

HO-252  
The Old Florence Store  
Florence  
Private

1905

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This country store replaced a previous store located here and designated on the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO - 252  
Woodbine Quad  
Dist. 4  
MAGI# 1402525704

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Old Florence Store

AND/OR COMMON  
Warfield-Dougherty Store

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
2396 Florence Road

CITY, TOWN  
Woodbine, VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
6th

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" 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  
Mr. and Mrs. James J. Rosensteel Telephone #: 489-4727

STREET & NUMBER  
2396 Florence Road

CITY, TOWN  
Woodbine, Maryland VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
21797

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 14 p. 112  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 429  
Folio #: 476

STREET & NUMBER  
Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN  
Ellicott City

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE  
1978-1979

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 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		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Today, the building is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame (covered with aluminum siding) building, originally resting on a stone foundation, which has now been created into a full story, cement block (faced with brick on the east elevation) foundation. A three story high, shed roofed, open porch held on the ground floor by four iron posts, and on the first and second floors, by four square, wooden posts, runs along the entire east elevation. The ground floor of the east facade holds a central, rectangular, entrance flanked by picture windows. The original first floor, central entrance has been replaced by an eight-over-eight light window with the present rectangular entrance placed in the north bay of this wall. Its south bay holds a similar eight-over-eight light window.

The second floor holds end bay, rectangular entrances, with a central bay, eight-over-eight light window.

The south elevation of the building has also been altered. Originally it held a first and second floor, rectangular, six-over-six light, window, in its west bay, the first floor of which was decorated with shutters.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

A circular attic window, or bull's eye, was inset into the "A" framed by the gable roof.

Today two narrow, horizontal rectangular, one-over-one light windows are placed on the first floor of this wall and a west bay, one-over-one light, second floor window with an eight-over-eight light, east bay, second floor window punctuating this wall.

Along the west wall of the building was a one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) pull through garage, with a small area on its east side for supplies and fresh produce from the market, with now has been created into a modern family room with fireplace on its west wall. The large garage doors on the south facade now hold an eighteen light bow window, underlined and supported by an arched brick wall. An entrance door on the east side of the bow window is placed close to the same location as an earlier rectangular entrance into the fresh produce storage area.

One story high, shed roof, open porches have been constructed along both the north and south elevations of this original pull-through garage, which has now become a charming addition to a private residence.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	1905	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Old Florence Store at Florence, Howard County, Maryland, is one of the earliest commercial buildings still standing in western Howard County, which was responsible for the creation of Florence as a community.<sup>1</sup> Distinction attaching from age is expanded upon by its original use as a Country Store, for it is, along with the Daisy Trading Post, Pindell's Country Store at Glenwood and Lee's Market in Lisbon, one of the few commercial buildings to serve this area.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, the pattern of adaptive use from commercial to residential over a period of time is significant for two reasons: it reflects a common building practice in the history of the United States,<sup>3</sup> and it mirrors the evolution of this particular community from shortly after the Civil War through the turn of the present century and even to this day.<sup>4</sup>

History and Support

1. J. D. Warfield, a local historian, gives the following history of Florence in which he points out the fact that the community was started as a cross-roads store, this building now in question:

This village was named by Gassaway Watkins Warfield... Though present when it was named, I cannot remember the favorite lady thus honored. Florence was started as a cross-roads store, later becoming a post-office; it is now a business center for a large section of Upper Howard (1905). Hon. Walter M. Black, former delegate to the Legislature, adjoins it on the north and Joshua N. Warfield, of the Democratic Executive Committee and School Commissioner of the County, owns the whole village and adjoins it on the south. Both have converted old fields into productive farms, upon which are commodious houses upon the sites of the progenitor's primitive abodes.

On March 13, 1875 Joshua N. Warfield acquired the property from William R. Warfield. It is generally believed that Joshua Warfield constructed the first country store in this location, which had formerly been used as a blacksmith shop, which stood south of the present building. Joshua Warfield started the store and then rented it out to his brother,

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Marshall T. Warfield. Other managers which followed were Clarence Owings, the Warthen Brothers and Mr. Charles Pickett, whose son was once Register of Wills for Howard County. The store burned down one night some seventy-five years ago and the Warfields rebuilt it, renting it out to John J. Doherty, until, in 1923, he bought the store, continuing to operate it until 1964 when it became the property of Mr. and Mrs. James Rosensteel.

