

HO-465 ~~DR. WILLIAM WATKINS~~
The ~~John T. Swann~~ House & Outbuildings
Clarksville, Maryland
Private

The John T. Swann House faces west on the south side of Route 108, west of its intersection with Route 32.

It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two & a half story high, gabled roof (running north-south) log-frame structure, whose north, south and east walls have been brick veneered and whose north wall holds a wide central, exterior brick chimney. Its west facade features a central, octagonally paneled, rectangular entrance door, flanked by four vertical side lights and surmounted by a three light transom. First floor windows are rectangular, double hung and hold twelve-over-twelve lights, which are vertically aligned and proportionally scaled to the second floor windows above.

A one story high, flat roofed, open porch, supported by six square columns, resting on a brick landing, runs along this elevation.

A one & a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick kitchen-dining room wing extends from the building's east wall.

Originally, a part of a large tract of land called "White Wine & Claret," it was owned by Major Henry Welling in 1843, who willed the property to Henry Welling, his nephew. In 1853 Henry Welling, nephew, willed the property to his daughter, Arabella, wife of Thomas G. Watking, who is believed to have built the house at this time. Thomas G. Watkins was the son of the notable Dr. William Watkins.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

^{HISTORIC}
The Arabella Welling Watkins' House/Dr. William W. Watkins House
^{AND/OR COMMON}
The John T. Swann House

2 LOCATION

^{STREET & NUMBER}
13015 Clarksville Pike (MD 108) 6th
^{CITY, TOWN} Highland ^{CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT}
^{STATE} Maryland ^{VICINITY OF} ^{COUNTY} Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED Priv. res.	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Office	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

^{NAME}
Mr. & Mrs. John T. Swann Telephone #: 988-9672
^{STREET & NUMBER}
13015 Clarksville Pike
^{CITY, TOWN} Highland, MD ^{STATE, zip code}

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 34, p. 91
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records
Liber #: 215
Folio #: 224
^{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 ^{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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Dist. 5

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"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John T. Swann House is located on part of the original tract of land called "White Wine & Claret", and stands on a high ridge line facing west on the south side of Route 108.

It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running north-south) log house whose north, south, and east walls have been brick veneered in running bond brick. A wide brick exterior chimney is centered on the north wall.

Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled and varies.

The first floor, rectangular double hung windows which flank the central rectangular entrance and the first floor window in the east bay of the north wall hold 12-over-12 lights. The five second floor windows on the west facade hold nine-over-six lights, while the two second floor windows on the north wall hold six-over-six lights. The attic casement windows on the north wall hold two-two lights, while the south wall holds a double attic window, each component a four light casement window.

The west facade's central entrance door (open bible and cross-paneled on the interior side and octagonally paneled on the exterior side) is flanked by four vertical side lights and surmounted by a three light transom. An "A" framed central dormer window on this elevation holds a semi-circular two light casement window. A flat roofed one-story high, open porch runs along this entire facade, supported by six square posts resting on a brick patio. A scalloped baseboard decorates the roof line.

A single second floor, rectangular double-hung window with six-over-six lights rests on the north side of the east wall. Off this east wall is a one and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick addition which replaces the old frame kitchen. It features a first floor bay window on its east elevation and a roof which slopes southward, creating a salt box effect. A rectangular entrance is located on the south wall.

The interior plan of the house features a wide central hall and staircase which retains its fine cherry bannister and knewel post as well as its round tapered spindles. All the woodwork is un-mitered on the outer frames and is reputed to be original to this century old house. A square brick fireplace was located at each end of the house to which stoves were attached for heating. These have been removed and a large brick fireplace installed in the center of the buildings north wall, whose fine mantelpiece, executed by College Mill, features fluted pilasters.

The original lathe plaster runs throughout the house, which is of log, featuring 6" x 6" beams, no basement and log floor joists. The attic features rough milled beams.

The kitchen-dining room wing was added in 1949 and replaces an earlier frame kitchen which was in dilapidated condition. The entire building is in excellent condition.

South of the house is an old peg barn, while a small pond lies west of the house and entrance drive way.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

circa 1853

The John T. Swann House which is located on a part of a tract of land called "White Wine & Claret," is historically and architecturally noteworthy. Historically, it is associated with the Welling and Watkins families of Howard County, early settlers. Architecturally it is outstanding as a fine example of a century old log house built on a grand scale. Historically it is associated with the Welling family of Howard County who settled on a portion of "White Wine & Claret" and whose homestead, the Welling House, HO-164, is located on the east side of Route 32, not far from this present house which was evidently a dower house from Henry Welling to his daughter, Arabella, and her husband, Thomas G. Watkins.

