MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Hursley (Dobbin-Warner House) Inventory Number: HO-446
Address: 6162 Lawyers Hill Road, Elkridge, Maryland 21075
Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Coleman, 6162 Lawyers Hill Road, Elkridge, Maryland 21075
Tax Parcel Number: P.5 Tax Map Number: 32
Project: Lawyers Hill Historic District I-95 NB: Montgomery Rd to I-895, Howard Co., MD Agency: MDOT/S`HA
Site visit by: SHA Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ____
Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Is property located within a historic district? ___ no X yes Name of district Lawyers Hill Historic District
Is district listed? ___ no X yes 1993

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: *(provide name of Report)* Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
Hursley (HO-446) is a contributing element in the Lawyers Hill Historic District listed in 1993. The house was recorded in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Properties in 1977. The current evaluation was undertaken to determine the property's individual eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places as part of a noise barrier analysis.

The house was built ca. 1851. Rebecca Pue Dobbin recorded that this house was built for her brother, William Bose Dobbin, as a wedding present in 1853. William B. Dobbin was recorded in the Howard County tax assessments for the years between 1854 and 1864 as owning acreage with improvements valued at $4500. The 1877 Hopkins Atlas for Howard County depicted F. Donaldson as owner. The Donaldson family owned the property until 1895.

The Lawyers Hill Historic District National Register nomination states that Hursley is a "classic Gothic Cottage with a steeply pitched roof and tri-gabled ell form" and is significant under Criterion C. The 1977 MIHP form states that the house is significant historically (Criterion A) and architecturally (Criterion C). Based on previous documentation, the house appears to possess individual significance under Criterion C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. During the current investigation, access to the property was denied by the owner so that verification of the building's integrity was not undertaken. The house sits at a distance from Lawyers Hill Road and is not visible from the public right-of-way or from neighboring properties. A modern building is currently under construction south of the house on what was formerly the lawn.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine, Historian/Senior Project Manager, R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc., July 2000

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW
Individual Eligibility recommended X **Individual Eligibility not recommended** ____
Criteria: ___**A** ___**B** X**C** ___**D** **Considerations:** ___**A** ___**B** ___**C** ___**D** ___**E** ___**F** ___**G** ___**None**
Comments: Eligible as a Contributing Resource

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date** 8/29/00

Reviewer, NR program **Date** 10/18/00

RESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

I. Geographic Region:

____ Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
____ Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
X Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
_____ Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

