

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no

Property Name: Downs Log House Inventory Number: HO-839
 Address: 5073 Ten Oaks Road Historic district: yes no
 City: Clarksville Zip Code: 21029 County: Howard
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Clarksville
 Property Owner: Jeffrey S. Abrams and Francoise M. Abrams Trustees Tax Account ID Number: 05-379563
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 62 Tax Map Number: 28
 Project: MD 32 at Linden Church Road Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration
 Preparer's Name: Melissa Blair Date Prepared: 12/15/2009

Documentation is presented in: MIHP form HO-839

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

In 2004, the Downs Log House was documented on a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form. The form provides a detailed description of the property and a historic narrative. Since 2004, the current owners have removed a porch on the west elevation, faced a portion of the west elevation with stone veneer, and repointed chimneys on the house's original core. On the rear addition, an attached two-car garage has been converted to a doctor's office.

The Downs Log House retains its historic location and the property retains the integrity of its historic setting. While the property has been reduced in size over the years, the remaining twelve acre parcel continues to convey a rural setting as much of the property is now used for horse pasture; however, the barn is the only remaining agricultural building. The house's historic design has been modified by the large-scale twentieth-century addition. The fenestration was altered both during early renovations and more recent renovations. Alteration or replacement of historic building materials include the installation of modern siding and stone veneer, the removal of a porch on the west elevation, the replacement of roofing materials with asphalt shingles, and the replacement of doors and windows. Historic workmanship is apparent in the interior with exposed logs; however, historically these walls would have been plastered. The two stone and brick chimneys have been cleaned and repointed recently, revealing nineteenth-century masonry workmanship. Other exterior details of workmanship have been obscured by alterations or removed.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Jim Faulkner ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/22/2010
Date

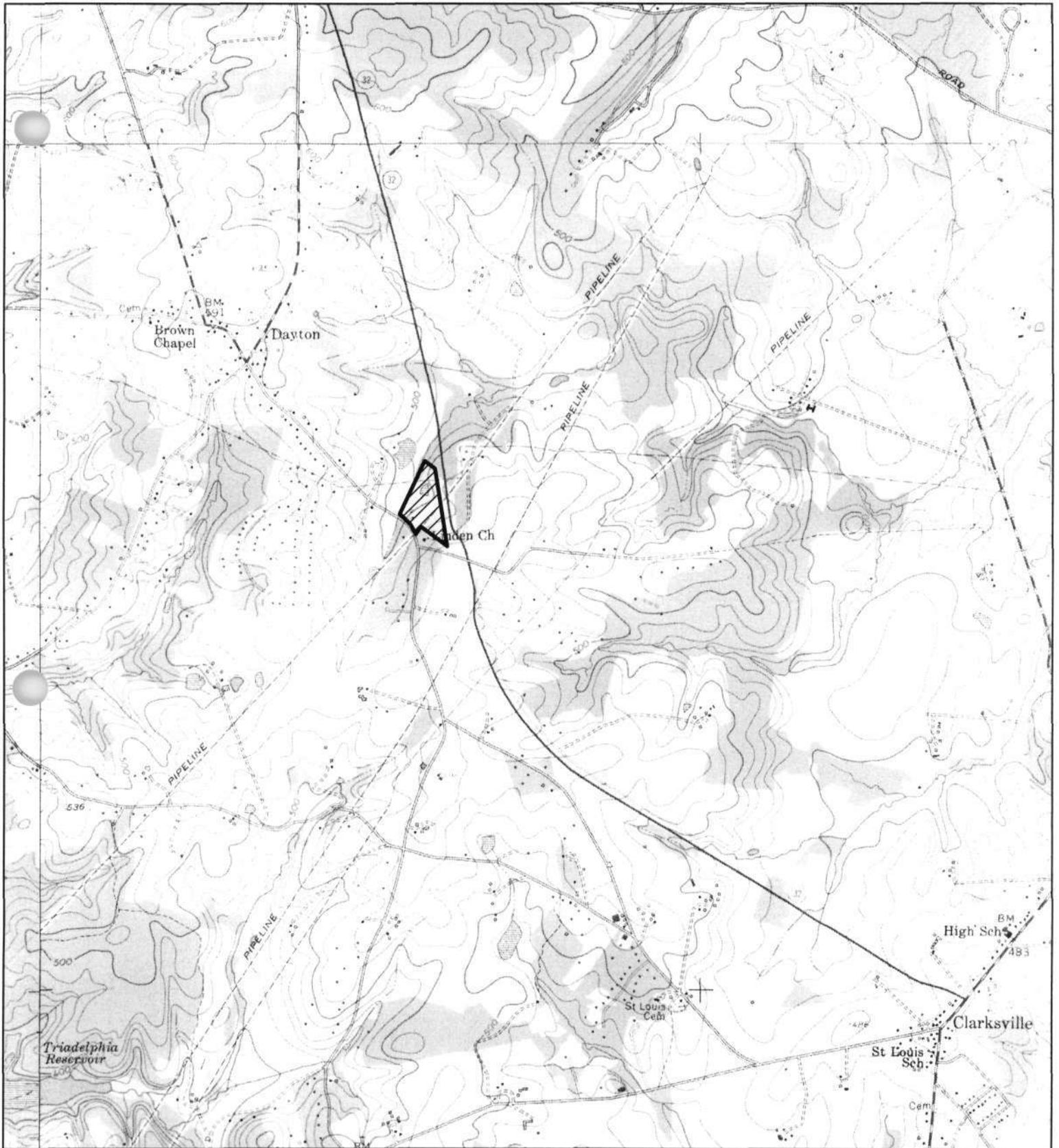
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Reviewer, National Register Program

1/25/10
Date

The property no longer retains the feeling and association of a nineteenth-century farmstead due to the loss of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship.