2. The Country Store in the rural area of the United States served, not only the commercial needs of its neighborhood, but its social needs as well. As late as 1964, one could find four of five men sitting around the store, spinning yarns and passing the time of day. Messages might be put up, serving to inform the community of various events or encouraging political support for one or another candidate. The importance of the cohesiveness and genuine neighborhood feeling it generated is not easily accessed in today's world, which encompassed the large shopping malls of the Baltimore-Washington Area. Here everything was on the human scale and one, one room store provided feed, fertilizer, shoes, yardgoods, groceries and fresh produce for a small community, who all knew one another and were often related.

3. A pattern of adaptive use from commercial to residential has been seen in several area of Howard County; on Main Street, Elkridge, where former grocery stores are now fine private residences; in Lisbon, where the shops of blacksmiths and wheelrights are now comfortable homes; to this little country store in Florence, now the home of the owner, with an additional ground floor apartment. This pattern of adaptive use is also seen in both Washington and Baltimore as well.

4. The rise of Joshua Warfield's country store and post office in 1878 mirrored and sought to provide for the needs of the community. By 1905, in the words of J. D. Warfield, it was "now a business center for a large section of upper Howard". The store flourished through the next decades until the 1960's, when there was a general decline and final closing. Today, the area remains much as it was at the turn of the century, but two things may be responsible for its demise: 1) the advent of the automobile with its accessibility to other market areas and 2) the rise of the suburban shopping centers of Westview, Normandy, and the Columbia Mall, with their more sophisticated approach to marketing. Fortunately, this Country Store has been adapted to a new residential use and remains as a landmark for the surrounding neighborhood to enjoy.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Warfield, J. D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard County, Maryland  
Baltimore, 1973.

Interview with Mrs. James J. Rosensteel at her home on May 14, 1980.  
Interview with Mr. Charles Layton, longtime resident of Florence on  
May 22, 1980

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .50 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 13

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 429 Folio 476

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

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITL SEARCH

HO-252 Old Florence Store  
 Prepared by Cleora Thompson, A.I.C.P.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LIBER-FOLIO</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>TRANSACTION</u>
19-12-64	429-476	John J. Doherty	James H. Rosensteel, Dorothy G. Rosensteel	Deed for P/O larger tract, consisting of 51sq perches for \$4,000
22-9-23	118-537	Norman H. Warfield, Clara Warfield	John J. Doherty	Deed for \$10.00 P/O larger tract, 51 square perches of land
13-3-1875	LJW 35-183	William R. Warfield	Joshua N. Warfield	Deed

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: <u>Florence's Country Store</u>					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>West corner of Silcott and Florence Roads</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Florence</u>					
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		COUNTY: <u>Howard</u>			
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>Shopper's home above</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: <u>James H. Rosensteel</u>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>RD 2</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Woodbine</u>			STATE: <u>Md 21797</u>		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>clock of the Circuit Court</u>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Howard County Court House</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Silcott City</u>			STATE: <u>Md.</u>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)  
 Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)  
 Altered  Unaltered

(Check One)  
 Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This old country crossroads store  
 faces east; a bank-building, there  
 are 3 stories on the east, 2 on the west  
 side. T shaped, a wing runs west  
 from the center of the building.  
 3 bays by 2, windows have 8 lights  
 on 8 or 4 over 4.

There is a three-story porch on  
 the front or east of the house sheltering  
 a door to the store-room in the  
 basement, a door on the first floor  
 level, and two doors on the third  
 floor level. The railings are iron.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This old general store has now become an appliance center.

Behind the store is a small barn frame with vertical siding.

