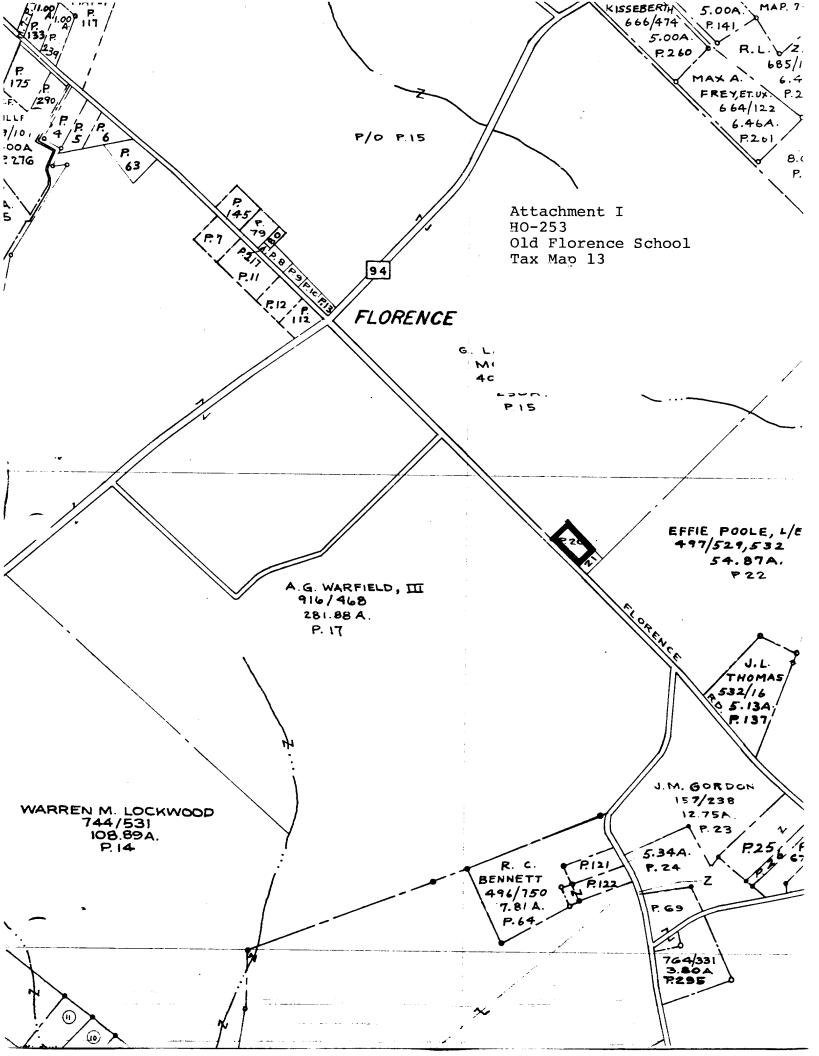
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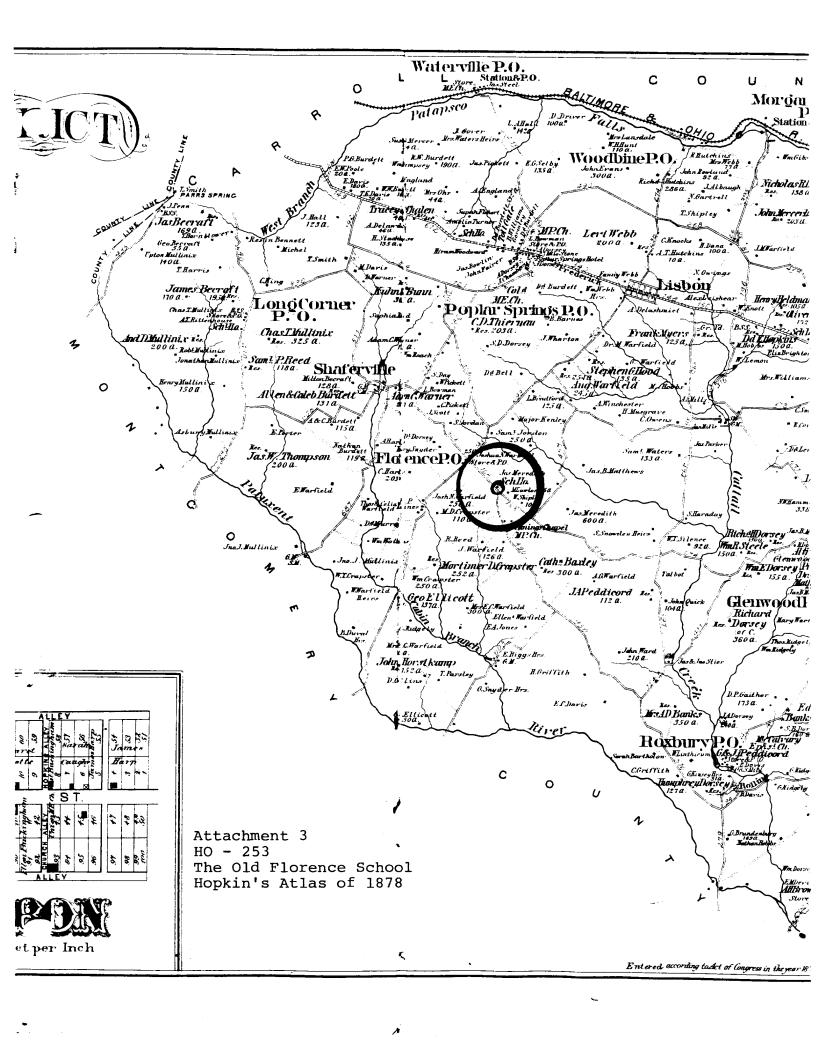