The Downs Log House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The property is not association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history and is not eligible under Criterion A. The property is not associated with the lives of persons significant in our past and is not eligible under Criterion B. The Downs Log House is not eligible under Criterion C for its architectural value. Due to alterations and enlargements, the property does not readily convey its origins as an early to mid nineteenth-century log house. The property does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction. The Downs Log House is not being evaluated under Criterion D.

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| MHT Comments: | |
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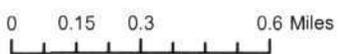
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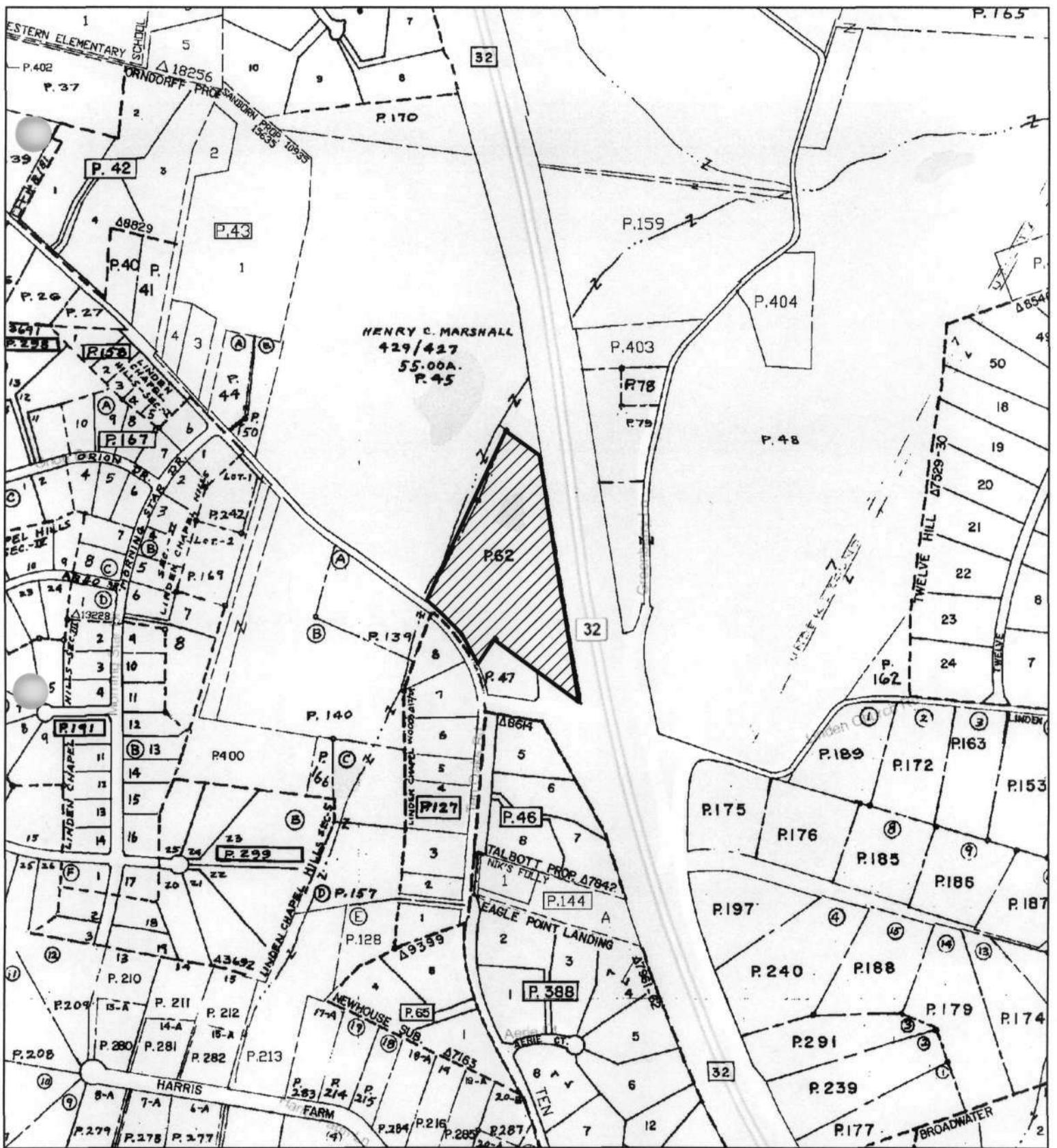
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Clarksville vicinity

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USGS Clarksville Quad





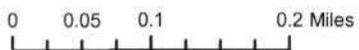
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Tax Map 28, Parcel 62





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West and South Elevations, view northeast

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South Elevation, view north

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West Elevation, view east

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East Elevation, view west

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East Elevation, view west

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North Elevation, view southeast

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Barn, South and East Elevations, view northwest

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Barn, East Elevation, view west

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Cistern, view northeast

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Grape Arbor, view northeast
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HO-839, Downs Log House
5073 Ten Oaks Road, Clarksville vic.
Howard County
Ca. 1840
Private

CAPSULE SUMMARY

This interesting and much altered house faces south on twelve acres on the north side of Ten Oaks Road near its intersection with Linden Church Road. The original structure was a two story log house with a side gabled roof and stone and brick exterior end chimneys on the gable ends. A two story frame addition with a cross gabled roof was added to the rear of the original structure some time in the mid-late 19th century and another large two story frame addition was added to the rear of that addition in the mid-20th century. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof between the two additions. On the exterior, the historic nature of the house is undermined by the aluminum siding that covers the whole house, the replacement windows, and the fact that the original front façade no longer contains a door. But on the interior, the original portion of the house retains some nice historic details including three fireplaces, exposed log walls, and random width wood floors.