Arabella inherited the property, which consisted of some 180 acres, on 23 November 1853. Her father, Henry Welling, had inherited the land from his uncle, Major Henry Welling on 18 February, 1843. (HC-30-229).

On May 9, 1870, Arabella and her husband, Thomas, deeded the property to his father, Dr. William W. Watkins, (HC. 30-229), first clerk of the court for Howard County, whose name appears on the Hopkins Atlas of 1878. This occurs on several houses, though he is said to have resided at "Richlands", on Sheppards Lane.

On February 21, 1950, the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Swann acquired the property from Cuyler Welling McNeil, who came to the house as a young bride at the turn of the twentieth century. (HC 215-224).

Architecturally, this old log house is a fine example of early Howard County architecture, built on a grand scale with spacious, well lighted rooms and large central halls. Its entrance door is quite unique, open bible and cross paneled on its interior side, and octagonally paneled on its exterior side. The house retains its original wood work and window sashes, and a fine staircase, which goes from the first to the third floors.

Its integrity is totally unimpaired, with only two exceptions: 1) its square brick chimneys, to which Latrobe stoves were attached, have been removed to allow a greater flow of space in the downstairs and upstairs rooms; and 2) a large brick fireplace with well

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executed wooden mantle featuring fluted pilasters, has been added to the north wall of the living room.

In addition to this fine house, a large old barn, lying south, stands on the property.

Historically and architecturally noteworthy, the John T. Swann House and outbuildings should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Sites and State Critical Areas Program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Warfield, J.D., Founders of Ann Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland,
Baltimore, 1973

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 70-72 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 34

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

PLEASE SEE : Howard County Land Records, Liber 215, folio 224

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 465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

DATE

TELEPHONE

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.

