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LISBON METHODIST CHURCH

Private

Lisbon

circa 1883

The Lisbon Methodist Church faces south on the northeast corner of Route 144 and Hopkins Alley. It is a three bay wide, four bay deep, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure whose central projecting entrance bay rises to taper into a tall, square tent roofed, open, gothic arched belfry whose cornice is decorated with a row of dentils.

The central rectangular entrance door is surmounted by a gothic arched, stained glass transom on which is inscribed "Lisbon Methodist Church". Gothic windows flank the entrance, with four similar ones resting in the east and west walls of the church.

Begun on September 25, 1882 with a half acre of ground conveyed to the trustees of the church by Mr. and Mrs. John. W. Buckingham, it was completed in 1883 under the direction of Reverend James Codden and Daniel Hartsock. Those who gave time and/or money for its construction were Benjamin Barnes, Stephen Hood, George R. Leach and John Bond.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

HO-244

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Lisbon M.E. Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Frederick Road)

NE corner of Route 144 and Hopkins Alley

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED 1/2

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED 1/2

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lisbon Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

N.E. corner of Route 144 and Hopkins Alley

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 7, p. 268

Hall of Records

Liber #: 46

Folio #: 157

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Lisbon Methodist Church faces south on the north east corner of Route 144 and Hopkins Alley. It is a three bay wide, four bay deep, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure, built on a stone foundation, with tall brick chimneys rising from the east and west sides of its gabled roof.

The central projecting south bay holds the double rectangular main entrance to the church which is surmounted by a gothic arched stained glass transom on which is inscribed "Lisbon Methodist Church." The east and west faces of this projecting bay hold single gothic arched stained glass windows. This central projecting bay rises, tapering into a tall central, tent roofed, open belfry which features open gothic arches and a cornice decorated with a row of dentils. Beneath the belfry rests a gothic arched window, similar to those described.

The east and west elevations of the church are identical, holding four tall gothic arched stained glass windows.

No apertures occur on the north wall of the church, from which a one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) one story high addition extends northward on its north west corner. It holds a rectangular, double-hung window with six-over-six lights.

Three wide three sided cement steps lead to the central entrance door.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
Date 1893		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lisbon Methodist Episcopal Church is architecturally, historically, and religiously significant to Howard County.

Architecturally it is representative of the fine old frame Gothic churches which are scattered throughout Howard County.

Its tall central projecting bay which tapers into a tall square, tent roofed open belfry is particularly fine. This vertical element is well scaled to the finely proportioned, gabled roof frame church.

In a history of the Lisbon M.E. Church which is being compiled by Mrs. Mary Slagle, the following facts were uncovered.

The religious life of Lisbon began as an ecumenical one with Caleb Pancoast offering to open his home for religious services. On August, 1820, a non-sectarian church, called The Freestone Church, was created, a forerunner of the Lisbon Methodist Church. It was located where the Lisbon School now stands, hence the name Church Alley, for the street running along its western boundary. There was a stipulation that this church be used by the Methodists one day every two weeks for the purpose of the circuit preacher.

On September 25, 1882 work was begun on the construction of the present church under the direction of the Reverend James Codden and Daniel Hartsock, one of the original trustees. Benjamin Barnes is also identified as a trustee of the Lisbon M.E. Church along with Stephen G. Hood, George R. Leach and John W. Buckingham. One half acre of land was given to the trustees by John W. Buckingham and wife (LJW 46-157). Those assisting in the work of building the church were John Patrick, George Long, George Leach, Benjamin Barnes and John Bond who gave time and/or money in its construction.

According to Mrs. Celia Holland's article on Lisbon, Maryland in The Times, Ellicott City, Lisbon left the St. James Circuit in 1930 and joined the Poplar Springs Circuit which was a Methodist Protestant Circuit. Under the Reverend Mr. Fisher in 1961, Lisbon became a separate station.

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Mrs. Holland relates an interesting legend connected to the bell of the church.

"It is said that many years ago a traveler (on foot) stopped on a cold winter evening at several places in the village, hoping for free overnight accommodations. Finally someone suggested that he sleep in the church vestibule. Welcoming any shelter from the cold and wind, he spent the night there and was on his way in the morning before the little town was awake. Several years later, in better fortune, he sent money to the people of the village to be used for a church bell in appreciation for the night's lodging. The bell is said to still be in use, but how many members of the present congregation are aware of the story attached to its acquisition is unknown."