This house is significant under criteria C in the area of architecture. Log construction was commonly used throughout the 18th and 19th centuries but remaining examples of the type are becoming increasingly rare. What makes this house more interesting is the fact that it is a two story log building and it retains its stone and brick exterior end chimneys. The current owner would like to remove the aluminum siding and expose the log construction or the clapboards that may remain beneath the modern siding.

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Inventory No. HO-839

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Downs Log House
 other

2. Location

street and number 5073 Ten Oaks Road not for publication
 city, town Clarksville X vicinity
 county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jeffrey and Francoise Abrams
 street and number 5073 Ten Oaks Road telephone
 city, town Clarksville state MD zip code 21029

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: Map 28, P62
 city, town Ellicott City liber 6639 folio 530

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | Contributing Noncontributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | <u> 1 </u> <u> 1 </u> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | <u> </u> <u> </u> sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | <u> </u> <u> </u> structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <u> </u> <u> </u> objects |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | <u> 1 </u> <u> 1 </u> Total |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory |
| | | | <u> 0 </u> |

7. Description

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Condition

| | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The original front façade of the log house was probably the south façade. That façade is three bays wide with three windows across the first story and three more smaller windows vertically aligned above on the second story. All of the windows are 6/6 but all are 20th century replacements. There is one small three light window in the left bay of the foundation.

The east façade of the original log house is dominated by the large exterior stone and brick chimney centered on the wall. The first and second stories are blank but two small one light windows flank the chimney in the gable. The east façade of the first rear addition is now obscured by a more recent two story addition on the east façade. There is a screened in porch on the east façade of the second rear addition.

The west façade of the original log house is nearly identical to the east façade with a large exterior stone and brick chimney centered on the wall and two small one light windows flanking the chimney in the gable. The one major difference is that there are stone steps leading down to a door in the foundation in front of the chimney. The door itself is a recent replacement but the stone steps and the door opening may be original. The west façade of the first rear addition contains the existing front door and a modern bay window on the first story and two replacement vinyl windows on the second story. A one story, hipped roof porch shelters the first story of this section. The porch has large turned balusters, turned supports, and decorative brackets. A plaque attached to the house next to the front door states that this property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. However, no documentation supporting this claim can be found by either Howard County or the Maryland Historical Trust. It turns out that the company that makes these plaques is not in any way affiliated with the Department of the Interior, who maintains the National Register, and anyone who pays this company can have a plaque for their property. The second rear addition has a two car garage on the first story and several windows above.

Inside the house, it is obvious that it has been restored and updated on multiple occasions. Some sections of the house have obviously been rebuilt using old materials. Whether the materials are reused from this structure or another one is unknown.

Basement

There is a full stone foundation and cellar beneath the western 2/3 of the original log structure. It is unclear why the full foundation doesn't run all the way to the eastern wall of the log house and it is not possible to see what sort of foundation the other 1/3 of the house has. There is an open, flat relieving arch centered on the west wall of the foundation below the fireplace above. The first floor joists above are half round logs with the bark still on them. The first floor boards on the western 1/3 of the house are sash sawn. The rest of the first floor visible from the basement has modern plywood subflooring so even though the floorboards are old, they have obviously been relaid. The joists, original floorboards and stone walls of the cellar are all whitewashed. A stair used to descend from the first floor into this portion of the basement but that stair has since been removed. Its former location is obvious in the joists above.

A hole was made in the rear wall of the original basement to allow access into the basement beneath the first rear frame addition.

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This portion of the basement has cinderblock walls and a concrete floor but the joists above are very large half round logs with bark still on them so it seems very likely that the cinderblocks were laid up in front of an earlier stone or brick foundation. Rolled insulation has been installed between the joists so no other construction details are visible.

First Floor

The first floor of the original section is now essentially one large room with a central stair dividing the space in two. The floors are random width pine face nailed with cut nails but, as noticed in the basement, the eastern 2/3 of the floor has been relaid and is slightly higher than the original portion of the floor. Neither of the fireplaces has a decorative mantel. The west fireplace is brick with a wood mantel shelf and the east fireplace has a very large chimney breast, much larger than the existing firebox, that is stuccoed. It also has a board mantel shelf. Neither the ceiling nor the walls are plastered, though nail holes in the exposed second floor joists in the western half of the house indicate that there was a plaster ceiling at one time. In looking at the exposed second floor joists, there is again a difference between the western and eastern portions of the house. The joists in the west part of the house are square hewn members approximately 4" square, while the joists in the eastern part of the house are sawn members approximately 2" x 6". The difference in materials in the eastern and western halves of the house would suggest that the two sections were built at different times, but the log walls are exposed on the inside of the house and the logs are continuous the full width of the house. A vertical seam between two different building periods would be very obvious. Of the three windows across the south wall, one must have originally been the front door. The installation of baseboard heat has obscured some of the evidence, but it does appear as if there is a patch below the middle window indicating that it may have originally been a door opening. There is an obvious closed window patch on the north wall in the east bay and two doorways now leading into the first rear addition occupy the middle and west bays in the north wall. There is also a closed window patch on the west wall to the rear of the chimney breast.