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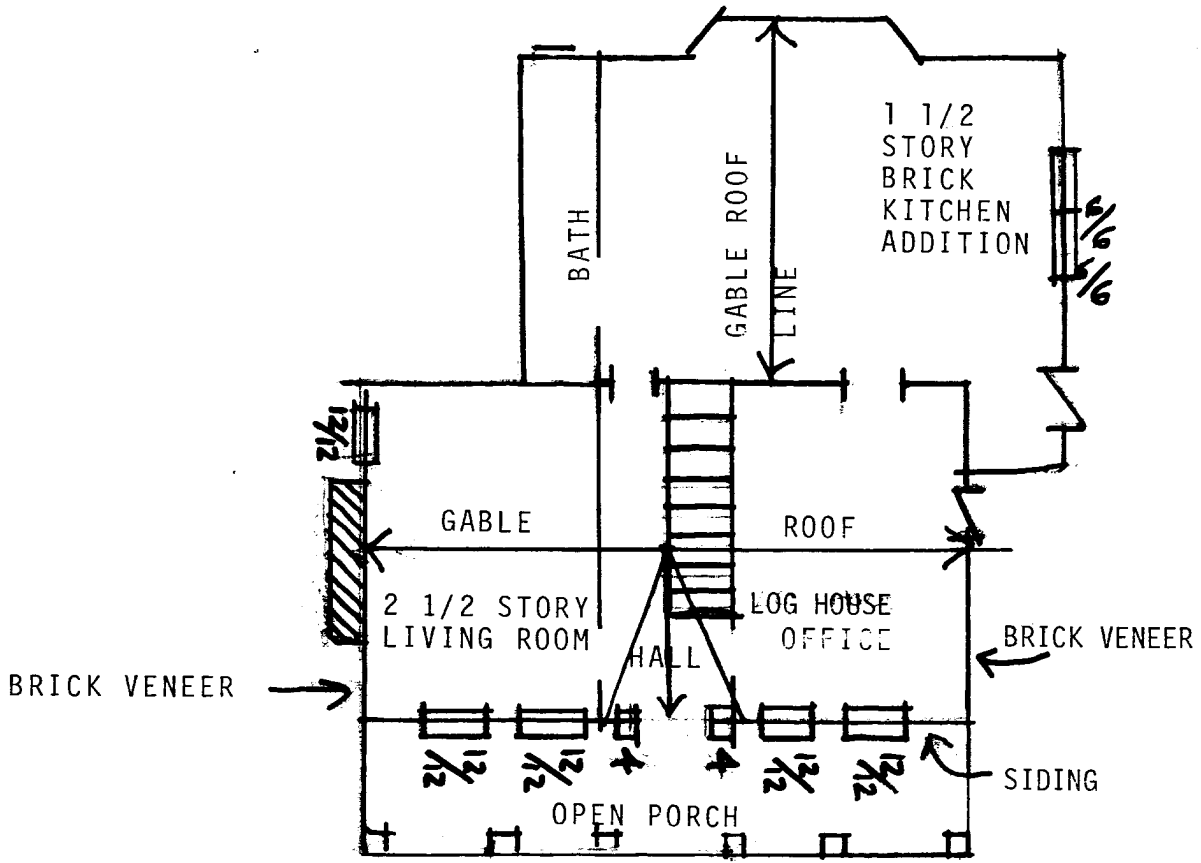
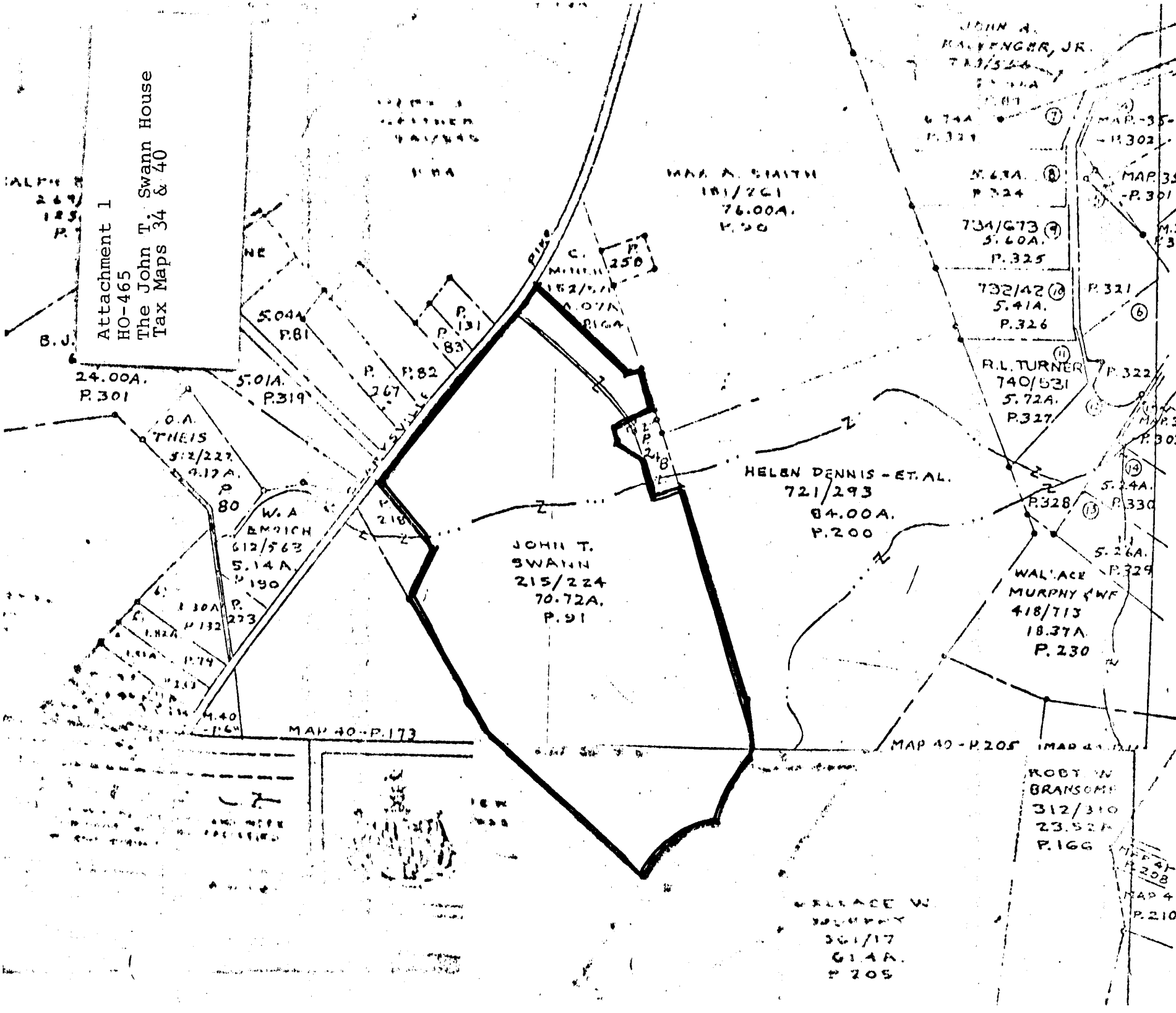