Architecturally and historically noteworthy to the religious heritage of Howard County, Lisbon Methodist Church and the town of Lisbon should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and the State Critical Areas Program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Records
Slagle, Mary. History of the M.E. Church (to be published)
Holland, Celia. "Out of the Past: Lisbon." The Times: Ellicott City, Maryland. June 14, 1973, p. 1D

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.50 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 7

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 46, folio 157

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

DATE

465-5000 x257

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.

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Lisbon United Methodist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Old National Pike or Frederick Road, north side

CITY OR TOWN: Lisbon east of old Md 94

STATE: Md COUNTY: Howard

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Some</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <u>In Use</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Lisbon United Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER: Old National Pike (Md 144)

CITY OR TOWN: Lisbon STATE: Md

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Howard County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: (Clock of the Circuit Court)

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Md

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

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	(Check One)			(Check One)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The frame church, asphalt-shingle covered, faces south. ~~The entrance under the steeple at the center of the end wall.~~

Oblong, 3 bays by 4, the pitched roof ridge runs north-south, with the steeple ^{tower} outside the center of the south end wall.

One story high, the tall windows are shaped in a Gothic arch, glazed with Tiffany glass in geometric patterns.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Founded in 1883 as a member church of the St James circuit, it was switched in 1930 to the Poplar Springs circuit, and became a separate station in 1961 under Rev. Mr. Fisher.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Holland, Celia. "Out of the Past - Harbor", article in
Howard Co. Times (part of series of 3.) 14 June 1973

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"
SE	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"
SW	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"	o	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **2525 WEAVER ROAD**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