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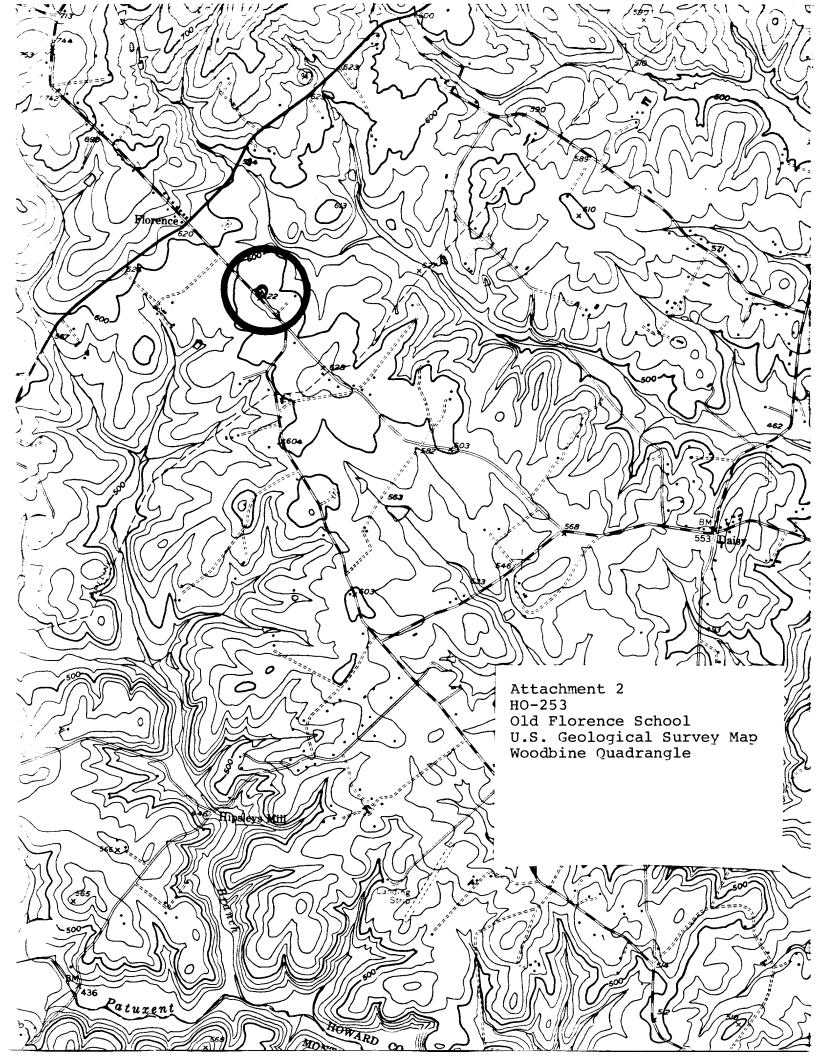
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