

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Hursley (Dobbin-Warner House) Inventory Number: HO-446  
 Address: 6162 Lawyers Hill Road, Elkridge, Maryland 21075  
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Coleman, 6162 Lawyers Hill Road, Elkridge, Maryland 21075  
 Tax Parcel Number: P.5 Tax Map Number: 32  
 Project: Lawyers Hill Historic District I-95 NB: Montgomery Rd to I-895, Howard Co., MD Agency: MDOT/S'HA  
 Site visit by: SHA Staff: X no \_\_\_ yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
 Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None  
 Is property located within a historic district? \_\_\_ no X yes Name of district Lawyers Hill Historic District  
 Is district listed? \_\_\_ no X yes 1993

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: (provide name of Report) Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)  
 Hursley (HO-446) is a contributing element in the Lawyers Hill Historic District listed in 1993. The house was recorded in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Properties in 1977. The current evaluation was undertaken to determine the property's individual eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places as part of a noise barrier analysis.

The house was built ca. 1851. Rebecca Pue Dobbin recorded that this house was built for her brother, William Bose Dobbin, as a wedding present in 1853. William B. Dobbin was recorded in the Howard County tax assessments for the years between 1854 and 1864 as owning acreage with improvements valued at \$4500. The 1877 Hopkins Atlas for Howard County depicted F. Donaldson as owner. The Donaldson family owned the property until 1895.

The Lawyers Hill Historic District National Register nomination states that Hursley is a "classic Gothic Cottage with a steeply pitched roof and tri-gabled ell form" and is significant under Criterion C. The 1977 MIHP form states that the house is significant historically (Criterion A) and architecturally (Criterion C). Based on previous documentation, the house appears to possess individual significance under Criterion C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. During the current investigation, access to the property was denied by the owner so that verification of the building's integrity was not undertaken. The house sits at a distance from Lawyers Hill Road and is not visible from the public right-of-way or from neighboring properties. A modern building is currently under construction south of the house on what was formerly the lawn.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine, Historian/Senior Project Manager, R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc., July 2000

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| <b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>              |  |
| Individual Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>          | Individual Eligibility not recommended _____                       |
| Criteria: ___ A ___ B <u>X</u> C ___ D               | Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None |
| Comments: <u>eligible as a contributing resource</u> |  |
| <u>[Signature]</u>                                   | <u>8/9/00</u>  |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services            | Date   |
| <u>[Signature]</u>                                   | <u>10/18/00</u>  |
| Reviewer, NR program                                 | Date   |

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**RESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
 Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