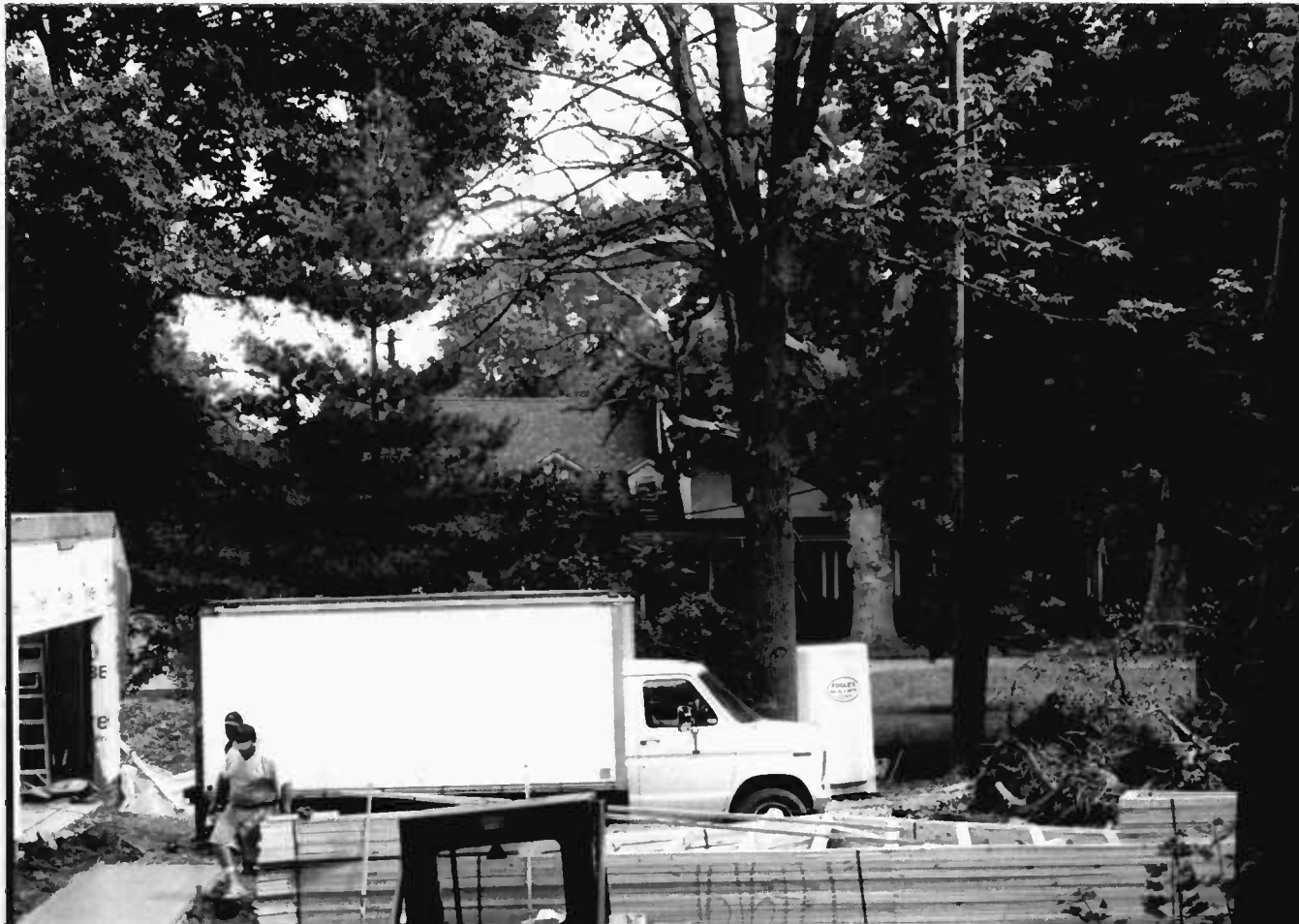
_____ Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
X Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
_____ Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
_____ Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
_____ Unknown Period (___ prehistoric ___ historic)	

III. Historic Period Themes:

_____ Agriculture
X Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
_____ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
_____ Government/Law
_____ Military
_____ Religion
_____ Social/Educational/Cultural
_____ Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building
Historic Environment: Suburb
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic
Known Design Source: Unknown



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Ho-446
Dobbin-Warner House 1871
Elkridge
Private

This lovely old summer home faces south on the north side of Lawyers Hill Road between The Elk Ridge Assembly Rooms (Ho-381) and Lift-the-Latch (Ho-444).

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story, patterned cypress shingled, gabled roof (running east-west) double milled cypress siding house with central corbeled brick chimney. Two "A" shaped dormer windows rest in the roof of the south elevation, holding two-two light casement windows.

The double paneled one-one light entrance is located in the west bay of the south wall, flanked by one vertical light and surmounted by a one light transom.

The first floor holds a four-four light french door on its north, south and east elevations, with two light transoms, surmounted by flat wooden lintels. A flat roofed one story high, open porch, supported by square columns runs along the entire south, east and north elevations of the house, extending southward over the circular driveway to form a porte cochere, supported by five square columns on brick piles. The second floor, three-three light casement windows are decorated with projecting, flat wooden lintels, sills and green shutters.

A one bay wide, three bays deep, two story high north wing forms an L plan and holds a hipped roof bay window with twenty-two-over-one lights.

A furhter one and a half story 1897 addition off the west wall forms a T plan and features two hipped roof, one story high bay windows and three gabled roof dormer windows on its south wall and an additional bay on its west.

Dobbin-Warner Gate House

The Dobbin-Warner gate house is located on the north side of Lawyers Hill Road, one mile east of the intersection of Montgomery Road. It is basically a three bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) cedar shingled structure with central square corbeled brick capped chimney.