A hand pump beside the store is housed in a small frame shingled "house". (Undoubtedly there was a public watering trough here 50 years ago)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

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 RIVA 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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Signature







Florence

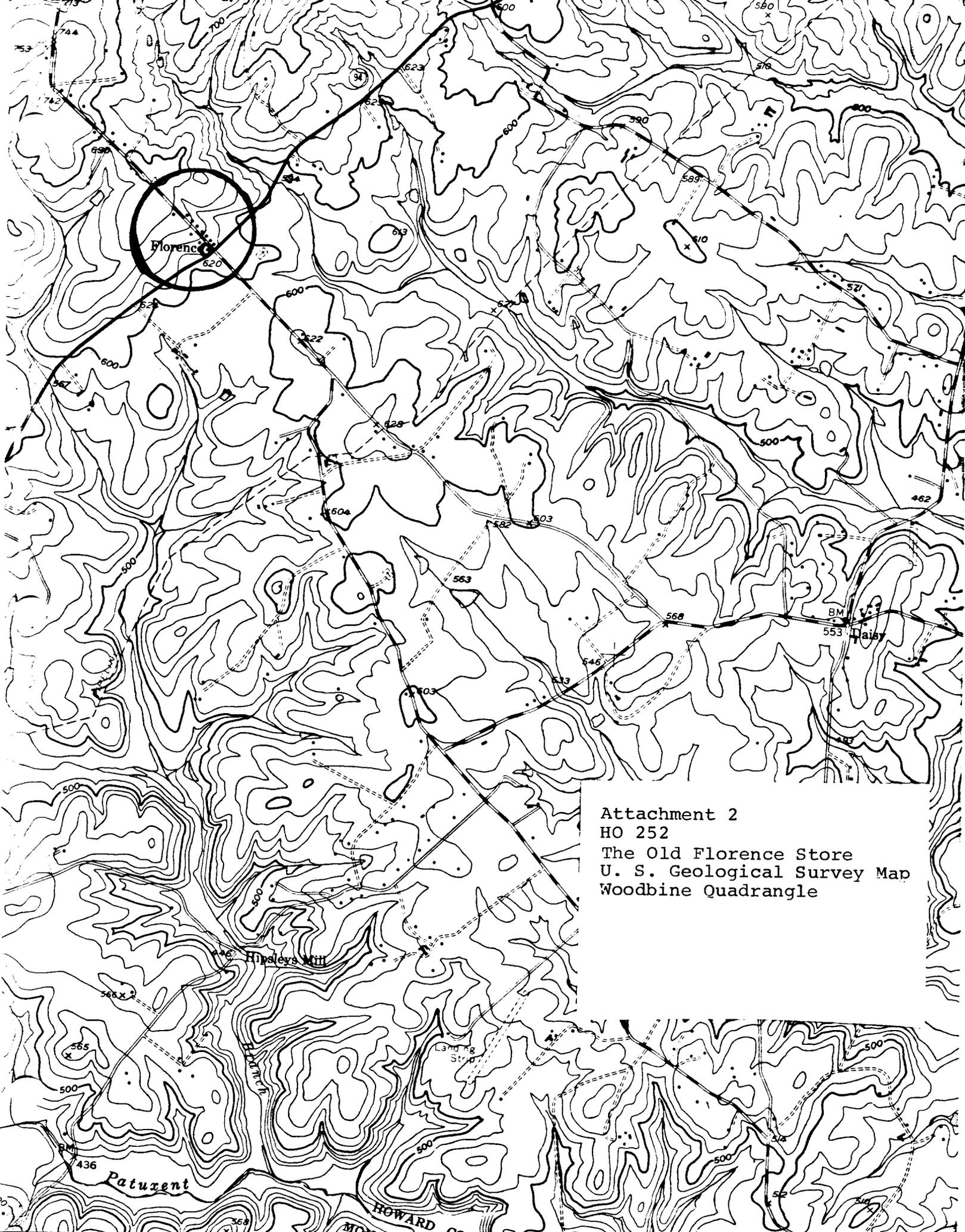
Attachment 2  
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The Old Florence Store  
U. S. Geological Survey Map  
Woodbine Quadrangle