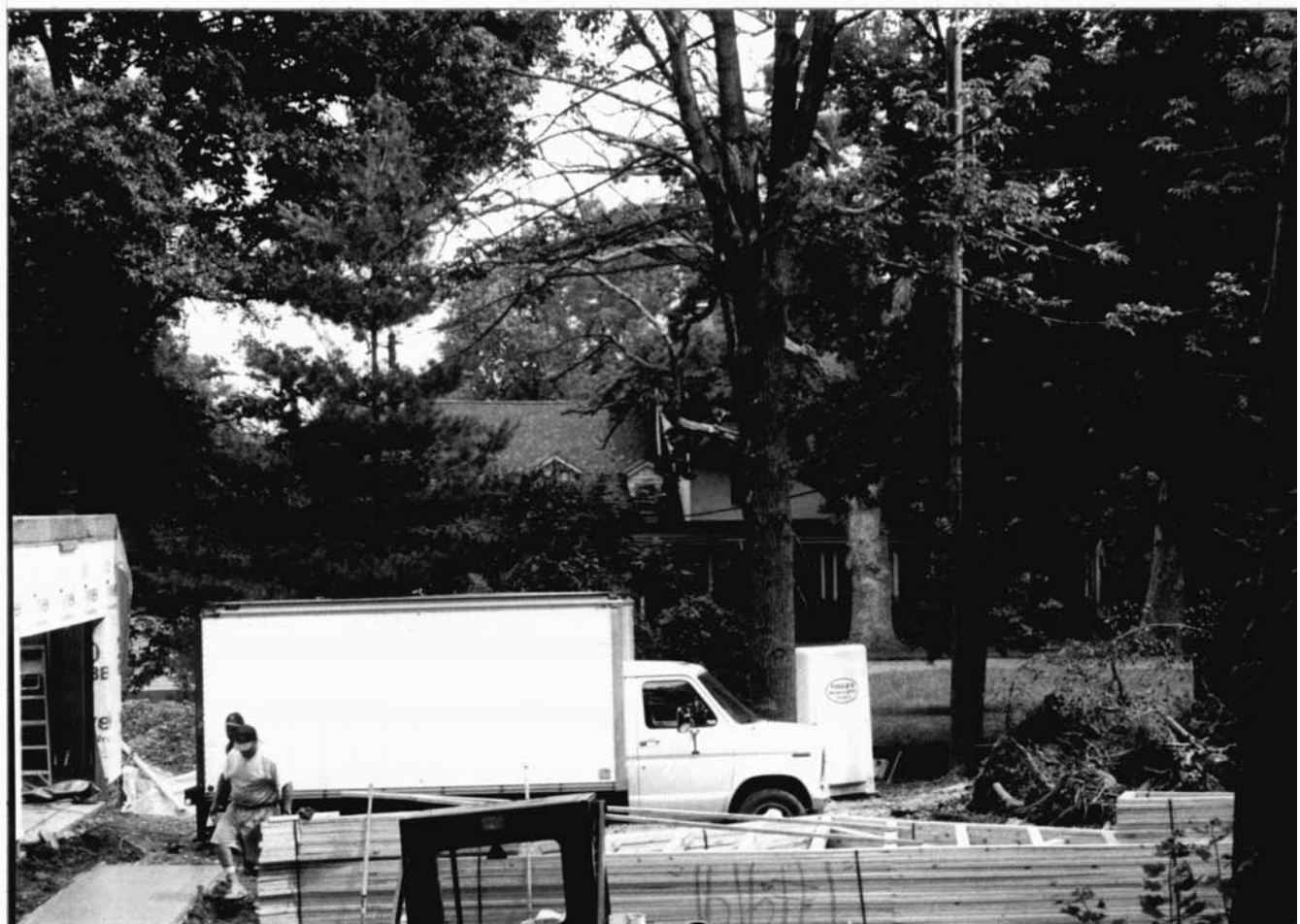
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
 Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

**III. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture  
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
 Government/Law  
 Military  
 Religion  
 Social/Educational/Cultural  
 Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

Category: Building  
 Historic Environment: Suburb  
 Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic  
 Known Design Source: Unknown



UC-446  
Dobson

6112 Lowry Rd

Lowry Rd, ID

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Lowry Rd

715 SHR

View looking N

1 of 2

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Ho-446  
Dobbin-Warner House  
Elkridge  
Private

1871

This lovely old summer home faces south on the north side of Lawyers Hill Road between The Elk Ridge Assembly Rooms (Ho-381) and Lift-the-Latch (Ho-444).

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story, patterned cypress shingled, gabled roof (running east-west) double milled cypress siding house with central corbeled brick chimney. Two "A" shaped dormer windows rest in the roof of the south elevation, holding two-two light casement windows.

The double paneled one-one light entrance is located in the west bay of the south wall, flanked by one vertical light and surmounted by a one light transom.

The first floor holds a four-four light french door on its north, south and east elevations, with two light transoms, surmounted by flat wooden lintels. A flat roofed one story high, open porch, supported by square columns runs along the entire south, east and north elevations of the house, extending southward over the circular driveway to form a porte cochere, supported by five square columns on brick piles. The second floor, three-three light casement windows are decorated with projecting, flat wooden lintels, sills and green shutters.

A one bay wide, three bays deep, two story high north wing forms an L plan and holds a hipped roof bay window with twenty-two-over-one lights.

A further one and a half story 1897 addition off the west wall forms a T plan and features two hipped roof, one story high bay windows and three gabled roof dormer windows on its south wall and an additional bay on its west.

#### Dobbin-Warner Gate House

The Dobbin-Warner gate house is located on the north side of Lawyers Hill Road, one mile east of the intersection of Montgomery Road. It is basically a three bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) cedar shingled structure with central square corbeled brick capped chimney.