Half the roof line of the west side of the house extends downward forming a one and a half story shed roofed section which holds a sun room on the first floor with north and south doors. That on the south is a twenty one light rectangular entrance door flanked by three vertical side lights. That on the north is a 4-4 light french door which leads on to the flat roofed, one story high entry porch which is held by iron posts and has an iron railing.

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MACI # 1404465504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: The Dobbin-Warner House

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 6162 Lawyers Hill Road

CITY, TOWN: Elkridge — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Sixth District

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
X DISTRICT	_PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	_AGRICULTURE	_MUSEUM
_BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	_COMMERCIAL	_PARK
_STRUCTURE	_BOTH	_WORK IN PROGRESS	_EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
_SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	_ENTERTAINMENT	_RELIGIOUS
_OBJECT	_IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	_GOVERNMENT	_SCIENTIFIC
	_BEING CONSIDERED	_YES: UNRESTRICTED	_INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION
		_NO	_MILITARY	_OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Mr. and Mrs Hubert A. Warner — Telephone #: 796-1641

STREET & NUMBER: 6162 Lawyers Hill Road

CITY, TOWN: Elkridge — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21227

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Map 32 p. 55 Hall of Records

Liber #: 247
Folio #: 252

STREET & NUMBER: Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN: Ellicott City

STATE: Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE: 1977

_FEDERAL X 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
_EXCELLENT	_DETERIORATED	_UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	_RUINS	X ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dobbin-Warner house is located on the north side of Lawyers Hill Road, a mile from the intersection of Montgomery Road and Lawyers Hill Road. It sits back off the road, facing south, surrounded by lovely trees and lawn with a circular driveway in front of the house which faces south. It is a two bay wide, two bay deep, two and a halfstory patterned cypress shingled, gabled roof, (running east-west) frame house constructed of double milled cypress siding. A central corbeled brick chimney rises between the two A shaped dormer windows of the south elevation which hold 2-2 light casement windows. A two story high intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) north wing forms an L plan.

The entrance door is located in the west bay of the south wall. It is a double paneled one-one light entrance, flanked by one vertical light and surmounted by a one light transom.

The first floor holds a four-four light french door on its north, south and east elevation with two light transoms, surmounted by flat wooden lintels, and decorated with green shutters. A flat roofed one story high, open porch, supported by square columns runs along the entire south, east and north elevations of the house, extending southward over the driveway to form a porte cochere, supported by five square columns on brick piles. The second floor, 3-3 light casement windows are decorated with projecting, flat wooden lintels and sills and green shutters.

A rectangular attic window rests in the east wall and two 3 light casement attic windows covered by a shed roofed hood on the west wall. The east wall's eave line is decorated with scrolled barge boards.

The two story high north wing is one bay wide and three bays deep with a patterned cypress shingled intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) whose north elevation features a one story high, hipped roof bay window, holding a rectangular double hung window with twenty-one-over-one lights. Above rests a twelve-over-twelve light rectangular second floor window and above a two-over-eight light attic window.

A three bay wide, one bay deep, one and a half story high, patterned cypress shingled, gabled roof (running east-west) extends from the west wall of the main structure. It holds two hipped roof, one story high bay windows holding almost square windows with fourteen-over-one lights. To the east of the bay windows rests a rectangular, double hung window. Three gabled roof dormer windows are placed in the roof line of this elevation, holding rectangular, double-hung windows with twelve-over-one lights.

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The west wall of the sun porch holds a tripartite window, composed of three three-three light casement windows, flanked by narrow three light casement windows. Above is placed a gabled roof dormer holding a tall, rectangular, two-two light casement window. (Two similar dormers rest on the east side) The north wall of this room holds a small, two-two light casement window.

The remainder of the west wall of the main section of the house holds a rectangular entrance and a two-over-two double hung staircase window.

A wooden belt course runs around the building, separating the first and second floors.

A first floor two-two light casement window is placed on the south wall of the house with two similar second floor windows above, decorated with dark brown shutters, a small four light casement window rests on the east side of these windows, while a four light attic window lies above, on both the north and south walls.