The open stringer stair rises out of approximately the middle of the space and is open on both sides. One of the stringer boards is faux painted to look like Tiger maple. The basement stair was originally stacked below this stair and accessed via a door. The stair rises to a small landing just below the second floor off of which two more steps up in both directions lead to the two second floor rooms. An open pocket for a floor joist is located in the middle of the landing which would indicate that this is not the original stair.

The second floor now contains two rooms and a small bathroom. There is a fireplace on the east wall only. Like the two downstairs, this fireplace is a simple brick firebox with a circular sawn mantle shelf.

The attic above the original section was unfortunately not accessible.

The first rear addition to the house contains one large room on both the first and second floors. Both of these rooms have been redone in recent years with new wood floors. There is a fireplace on the back wall of the addition on the first floor. The fireplace has a Gothic Revival style mantle but the elevated brick hearth does not look original. The mantle may be original, however, and it was reapplied after the fireplace was reworked. The roof of the first rear addition had to be rebuilt in the last two years due to a fire.

The second rear addition dates to the second half of the twentieth century and is not considered historically significant.

The floorplan of the original section of the house has obviously undergone major alterations. It seems very likely that the house originally had a hall and parlor plan with two rooms on each floor and an enclosed winder stair rising out of one of the corners of the hall. One of the fireplaces was probably a cooking hearth. It is unclear how the floorplan changed when the first addition was

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made. The existing stair may have been added at that time or it may have been much later. The original front door may have been converted to a window at that time or that change may also have occurred later.

The only outbuilding on the property is a large frame barn on a concrete block foundation. A date painted on the end of the building says 1912.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

Specific dates ca. 1840 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1840, 1850

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

This house is significant under criteria C in the area of architecture. Log construction was commonly used throughout the 18th and 19th centuries but remaining examples of the type are becoming increasingly rare. What makes this house more interesting is the fact that it is a two story log building and it retains its stone and brick exterior end chimneys. The current owner would like to remove the aluminum siding and expose the log construction or the clapboards that may remain beneath the modern siding.

The deed trace on this property is unusually complicated and cannot be taken back far enough to determine who built the log house. Based on the two story, hall and parlor plan, exterior end chimneys, sash sawn floorboards and hewn joists, a pre-1850 construction date for the original portion of the structure seems likely. Based on the presence of cut nails in the floorboards (in the western third of the house where they appear to be original) a post-1830 date would be appropriate. The original portion of the house is therefore dated to ca. 1840, but it is possible that the floorboards are not original and the building may therefore date even earlier. The extent of alteration to the house and the inaccessibility of the attic above the original section makes it difficult to be more certain. The first rear addition has also been heavily altered and is even more difficult to date. The only visible pieces of definitely original evidence are the very large half-round log joists visible in the basement. Presumably, these joists are hewn flat on top, although they could be sawn (insulation makes it impossible to tell). It seems like with all the saw mills in Howard County in the early 19th century, sawn lumber for joists, rafters and floor boards would have been widely used by at least 1850, in some areas it was definitely in use by 1800. There are two saw mills located in Clarksville very close to the Downs Log House noted on the 1860 Martenet Map. Therefore, this rear addition probably occurred not long after the original house was built, perhaps ca. 1850. The lack of other visible original evidence makes it impossible to say with any more certainty. If the log house does in fact date earlier than 1840, then it is likely that this addition is earlier than 1850.

Unfortunately, the deed trace did not shed any more light on the construction dates of the house. See the attached chain of title for more detail about each transaction but since the property changed hands so many times and the acreage alternately shrunk and grew over the years it is very difficult to tell what parcel contained the log house by the time it gets back to the late 19th century. It seems very likely that the log house was on the 36 acre parcel that Tabitha Downs conveyed to Mary Jane Finger in 1879 along with all her personal property. Unfortunately, though she mentions farm implements and household furniture she does not mention what house that furniture may have occupied. But 'T. Downs' is the name shown next to the building presumed to be the log house on the 1878 Hopkins Map, giving credence to the theory that back to that point the chain of title is accurate. Since she gives no metes and bounds of the property nor a prior deed it is difficult to say where she got the 36 acres from. The name Tabitha Downs does not appear in the Grantee Index of the Howard County Land Records (which only go back to the late 1840's, prior to then Howard County was part of Anne Arundel and the land records are in Annapolis). The names Telitha and Alitha both appear and those deeds are noted on the attached chain of title. One of them, L27 F138, seems promising. That deed records Alitha Downs receiving 20 acres from her husband Richard Downs in 1867. 'R. Downs' is the name shown beside what is presumably the log house on the 1860 Martenet Map. The deed does not mention any buildings or roads, however, and it includes no mention of who

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Richard Downs bought the land from. Given the fact that neither the acreage nor the name (Alitha vs. Tabitha) matches perfectly with the 1879 deed and the fact that no landmarks are provided to ensure that this 20 acre parcel is even close to where the house is located, it is impossible to say for certain if this deed pertains to the log house. The Martenet Map is generally accurate so it seems very likely that someone named R. Downs did own the log house in 1860 but whether that was Richard Downs and whether the above mentioned deed pertains to that property is unknown. This house is therefore called the Downs Log House because its association with that family at least seems clear. Unfortunately, who owned the property before R. Downs and built the original house and the first addition is unknown.