Half the roof line of the west side of the house extends downward forming a one and a half story shed roofed section which holds a sun room on the first floor with north and south doors. That on the south is a twenty one light rectangular entrance door flanked by three vertical side lights. That on the north is a 4-4 light french door which leads on to the flat roofed, one story high entry porch which is held by iron posts and has an iron railing.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Dobbin-Warner House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 6162 Lawyers Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

— VICINITY OF

Sixth District

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Howard

COUNTY

**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"/> BUILDING(S)         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT              | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT                |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT                   |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL                   |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY                     |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                       |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                         |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS                    |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC                   |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION               |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                        |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. and Mrs Hubert A. Warner

Telephone #: 796-1641

STREET & NUMBER 6162 Lawyers Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Map 32 p. 55  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 247

Folio #: 252

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

— FEDERAL  STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland



**7 DESCRIPTION**

Ho-446

Dist 1

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" 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 Dobbin-Warner house is located on the north side of Lawyers Hill Road, a mile from the intersection of Montgomery Road and Lawyers Hill Road. It sits back off the road, facing south, surrounded by lovely trees and lawn with a circular driveway in front of the house which faces south. It is a two bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story patterned cypress shingled, gabled roof, (running east-west) frame house constructed of double milled cypress siding. A central corbeled brick chimney rises between the two A shaped dormer windows of the south elevation which hold 2-2 light casement windows. A two story high intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) north wing forms an L plan.

The entrance door is located in the west bay of the south wall. It is a double paneled one-one light entrance, flanked by one vertical light and surmounted by a one light transom.

The first floor holds a four-four light french door on its north, south and east elevation with two light transoms, surmounted by flat wooden lintels, and decorated with green shutters. A flat roofed one story high, open porch, supported by square columns runs along the entire south, east and north elevations of the house, extending southward over the driveway to form a porte cochere, supported by five square columns on brick piles. The second floor, 3-3 light casement windows are decorated with projecting, flat wooden lintels and sills and green shutters.

A rectangular attic window rests in the east wall and two 3 light casement attic windows covered by a shed roofed hood on the west wall. The east wall's eave line is decorated with scrolled barge boards.

The two story high north wing is one bay wide and three bays deep with a patterned cypress shingled intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) whose north elevation features a one story high, hipped roof bay window, holding a rectangular double hung window with twenty-one-over-one lights. Above rests a twelve-over-twelve light rectangular second floor window and above a two-over-eight light attic window.

A three bay wide, one bay deep, one and a half story high, patterned cypress shingled, gabled roof (running east-west) extends from the west wall of the main structure. It holds two hipped roof, one story high bay windows holding almost square windows with fourteen-over-one lights. To the east of the bay windows rests a rectangular, double hung window. Three gabled roof dormer windows are placed in the roof line of this elevation, holding rectangular, double-hung windows with twelve-over-one lights.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

The west wall of the sun porch holds a tripartite window, composed of three three-light casement windows, flanked by narrow three-light casement windows. Above is placed a gabled roof dormer holding a tall, rectangular, two-two light casement window. (Two similar dormers rest on the east side) The north wall of this room holds a small, two-two light casement window.

The remainder of the west wall of the main section of the house holds a rectangular entrance and a two-over-two double hung staircase window.

A wooden belt course runs around the building, separating the first and second floors.

A first floor two-two light casement window is placed on the south wall of the house with two similar second floor windows above, decorated with dark brown shutters, a small four light casement window rests on the east side of these windows, while a four light attic window lies above, on both the north and south walls.

A three bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, hipped roof (running north-south) frame eastwing lies partially along the east wall of the gabled roof structure, extending northward.

Its west elevation has a tent roofed effect and is built on a brick foundation which holds two double-hung, rectangular basement windows, holding six-over-six lights, and two larger but similar first floor windows. The second floor windows are two-two light casements with an additional four light casement window to the south. A wide brick chimney with caps rests along the north wall of this section. A two story high, shed roofed kitchen addition built on a brick foundation rests side by side on the north wall of the hipped roof section. It holds a basement and first floor window similar to the others and eight casement north and west windows for the sleeping porch above. Iron steps and railing on the north wall lead to the rectangular kitchen door and an additional staircase leads to the second floor.