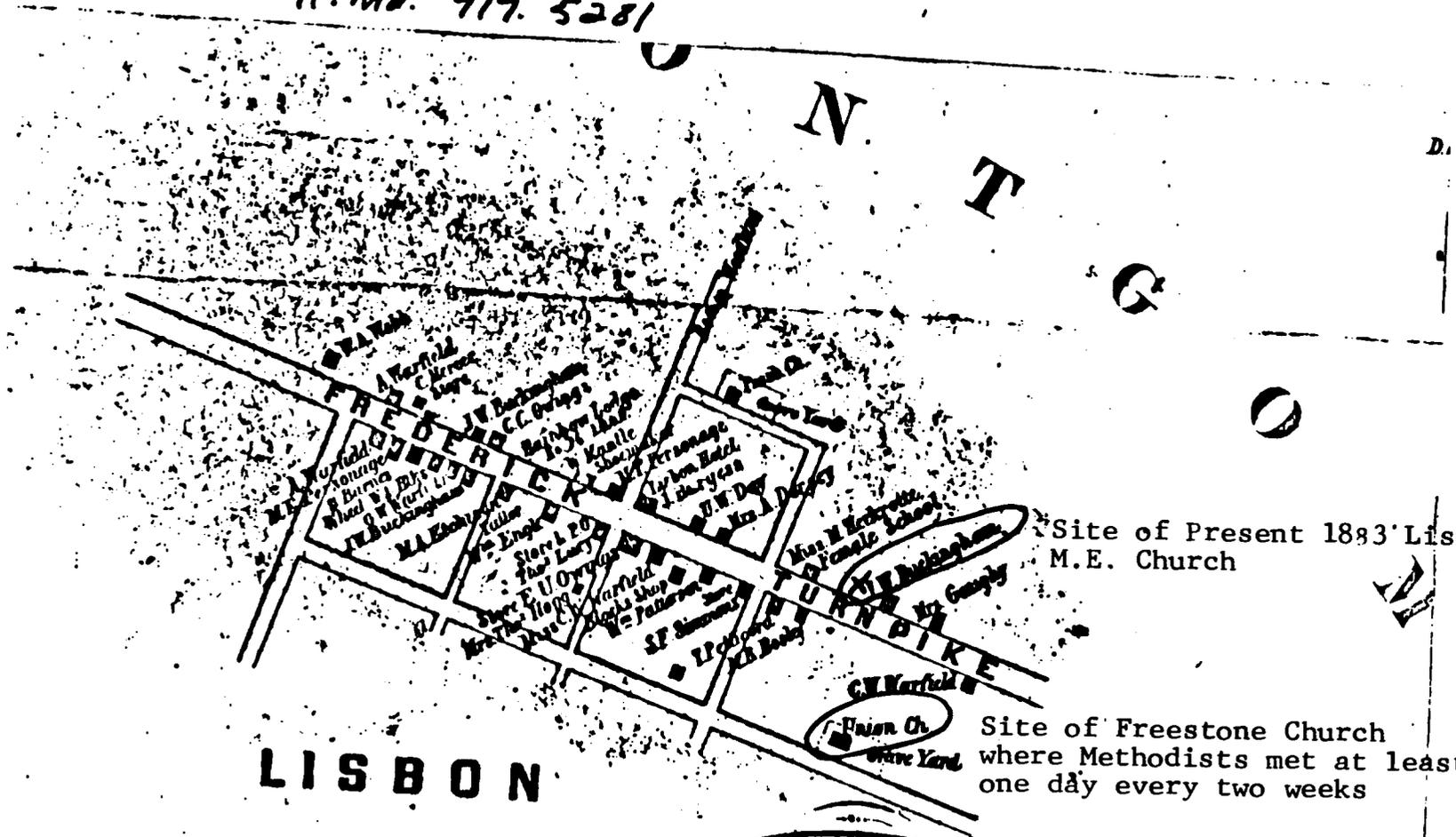
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The Lisbon M.E. Church
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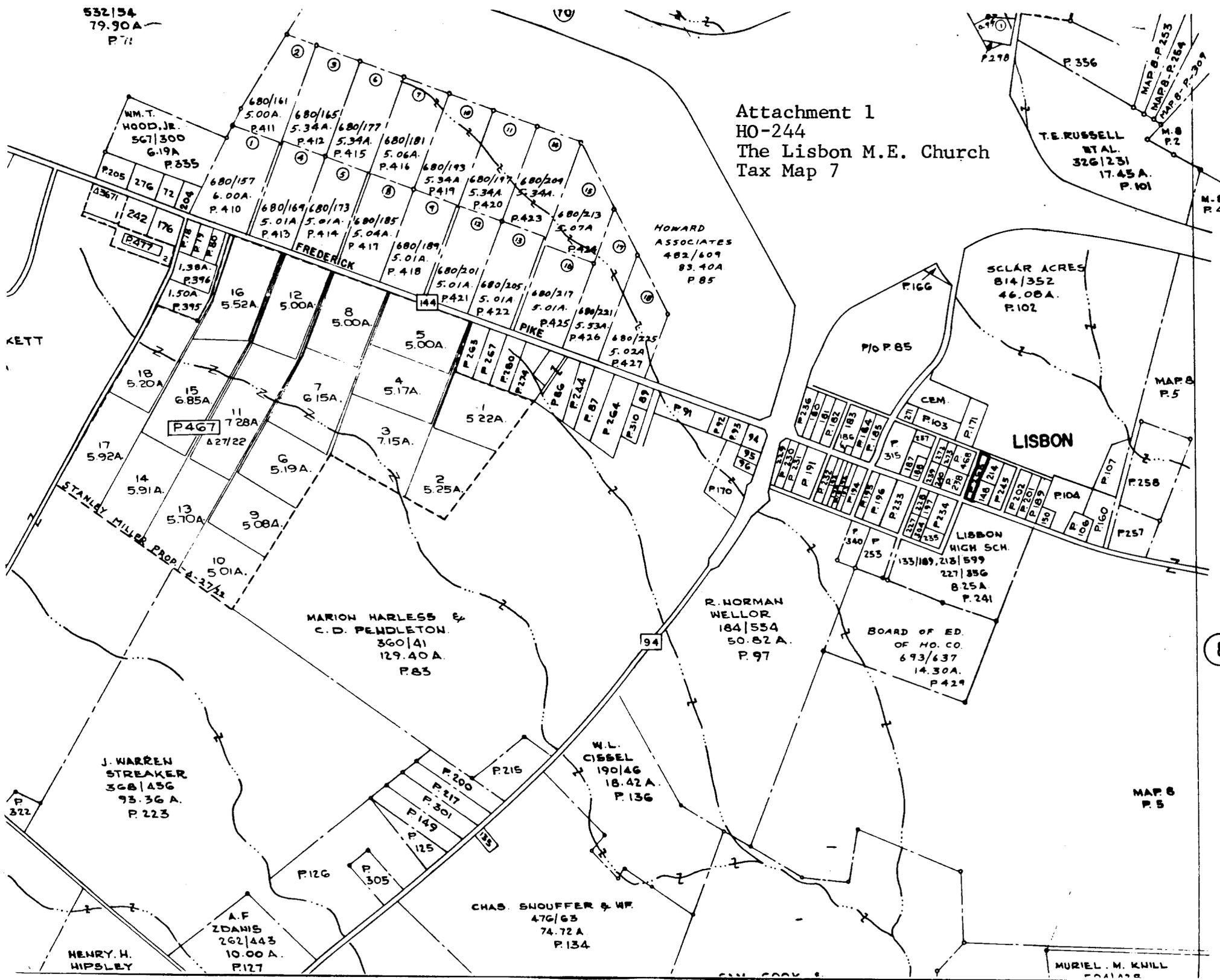
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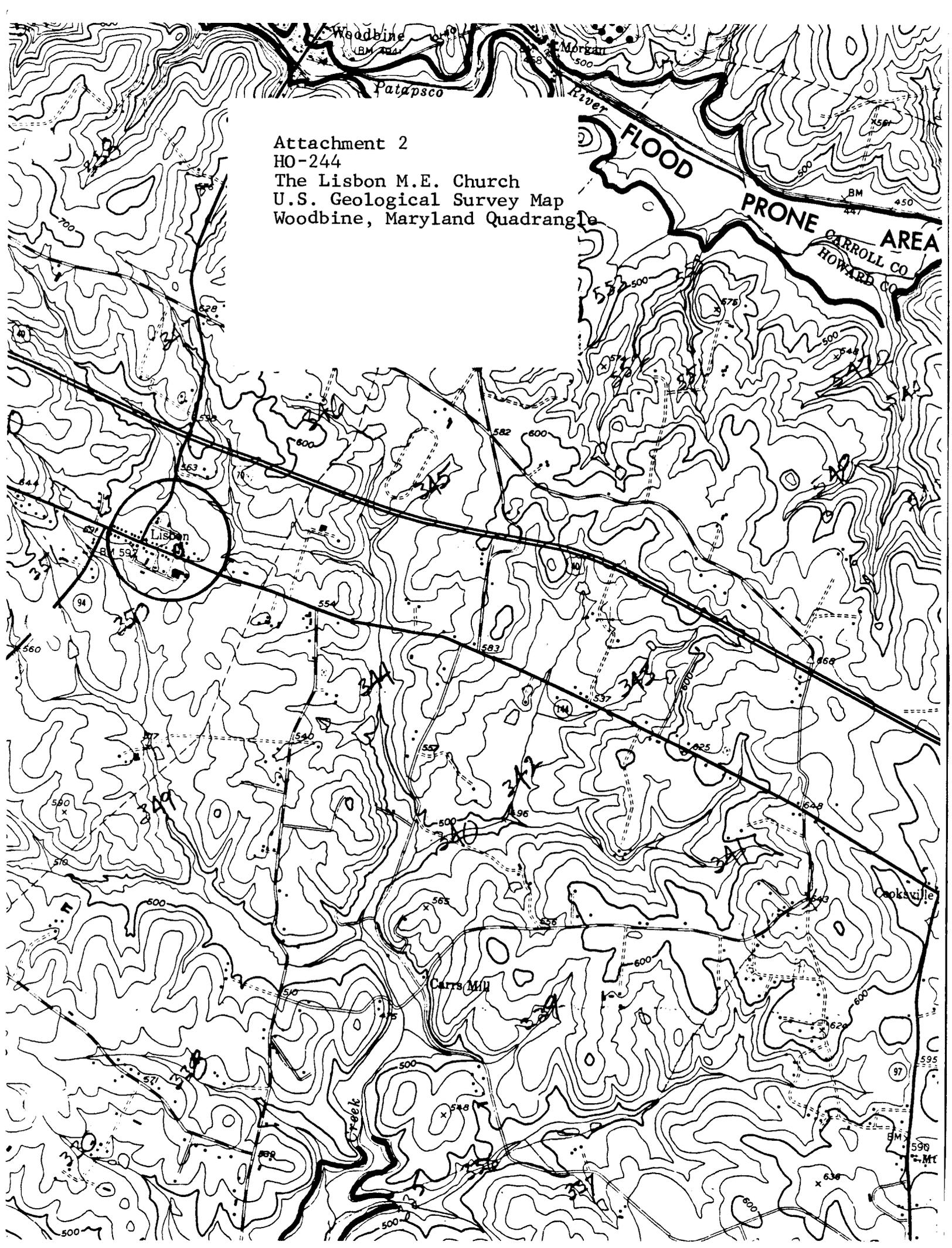
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Attachment 1
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The Lisbon M.E. Church
Tax Map 7



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Attachment 2
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The Lisbon M.E. Church
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Woodbine, Maryland Quadrangle





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The Lisbon M. E. Church
SOUTH
MAY-1978

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