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WAVERTREE  
Ellicott City  
Private

Circa 1810

Wavertree faces east on the south side of Triadelphia Road and is located on one of the highest ridges in Howard County. It is a four bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof ( running north-south), three sided field stone house whose west wall is constructed of frame, once attached to an older log house. It features a rectangular open bible and cross paneled entrance in its second south bay, which is covered by a hipped roof portico. An "A" framed dormer window rests above which holds a gothic arched vent inset. Fenestration is rectangular, double-hung, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled.

Notable for its association with the Iglehart family of Howard County and as a successful example of historic preservation, Wavertree is one of Howard County's finest landmarks.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-125  
Dist. 3

MAGI # 1401257904

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **WAVERTREE**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER **12961 Triadelphia Road**

CITY, TOWN **Ellicott City**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**6th Dist.**

STATE

**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Howard**

**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"/> 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME **Charles R. Miller, Jr.**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER **12961 Triadelphia Rd.**

CITY, TOWN **Ellicott City**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
**Md. 21043**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Tax Map 24, p. 34  
Hall of Records**

Liber #: 852

Folio #: 399

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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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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**

Wavertree is located on the south side of Triadelphia Road, 1-1/10 miles east of the intersection of Folly Quarter Road and Triadelphia Road. It sits about 180 feet south of the road facing east.

It is a four bay wide, one room deep, two story high field stone house with square brick chimneys inset into its north and south walls.

Fenestration is rectangular, vertically aligned, double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, decorated with flat arched stone lintels and projecting wooden sills. On the east elevation a hipped roof portico is placed, supported by two square posts and two pilasters which covers the open bible and cross paneled entrance located in the second south bay of this wall. It is surmounted by a two light transom. An "A" framed dormer window above the entrance holds a gothic arched vent with second floor window, similar to the others below. A cellar door is located just north of the main entrance.

A two bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south) one and a half story frame addition rests on the south wall of the house. It holds two gabled roof dormer windows on its east elevation, and one on its west elevation, all of which hold rectangular, double-hung windows with four-over-four lights.

The west wall of the house is faced with frame siding and the frame addition on the south wall projects westward to create space on its north wall for a nine light rectangular entrance.

The frame west wall of the stone house was at one time attached to an earlier log house to which the three sided stone house was added. This was in such a deteriorated form, that it was completely demolished. The frame west wall we see today holds four bays with a nine light rectangular entrance door in the second south bay, surmounted by an architrave and projecting wooden cornice. Fenestration is rectangular, double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, decorated with shutters.

The north wall of the stone house holds a single, similar, second floor window on the east while the south wall holds a similar first and second floor windows, also on its east side. These windows are all decorated with stretcher stone flat arched lintels, one of the outstanding architectural features of this fine old stone house.

A gabled roof stone spring house lies south of the house and a pool west.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES            Circa 1810                            BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wavertree is significant architecturally, historically and in the field of historic preservation.

Architecturally it is one of the most delightful field stone houses in Howard County, featuring the familiar central hall, one room deep plan. Above its rectangular entrance door is placed an "A" framed dormer window with gothic arched vent inset, which provides a variety and charm to an otherwise rather simple stone house.

Not only the fieldstone architecture of the house, but the spectacular setting in which it is placed, is noteworthy. It is situated on one of the highest ridges in Howard County, one mile from the Howard County Hunt Club, the center for fox hunting.

The interior of the house has been almost completely remodeled so that little of the original door frames or chair rails, if any, remain. Two original mantles, however, have been salvaged and were switched from one room to another. Both are decorated with flat pilasters and plain architraves, decorated with an oval, so representative of the federal style.

The old three sided stone house we see today was an extension along an earlier log house which was so deteriorated in 1938 that it was totally removed by the Shreves who bought the house at that time, then added a charming one and a half story high frame kitchen wing on its south wall. This kitchen wing features two gabled roof dormer windows on its east wall and one on its west wall. The scale and proportions of the addition in no way detract from the integrity of the building but are rather, a necessary adjunct of it.

Historically the land on which the house stands, dates back to 1712 when Henry Howard patented Howard's Second Discovery. The stone walls are believed to date to circa 1810. In the early nineteenth century it was owned by Tilghman Iglehart, believed to be the builder. The Iglehart family was a distinguished one in Anne Arundel County and gave its name to Iglehart Station there.

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The property remained in this family for over a hundred years, until 1938, when it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Gale Levin Shreve, who are responsible for most of the interior decoration as well as the construction of the kitchen wing.

Wavertree is not only significant architecturally and historically, Wavertree is also significant in the area of historic preservation in Howard County. Howard County acquired the site in 1973 for a future park and the house was left vacant and vandalized. A prominent preservationist, Mr. Robert Watson, requested the county to sell it to him in order to preserve it. After much debate, this was done in 1974. Today it continues in private ownership and is well cared for.