This house was used as a gate house for the Dobbin-Warner House which also had other buildings on the property: two tenant houses, a garage, a barn, and stable with four stalls. The latter two were taken by I-95. The owners of this house originally had a coach-in-four as well as numerous servants whom they housed on the property.

#### Dobbin-Warner Gate House

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Half the roof line of the west side of the house extends downward forming a one and a half story shed roofed section which holds a sun room on the first floor with north and south doors. That on the south is a twenty one light rectangular entrance door flanked by three vertical side lights. That on the north is a 4-4 light french door which leads on to the flat roofed, one story high entry porch which is held by iron posts and has an iron railing.

The west wall of this addition holds a bay window similar to those on the south wall and a second floor twelve-over-twelve light window with an attic window above holding eight-over-eight lights.

A corner stone on its south face has an inscribed date of March, 1897.

A one story, flat roofed enclosed sun porch lies on the north west corner of the west addition while a two story high sleeping porch extends eastward over the open porch of the northeast corner of the main body of the house.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

Ho-446

Dist 1

| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                       | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS                 | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Dobbin-Warner House is significant historically and architecturally. It belonged to one of the Dobbins and at one time had the house just west of the Elk Ridge Assembly Rooms as a gate house as well as a barn, stable and tenant houses. The stable lies under I-95 which took many of the auxiliary buildings belonging to the summer homes on the hill.

This tract of land was known as Hursley and was located between the lands of Elizabeth H. Dobbin and Dr. George W. Dobbin.

On Dec. 18, 1911 the property passed to Conway S. Hodges. (WWLC 92-205)

It was he who conveyed the deed for 0.06 acres of land to the Elk Ridge Assembly Rooms. At about the same time he platted the property then consisting of some 31.83 acres into several lots.

It was later acquired by the Phelps family who made their summer home here. On April 22, 1943 it was acquired by Chester Grassmuck who held the property for ten years. On August 7, 1953 Mr. Grassmuck sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Warner, the present owners. (247-232) (32-05)

The acreage of the present house is 5.965 acres. After the taking of some of the property for the construction of I-95 and the conveying of still more for a parsonage.

Architecturally it is noteworthy as a fine summer home constructed of double milled cedar siding. Another interesting feature is the use of sand for insulation between the floors. Originally built in an L plan in 1871, it was extended in 1897 westward into a T plan.

This building complex is representative of a way of life which flourished on Lawyers Hill from the mid eighteenth hundreds. One owner of this house was noted for his beautiful white horses and coach and four. Card parties, tennis, plays, gatherings all added to the gaiety of the summer social season. The large 12' ceiling rooms were filled with people and sleeping porches were added to accommodate numerous guests.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Servants lived on the property and helped ease the tasks of the heavy entertaining which went on.

Today the gate house is being renovated by another owner to place on the market and the fine stable is under I-95. Only the main structure stands with the gate house and another Dobbin house west of the gate house. In addition a new brick building just north of the gate house is occupied as a methodist parsonage.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mr. Hubert A. Warner December 29, 1977

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.96 AcresPlease see attachment 1  
Tax Map 32

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Records  
Liber: 247, Folio 252.

## 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 &amp; Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET &amp; 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



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ANITA J. 649/620  
BERRETT 14.06A.  
8.41A. P.1  
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CORDLIA HANSON 292/238  
P.80  
P.99  
P.62  
DANIEL T. BRUNO & WIFE 553/558  
8.89 A. P.92  
R. PENNIMAN  
R. IMAN 6.12A.  
P.74

DW. H. MORRIS & WIFE 192/345, 157/47  
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Attachment I  
Ho-446  
Dobbin-Warner House and  
Gatehouse  
Tax Map 32 and 38

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HOWARD H. STEWART 457/104  
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MAP 38 - P.23