A three bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, hipped roof (running north-south) frame eastwing lies partially along the east wall of the gabled roof structure, extending northward.

Its west elevation has a tent roofed effect and is built on a brick foundation which holds two double-hung, rectangular basement windows, holding six-over-six lights, and two larger but similar first floor windows. The second floor windows are two-two light casements with an additional four light casement window to the south. A wide brick chimney with caps rests along the north wall of this section. A two story high, shed roofed kitchen addition built on a brick foundation rests side by side on the north wall of the hipped roof section. It holds a basement and first floor window similar to the others and eight casement north and west windows for the sleeping porch above. Iron steps and railing on the north wall lead to the rectangular kitchen door and an additional staircase leads to the second floor.

This house was used as a gate house for the Dobbin-Warner House which also had other buildings on the property: two tenant houses, a garage, a barn, and stable with four stalls. The latter two were taken by I-95. The owners of this house originally had a coach-in-four as well as numerous servants whom they housed on the property.

Dobbin-Warner Gate House

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The west wall of this addition holds a bay window similar to those on the south wall and a second floor twelve-over-twelve light window with an attic window above holding eight-over-eight lights.

A corner stone on its south face has an inscribed date of March, 1897.

A one story, flat roofed enclosed sun porch lies on the north west corner of the west addition while a two story high sleeping porch extends eastward over the open porch of the northeast corner of the main body of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
_PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	_COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	_RELIGION	
_1400-1499	X ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	_CONSERVATION	_LAW	_SCIENCE	
_1500-1599	_AGRICULTURE	_ECONOMICS	_LITERATURE	_SCULPTURE	
_1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	_EDUCATION	_MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
_1700-1799	_ART	_ENGINEERING	_MUSIC	_THEATER	
X 1800-1899	_COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	_PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION	
_1900-	_COMMUNICATIONS	_INDUSTRY	_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		_INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1871 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dobbin-Warner House is significant historically and architecturally. It belonged to one of the Dobbins and at one time had the house just west of the Elk Ridge Assembly Rooms as a gate house as well as a barn, stable and tenant houses. The stable lies under I-95 which took many of the auxiliary buildings belonging to the summer homes on the hill.

This tract of land was known as Hursley and was located between the lands of Elizabeth H. Dobbin and Dr. George W. Dobbin.

On Dec. 18, 1911 the property passed to Conway S. Hodges. (WWLC 92-205)

It was he who conveyed the deed for 0.06 acres of land to the Elk Ridge Assembly Rooms. At about the some time he platted the property then consisting of some 31.83 acres into several lots.

It was later acquired by the Phelps family who made their summer home here. On April 22, 1943 it was acquired by Chester Grassmuck who held the property for ten years. On August 7, 1953 Mr. Grassmuck sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Warner, the present owners. (247-232)(32-05)

The acreage of the present house is 5.965 acres. After the taking of some of the property for the construction of I-95 and the conveying of still more for a parsonage.

Architecturally it is noteworthy as a fine summer home constructed of double milled cedar siding. Another interesting feature is the use of sand for insulation between the floors. Originally built in an L plan in 1871, it was extended in 1897 westward into a T plan.

This building complex is representative of a way of life which flourished on Lawyers Hill from the mid eighteen hundreds. One owner of this house was noted for his beautiful white horses and coach and four. Card parties, tennis, plays, gatherings all added to the gaiety of the summer social season. The large 12' ceiling rooms were filled with people and sleeping porches were added to accomodate numerous guests.

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Servants lived on the property and helped ease the tasks of the heavy entertaining which went on.

Today the gate house is being renovated by another owner to place on the market and the fine stable is under I-95. Only the main structure stands with the gate house and another Dobbin house west of the gate house. In addition a new brick building just north of the gate house is occupied as a methodist parsonage.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. Hubert A. Warner December 29, 1977

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.96 Acres

Please see attachment 1
Tax Map 32

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Records
Liber: 247, Folio 252.