Effective administration of a site for the National Park System which is also applicable in the field of historic preservation seeks to accomplish two ends:

1. To preserve the site and its historic structures and objects and where possible and feasible to restore the scene as it was at the time of the area's greatest significance and
2. To so administer and develop the area that it would provide the greatest possible spiritual refreshment, inspiration and enjoyment to the people of the United States.<sup>1</sup>

These guidelines should also be followed by local government within a local context. In the case of Wavertree, neither of these goals had been met and the building was threatened with deterioration. Today it sparkles under private ownership. To accomplish the goals of properly administering a historic site requires a continual commitment on the part of the local government or a reversal to private ownership. Howard County is to be commended for its ability to discern the proper method for the historic preservation of Wavertree.

Historically and architecturally significant, Wavertree should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and recommended for inclusion to the State Critical Areas Program. It is hoped that its application to the Maryland Historical Trust for an easement as an historic property for the purpose of historic preservation will be accepted.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. National Park Service, That The Past Shall Live, Washington: National Park Service, 1963, p. 26

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mr. Charles Miller, Jr. at Wavertree, April 30, 1978  
Maryland Historical Trust Deed of Easement for Wavertree, September 16, 1976  
Lein, Charles F., Origin and History of Howard County, Maryland Baltimore 1972  
Blank, Carol, "Council Approves Sale of Wavertree". Howard County News April 4, 1978

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.452 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Records Liber 852, Folio 399

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

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.

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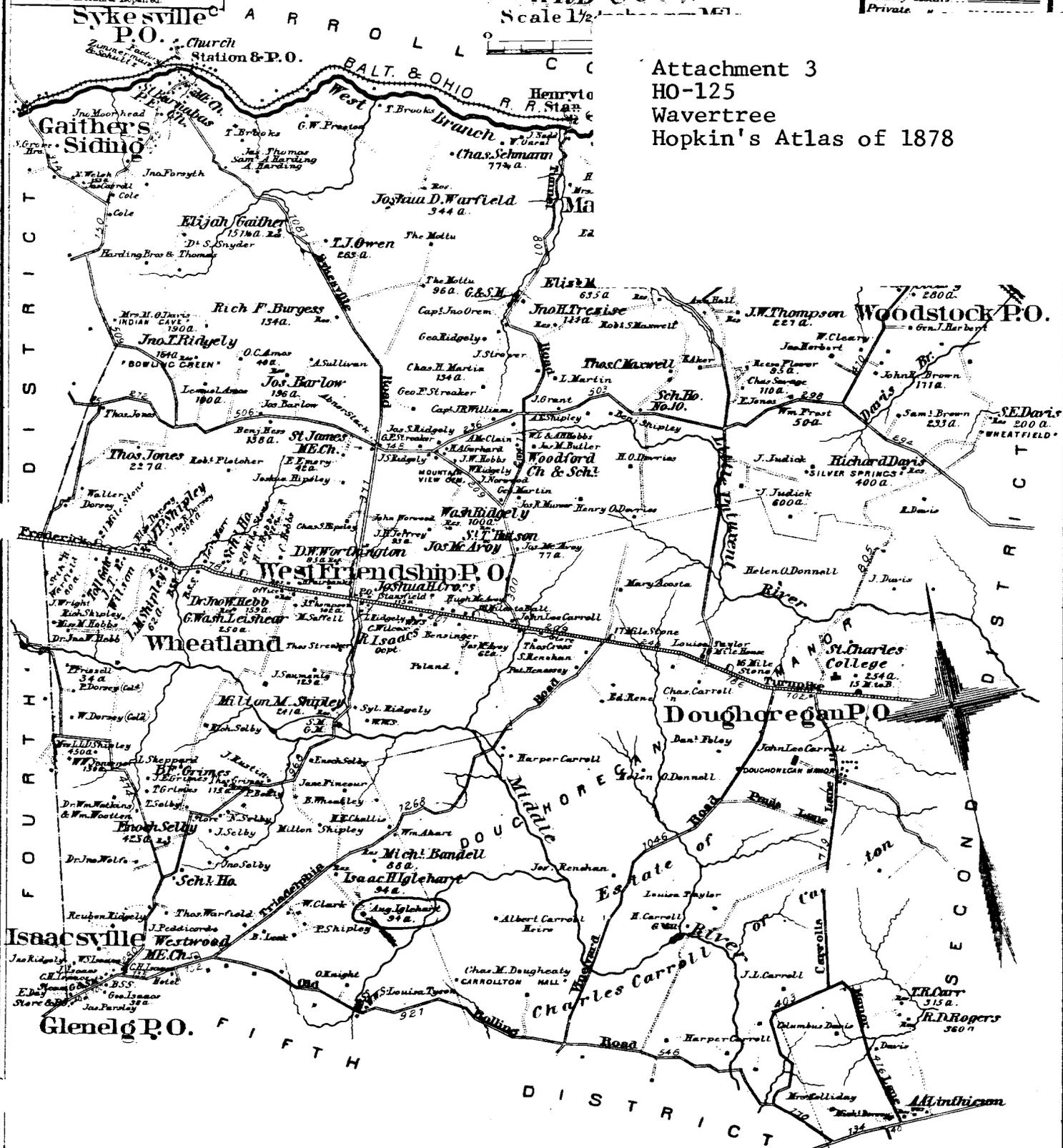
## HOWARD COUNTY