Hipsleys Mill

Patuxent

HOWARD CO

Landing Strip



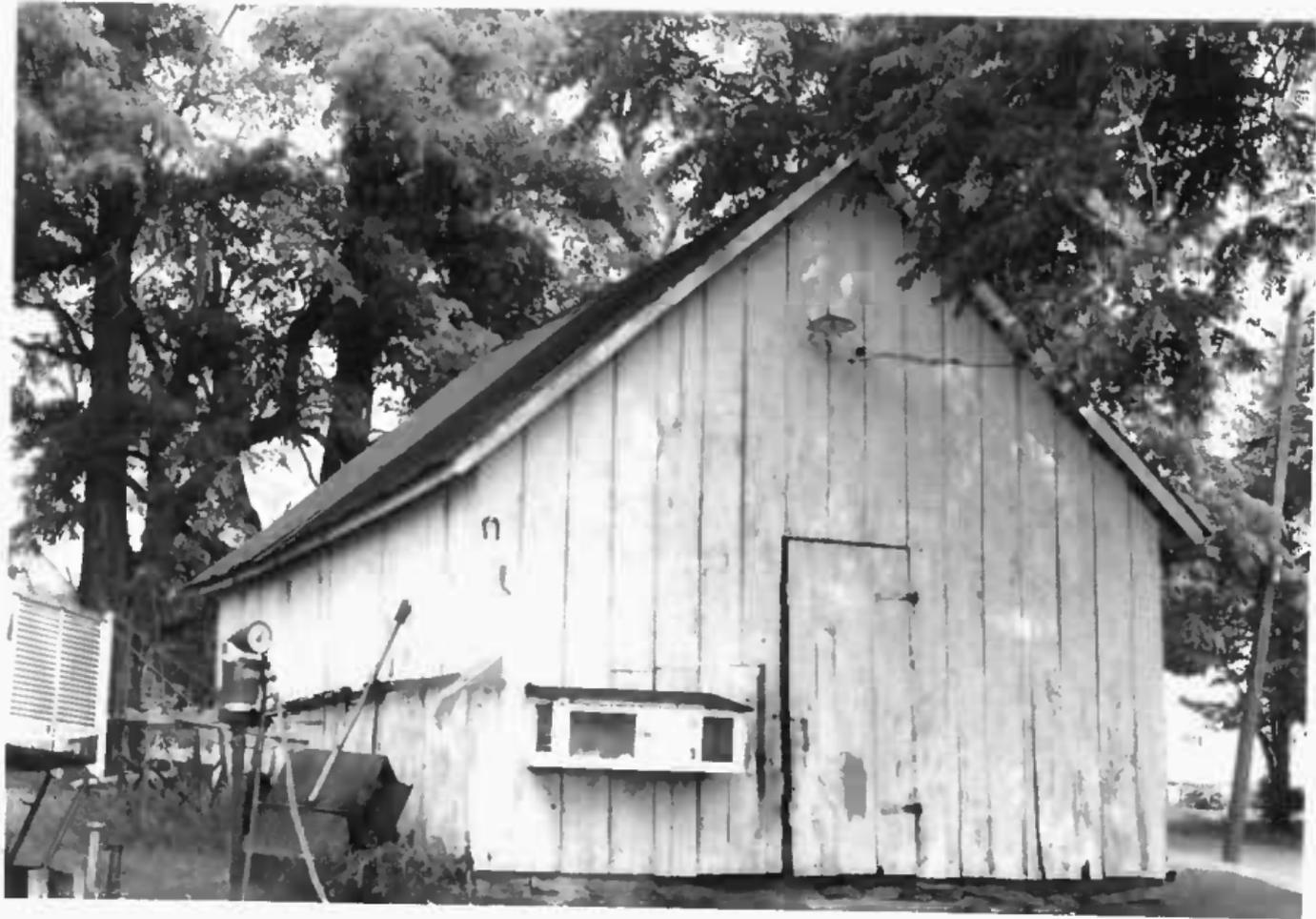


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The Old Florence Store  
Location: 2685 Daisy Road  
Woodbine, Maryland  
Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.  
Date of Photograph: May, 1980  
Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust  
View: West  
Photographer looking: East  
Photograph number: 1 of 1