As development in Howard County pushes ever westward, it is important to document the small houses and farms that used to dominate the rural western landscape. Though the Downs Log House has been expanded and updated numerous times it is still an important survivor of the early 19th century settlement of Howard County. The current owners interest in preserving and restoring the property should enhance its exterior historic appearance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12Acreage of historical setting 0.5Quadrangle name ClarksvilleQuadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax map 28, parcel 62.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kristin Hill, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Howard County Department of Planning and Zoningdate 2/18/04street and number 3430 Court House Drivetelephone 410-313-4335city or town Ellicott Citystate MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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
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Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

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Hopkins, G.M. ATLAS OF FIFTEEN MILES AROUND BALTIMORE INCLUDING HOWARD COUNTY MARYLAND. Philadelphia, 1878.

Howard County Land Records, Howard County Courthouse, Ellicott City. See attached chain of title for libers and folios.

Martenet, Simon. MARTENET'S MAP OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND. Baltimore, 1860.

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Clarksville, Howard County

CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR | HOME COUNTY | GRANTEE | HOME COUNTY | DATE | LIBER | FOLIO | TRANSACTION | COMMENTS |
|---|-------------|--|-------------|----------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|---|
| Jeffrey and Francoise Abrams | Howard | Jeffrey and Francoise Abrams, trustees for the Francoise M. Abrams revocable trust | | Sept. 19, 2002 | 6639 | 530 | No consideration transfer | Extensive metes and bounds for the property are given. Parts of multiple parcels are mentioned. Endy property seems to be the biggest portion – references L2429 F538 |
| William F. Endy Jr. and Yvonne Endy | | William F. Endy Jr. and Yvonne Endy | | Sept. 9, 1991 | 2429 | 538 | No consideration transfer | Property seems to be being divided evenly between the two so that they each have a 50% interest in the property. Extensive metes and bounds given. Two parcels, house seems to be on the first one. Part of the land conveyed in L434 F752 and the same property conveyed in L832 F233. |
| Henry J. Gasket and wife Laura B. Gasket | Howard | William F. Endy and Yvonne Z. Endy, wife1 | Howard | June 27, 1977 | 832 | 233 | Deed | Extensive metes and bounds, 8.2 acres total. Part of the land conveyed in L 434 F752. |
| Joseph V. Johnson and Vivian I. Johnson, wife | Howard | Henry J. Gasket and Laura B. Gasket | Howard | May 7, 1965 | 434 | 752 | Deed | Extensive metes and bounds, 13 acres, part of land conveyed in L135 F568. |
| Joseph L. and Gertrude E. Smallwood | | Joseph V. Johnson | | March 23, 1929 | 135 | 568 | Deed | 36 acres of land, the remainder of what was 86 acres consisting of three different parcels – see L132 F62, L129 F290, and L88 F299. No metes and bounds are given. |

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| GRANTOR | HOME COUNTY | GRANTEE | HOME COUNTY | DATE | LIBER | FOLIO | TRANSACTION | COMMENTS |
|--|-------------|---|-------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| Jesse W. Downs and Lula Penn | | Joseph and Gertrude Smallwood | | Oct. 29, 1927 | 132 | 62 | Deed | In a lease recorded in L129 F292 the Smallwoods granted Downs, Penn and Narcissa Downs a life estate in the property. Narcissa has died and Jesse Downs and Lula Penn are relinquishing their life estate in the property. Property consists of 36 acres. See L129 F292. |
| Gertrude and Joseph Smallwood | | Narcissa Downs, Jesse W. Downs, and Lula Penn | | Feb. 18, 1927 | 129 | 292 | Lease | Smallwoods grant Downs, Downs, and Penn a life estate in the property. Smallwoods are to pay the taxes, keep the buildings in good repair and keep them insured. |
| Narcissa Downs, unmarried, Jesse W. Downs, widower, and Lula Penn, unmarried | | Gertrude and Joseph Smallwood | | Feb. 18, 1927 | 129 | 290 | Deed | Several lots or parcels near Dayton referred to in L88 F299 and L88 F298. Three parcels totaling 86 acres minus 50 acres conveyed to John Hill. |
| Mary Jane Finger | Howard | Narcissa Downs, Jesse W. Downs and Lula Penn | | Nov. 30, 1909 | 88 | 299 | Deed | 86 acres together with the buildings. Same property conveyed in L88 F298. |