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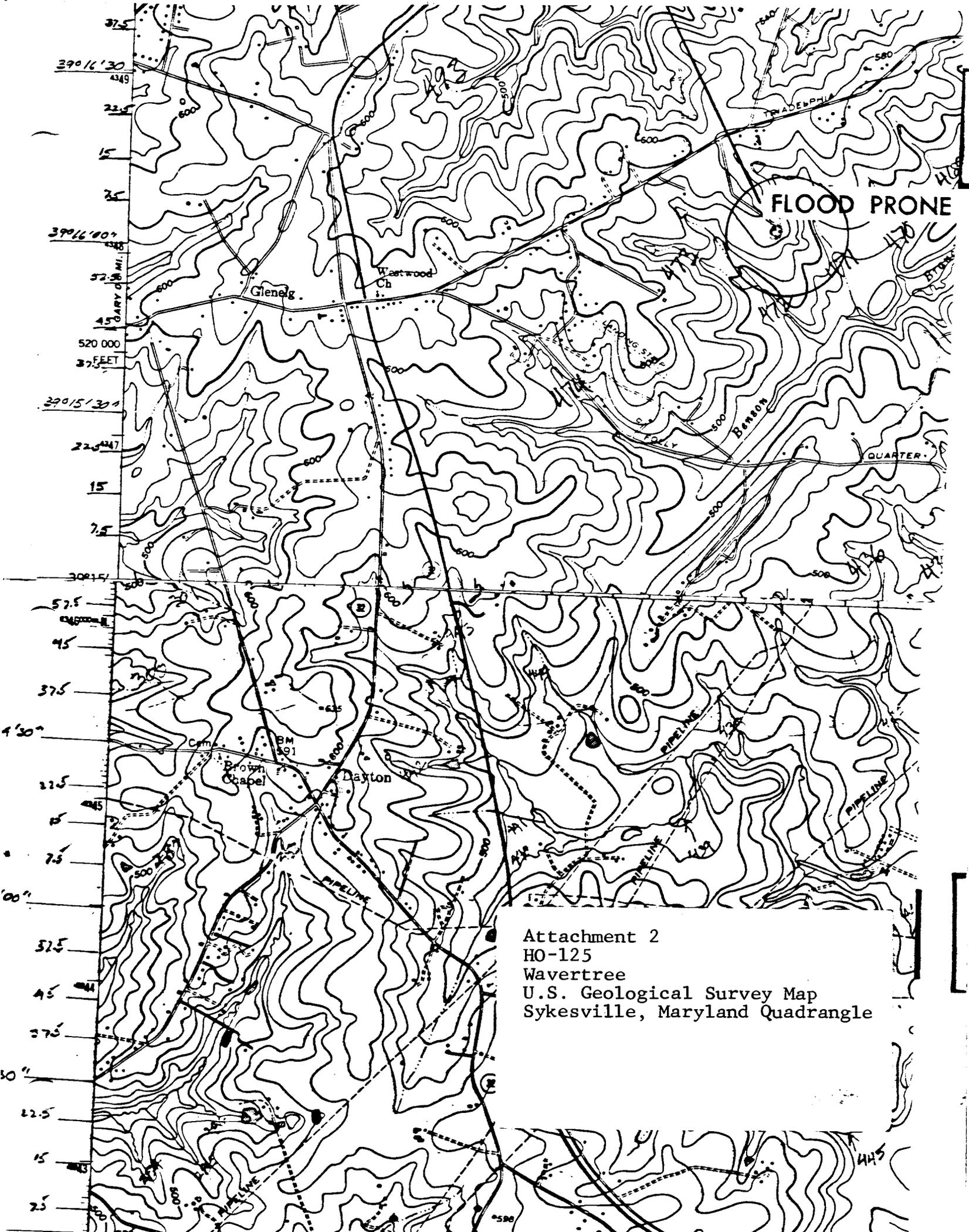
EXPLANATIONS	
Dist. & Co. Lines	-----
County Roads	-----
Private	-----

**Third District.**  
**BLACKSMITH.**  
 J. T. ISAAC,  
 Blacksmith in General,  
 Woodstock, Howard Co.  
 Buggies and Carriages on hand and Built  
 to Order. Car Wheel Work of every  
 description, and all kinds of Country  
 Work. Machines Repaired.

Attachment 3  
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 Wavertree  
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



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Attachment 2  
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U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Sykesville, Maryland Quadrangle



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CHEORA THOMPSON, A.I.P.

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