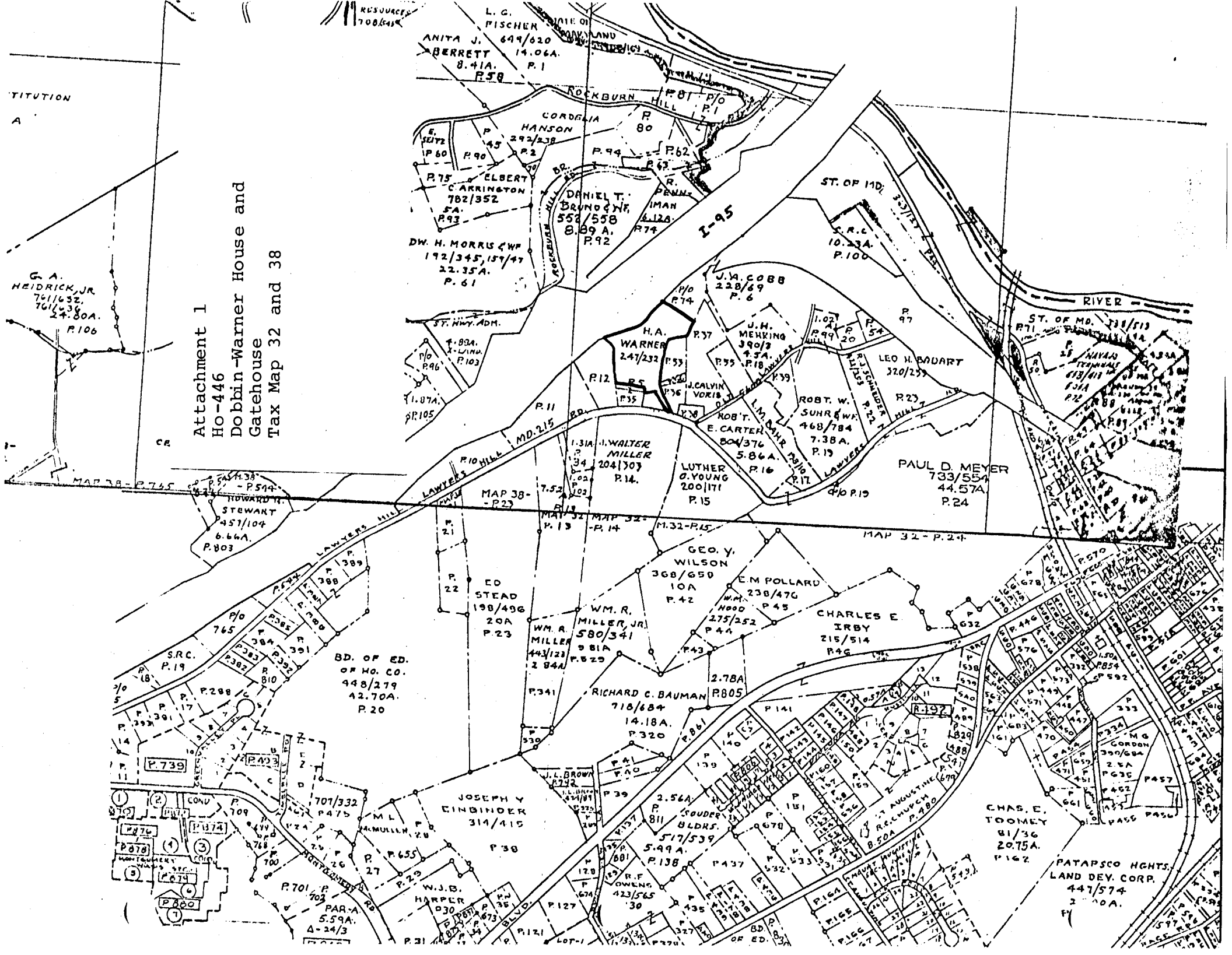
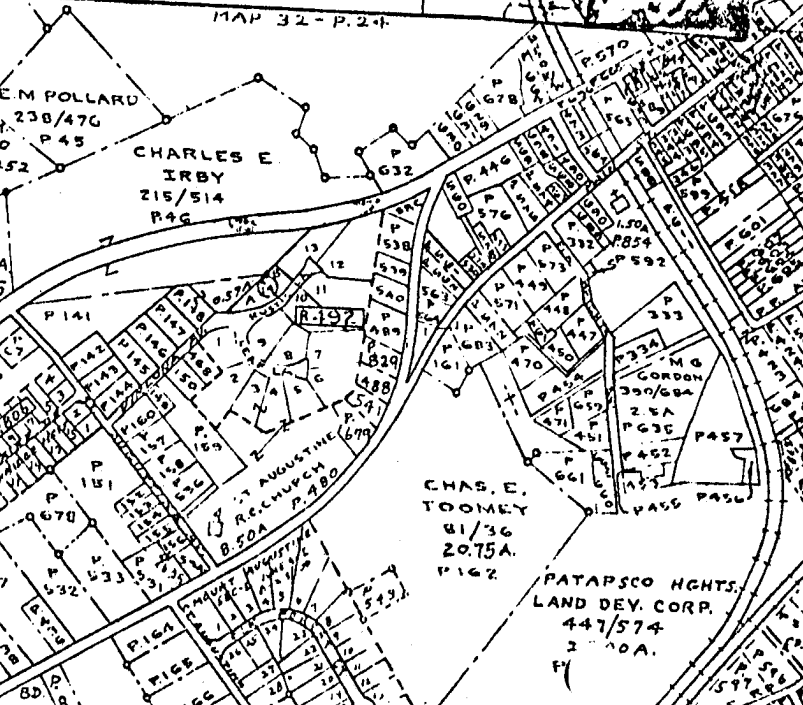
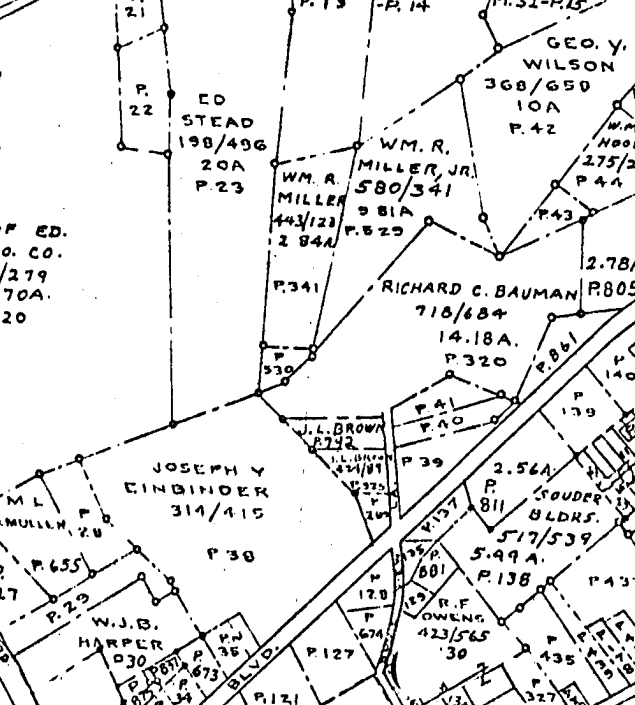
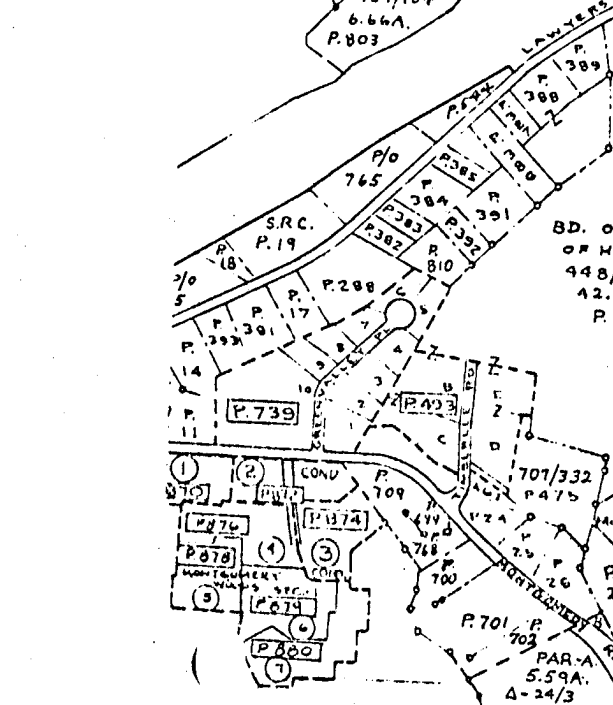
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