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| Narcissa Downs, single | Howard | Mary Jane Finger | Howard | Nov. 30, 1909 | 88 | 298 | Deed | Three different tracts containing a total of 86 acres. No metes and bounds are given – impossible to tell which of the three the log house is on. See L61 F414, L68 F124, and L54 F417. |
| Sarah A. Gaither, Elizabeth Gaither, Kate Gaither, Barbara Gaither, and Georgie Talbott and her husband G.E. Talbott | Howard | Narcissa Downs | Howard | Nov. 30, 1897 | 68 | 124 | Deed | Parcel on the NW side of the Linden Church lot, beginning on the line of the Downs property where said parcel of land intersects the Dayton road. Contains 0.5 acres. |
| Mary Jane Finger | Howard | Narcissa Downs | Howard | April 17, 1894 | 61 | 414 | Deed | Narcissa is the sister of Mary Jane Finger. Finger conveys all her property, both real and personal, to her sister. Real property consists of 36 acres, personal property includes farm implements and household and kitchen furniture. No metes and bounds and no previous deeds. Seems likely that this is the “Downs property” referred to in L68 F124. |

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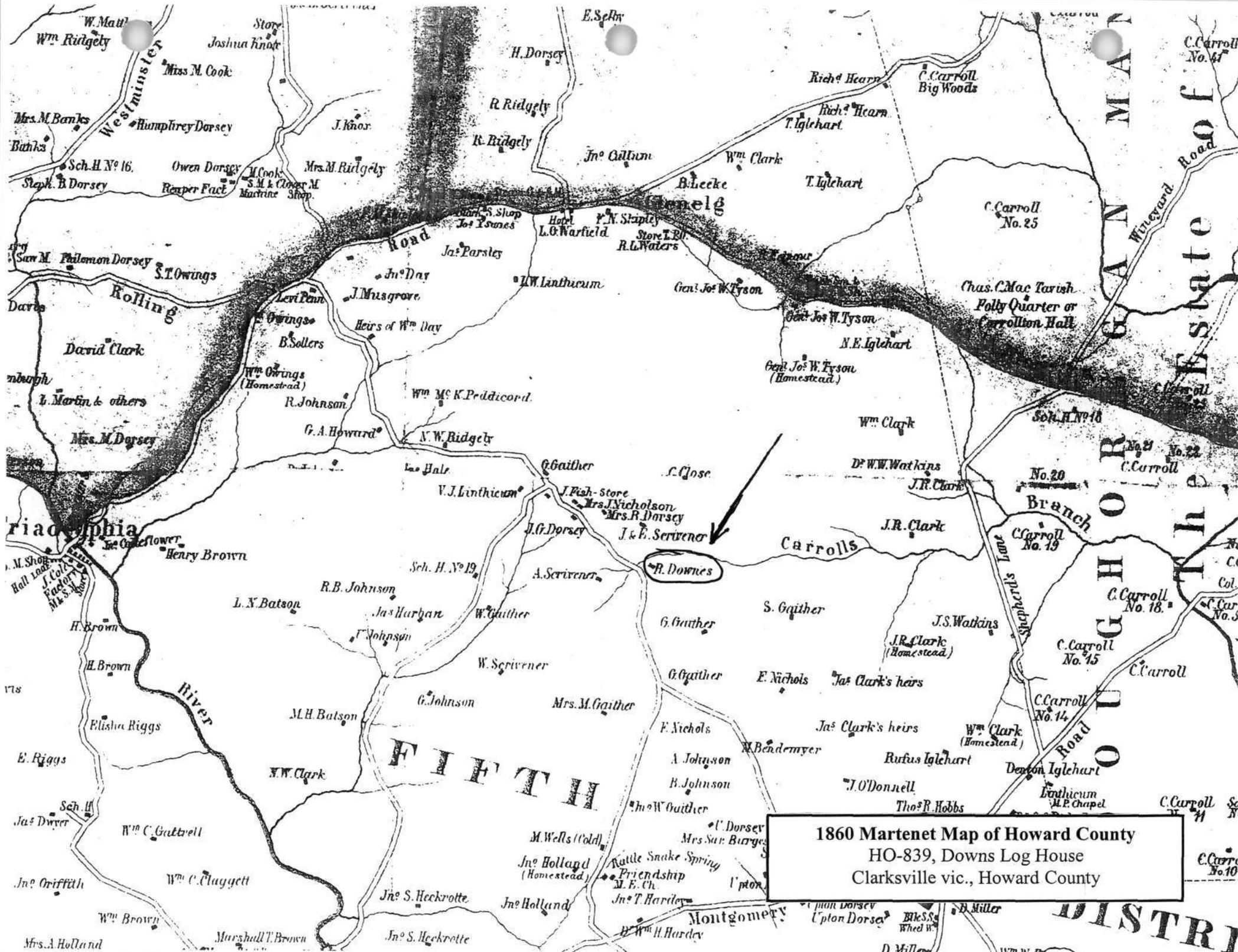
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| George W. Howard and wife | | Narcissa Downs | | March 20, 1889 | 54 | 417 | Deed | Purchase price is \$1000. 50 acre parcel called "Thomas' Lot". Seems likely that this is the 50 acre parcel sold in the early 20 th century so it would not be the one containing the log house. |
| Tabitha Downs | Howard | Mary Jane Finger | | May 3, 1879 | 41 | 51 | Deed | Mary Jane Finger is the oldest daughter of Tabitha Downs. Downs grants Finger all her property, both real and personal. Real property consists of 36 acres, personal property includes farm implements, wagons, and household and kitchen furniture. No metes and bounds are given and no prior deed. |
| Allen Scrivner and wife Martha | Howard | Telitha (or Tabitha?) Downs | | Oct.13, 1868 | 29 | 44 | Deed | 10 acres of land at a price of \$30/acre. Part of the tract called "Left Out" or "Grog". Metes and bounds are given but not helpful. This is one of two deeds in which someone with a name close to Tabitha Downs receives property. Unknown how this parcel relates to the log house, if at all. |