FIGURE # 1
 HO-465
 The John Swann Residence
 First Floor Plan, with Roof Line

Attachment #1 HO-465
The John T. Swann House
Tax Maps 34 & 40

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The John T. Swann House
Tax Maps 34 & 40





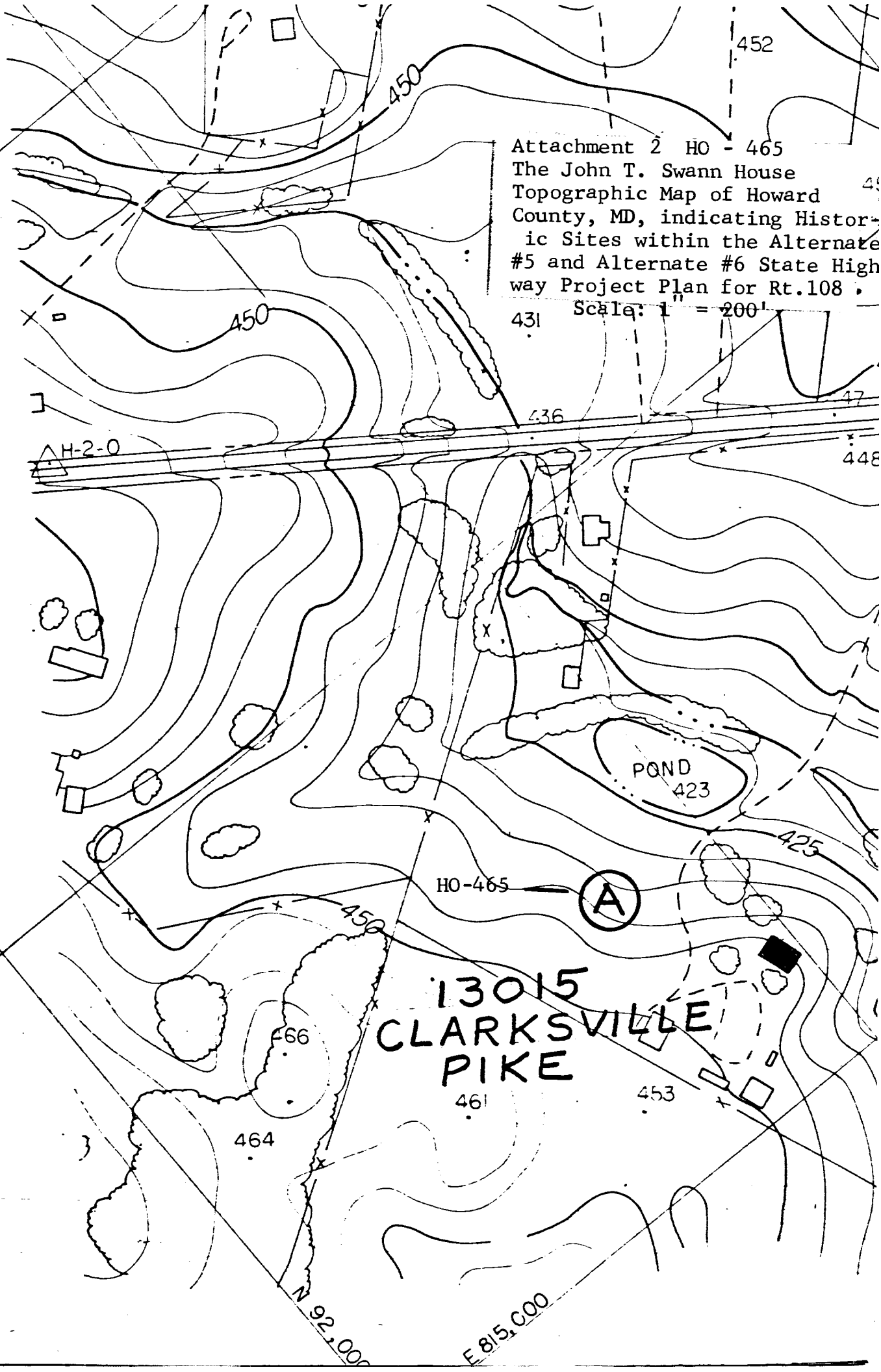
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Attachment 3
 HO-465
 The John T. Swann House
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878
 District 5

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Attachment 2 HO - 465
The John T. Swann House
Topographic Map of Howard
County, MD, indicating Historic
Sites within the Alternate
#5 and Alternate #6 State High
way Project Plan for Rt.108

Scale: 1" = 200'



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The John Swann House
West June '78

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