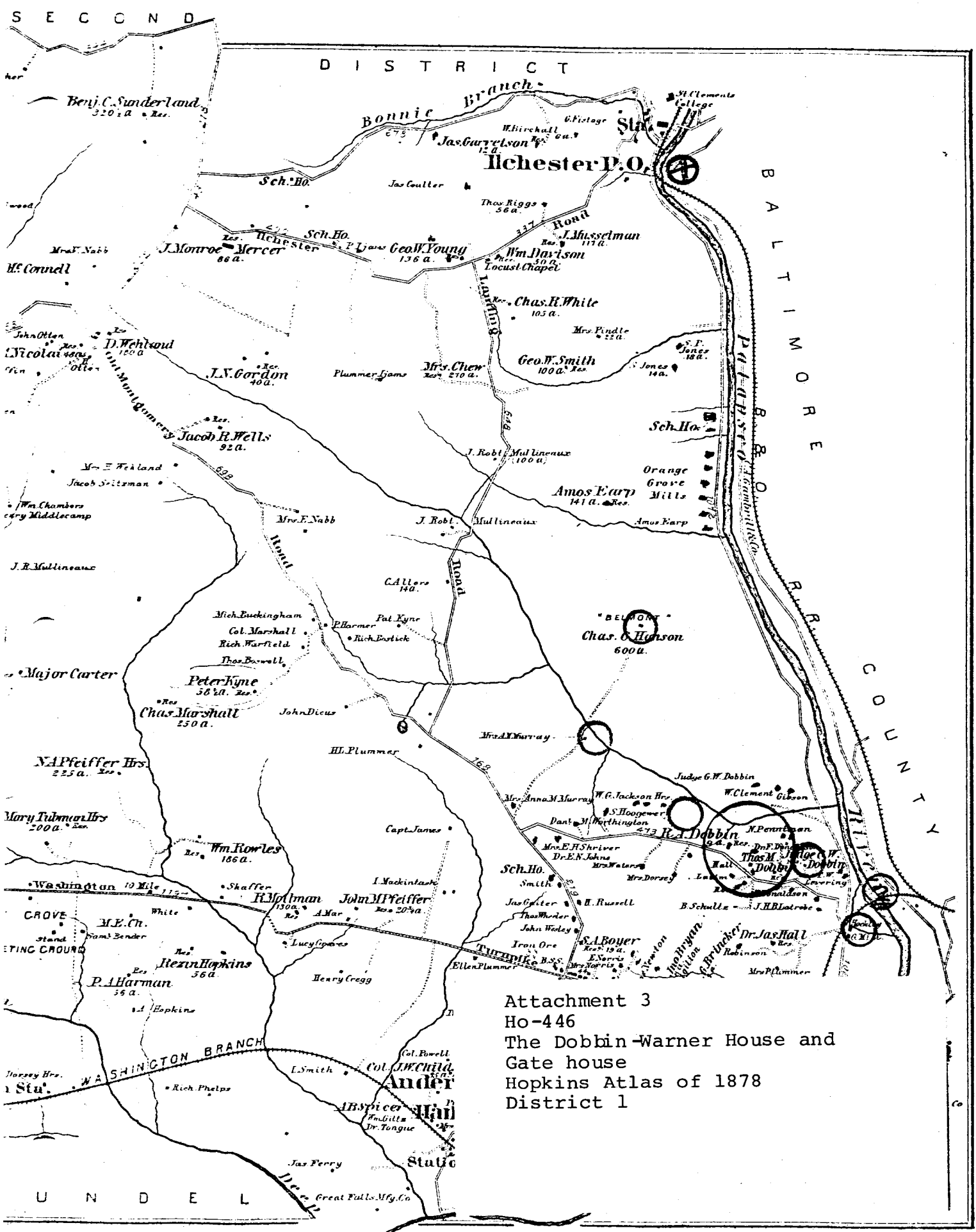
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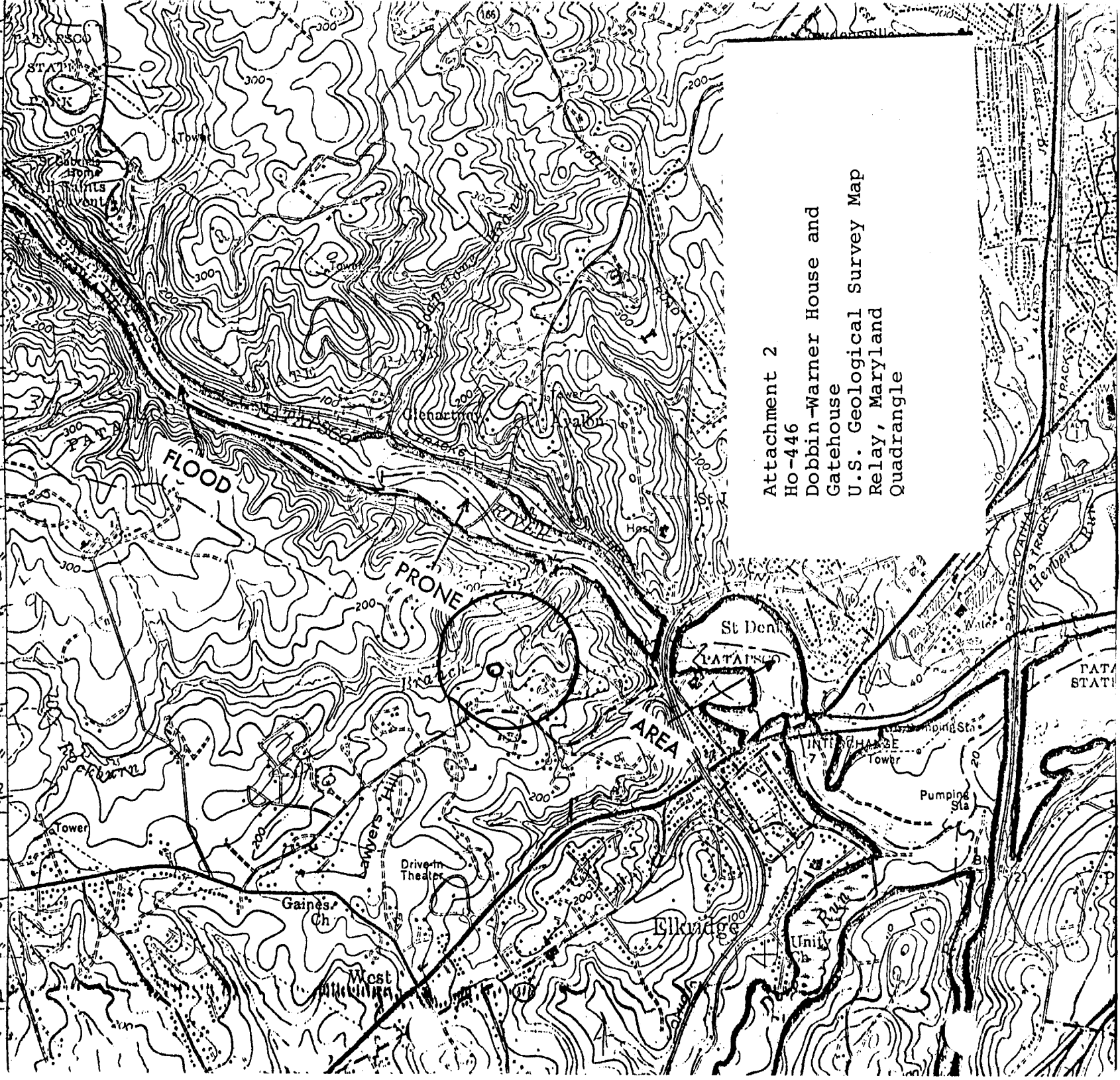




Attachment 3  
 Ho-446  
 The Dobbin-Warner House and  
 Gate house  
 Hopkins Atlas of 1878  
 District 1

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Attachment 2  
Ho-446  
Dobbin-Warner House and  
Gatehouse  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland  
Quadrangle



H0-446  
The Dobbin - Warner Gatehouse  
West  
e. B Thompson, AIP  
Dec. 1977



Ho-446  
The Dobbin-Warner House  
C.B. Thompson, AIP  
South  
Dec. 1977