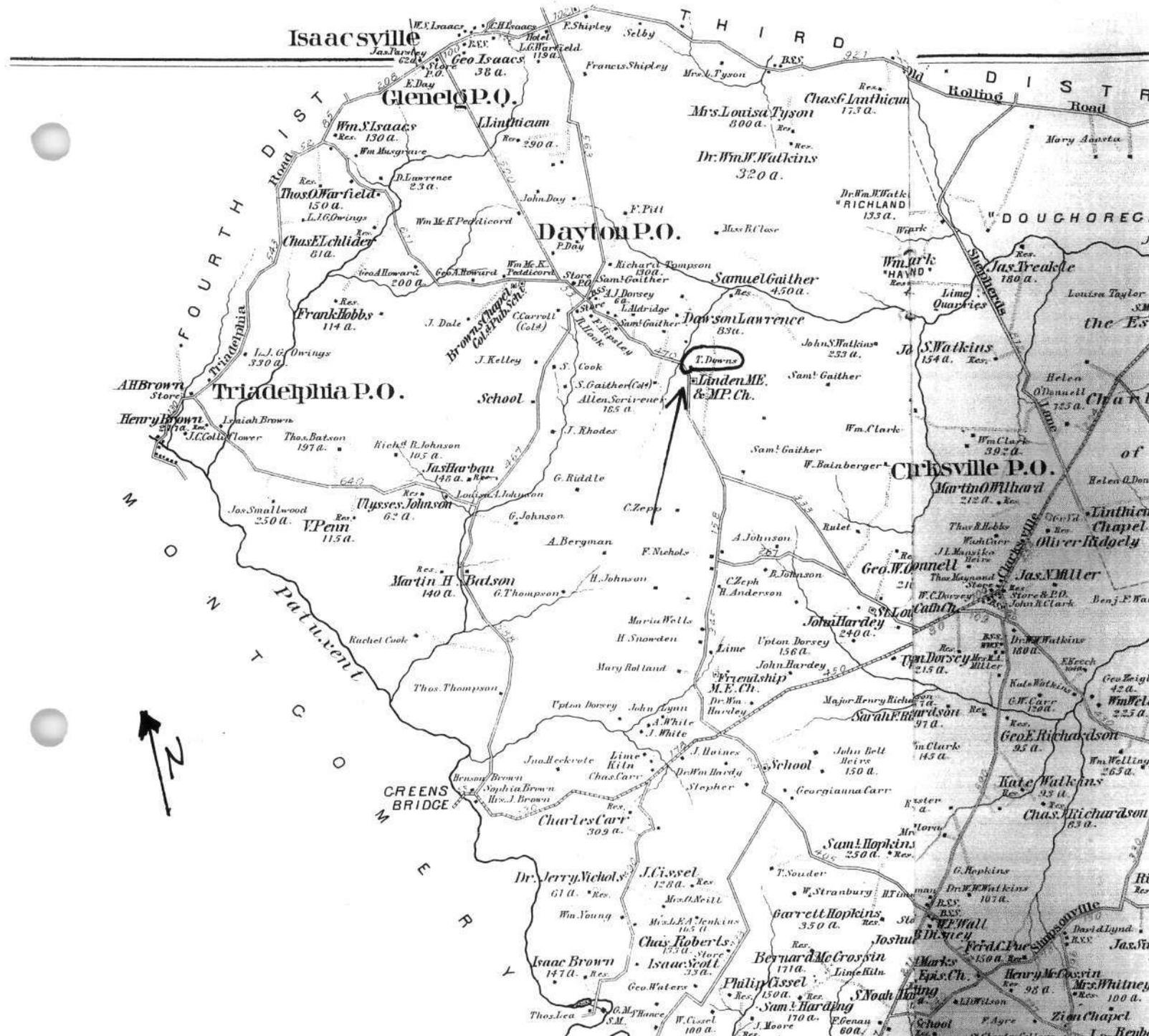
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| Richard M. Downs | Howard | Alitha Downs, wife of Richard M. Downs | Howard | July 8, 1867 | 27 | 138 | Deed | 20 acres of "Gaithers Enlargement". Bounds on Scrivners portion of the same. Metes and bounds mention a sycamore tree and a branch but it is unclear if said tree beside said branch is on Downs' property or Scrivners. There is a branch presently located just west of the log house. This is the other deed in which someone with a name close to Tabitha Downs receives property. Really impossible to say for certain if this deed or the previous one contains or is even near the log house. |



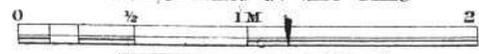
1860 Martenet Map of Howard County
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ARKSVILLE DIST.

HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 1/8 Inches to one Mile



| EXPLANATIONS | |
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| Dist. & Co. Lines | ----- |
| County Roads | ----- |
| Private | ----- |
| Turnpike | ----- |
| Rail Roads | ----- |
| Streams | ----- |
| The figures along the Roads shows the distance in Roads, from junction to junction thereof | |

1878 Hopkins Map of Howard County
 Fifth District
 Showing HO-839, Downs Log House
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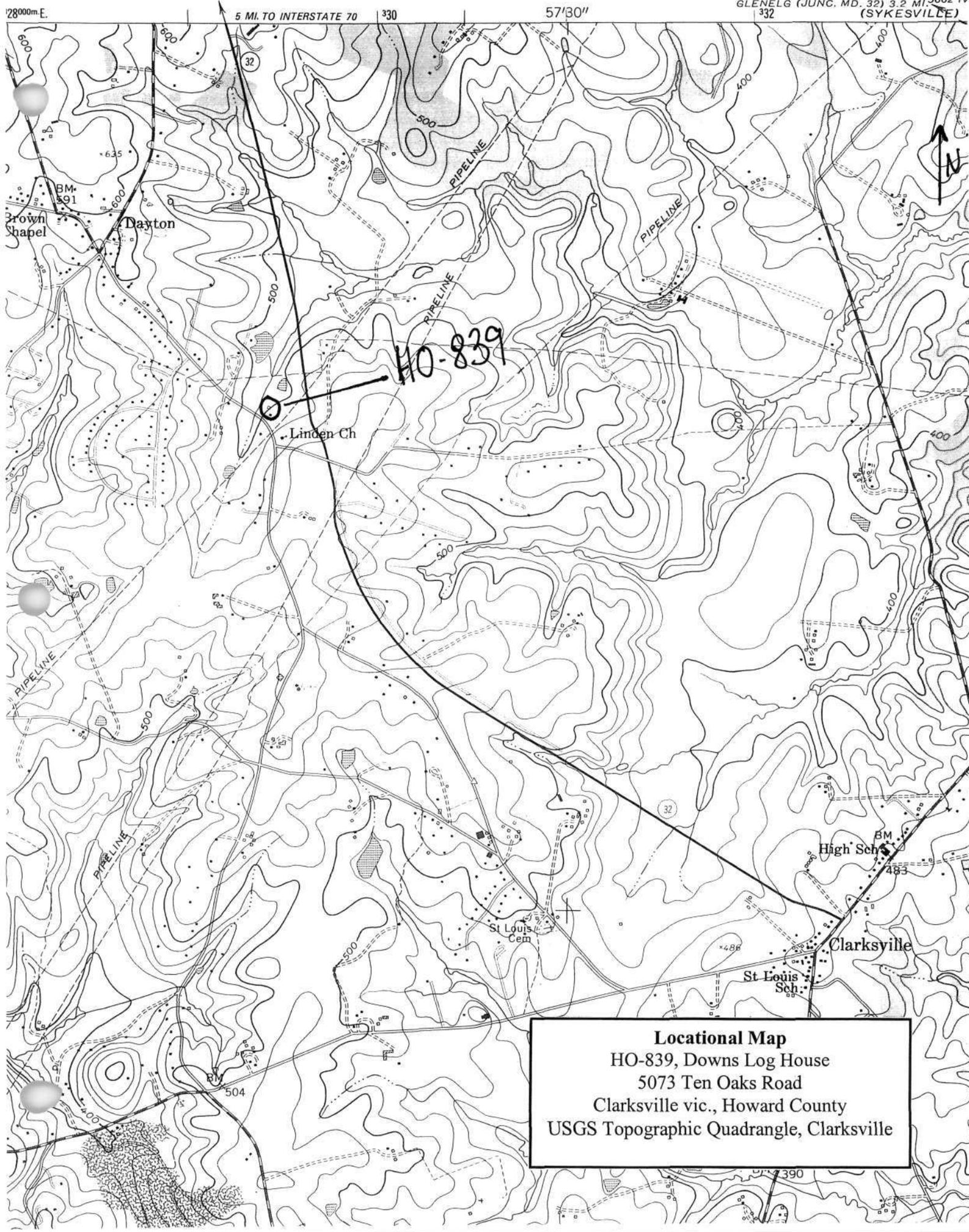
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330

57°30'

332



Locational Map
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Clarksville vic., Howard County
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Clarksville



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Dawns Log House

5073 Ten Oaks Road, Clarksville v.c.

Howard County, Maryland

Kristin Hill, 2/04

Negative at MDSHPO

30 21-01 NNNNN 907

SE elevation

1/11



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Howard County, MD

Kristin Hill, 2/04

Negative at MDSHPO

East elevation

2/11

28 21-01 NNNNN 907



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Howard County, Maryland

Kristin Hill, 2/04

Negative at MDSHPO

29 21-01 NNNNN 907

SW elevation

3/11



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Howard County, Maryland

Kristin Hill, 2/04

27 21-01 NNNNN 907

Negative at MDSTPO

West elevation

4/11



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25 21+00 NNNNN 907

Negative at MDSHPO

West facade, 1st addition

5/11

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26 21-01 NNNNN 907

Negative at MDSHPO

National Register plaque applied to house *note: This property is not actually listed on the National Register.

6/11



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Kristin Hill 2/04

24 21+00 NNNNN 987

Negative at MDSTAPD

NW elevation

7/11



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31 21+00 NNNNN 907

Negative at MDSHPO

Mantle in first addition, first floor, north wall

8/11



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32 21+00 NNNNN 987

Negative at MDSHPO

Log section, stair w/ decorative painting on stringer board

9/11



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34 21+00 NNNNN 907

Kristin Hill, 2/04

Negative at MDSHPO

West room, log section, first floor

10/11



140-839, Downs Log House

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Kristin Hill, 2/04

Negative at MDSTHPD 35 21+00 NNNNN 907

East room, log section, first floor

11/11