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

STATE		COUNTY	
	Maryland		Howard
STATE		COUNTY	

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION — DATE
Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

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CITY OR TOWN — STATE
Ellicott City — 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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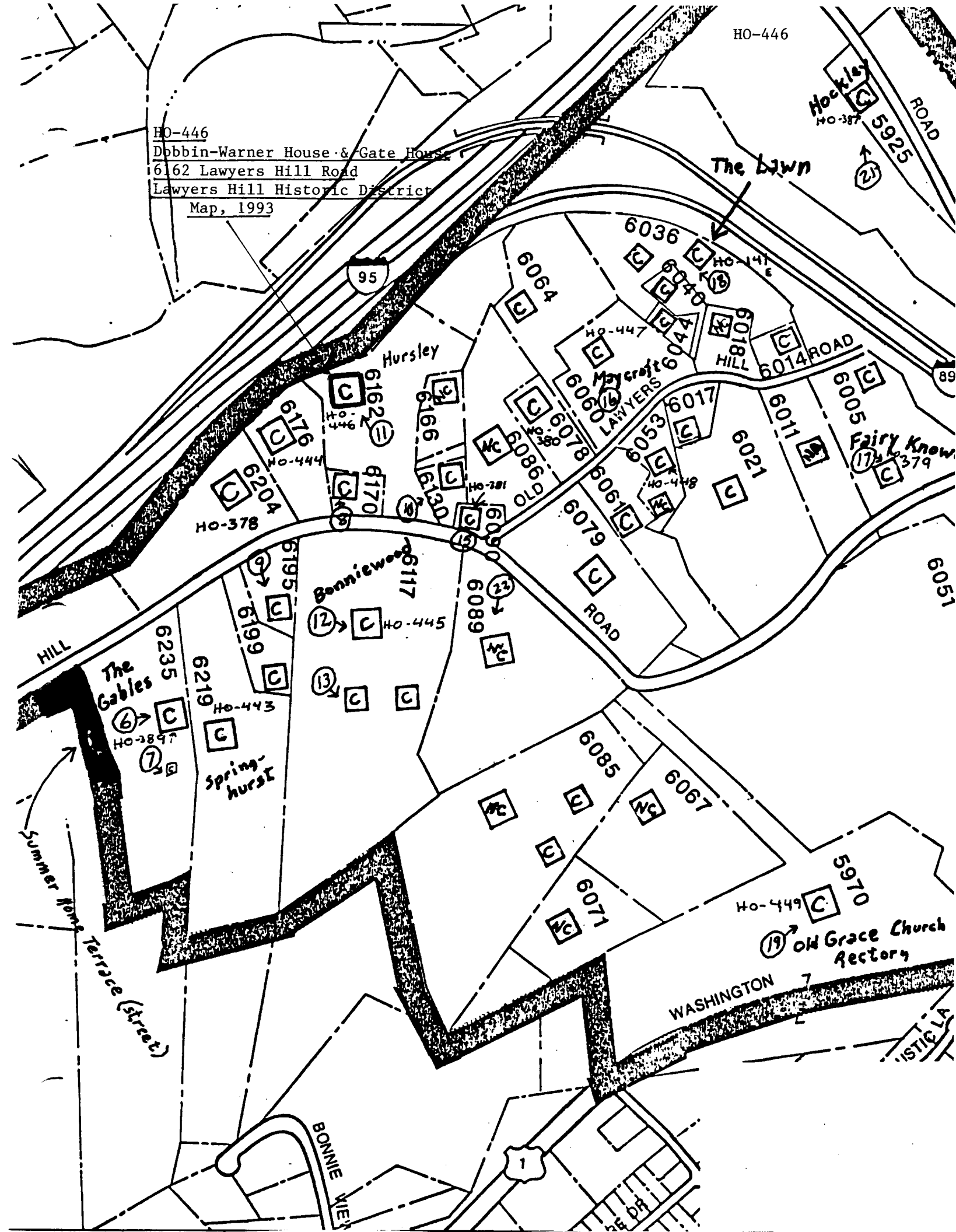
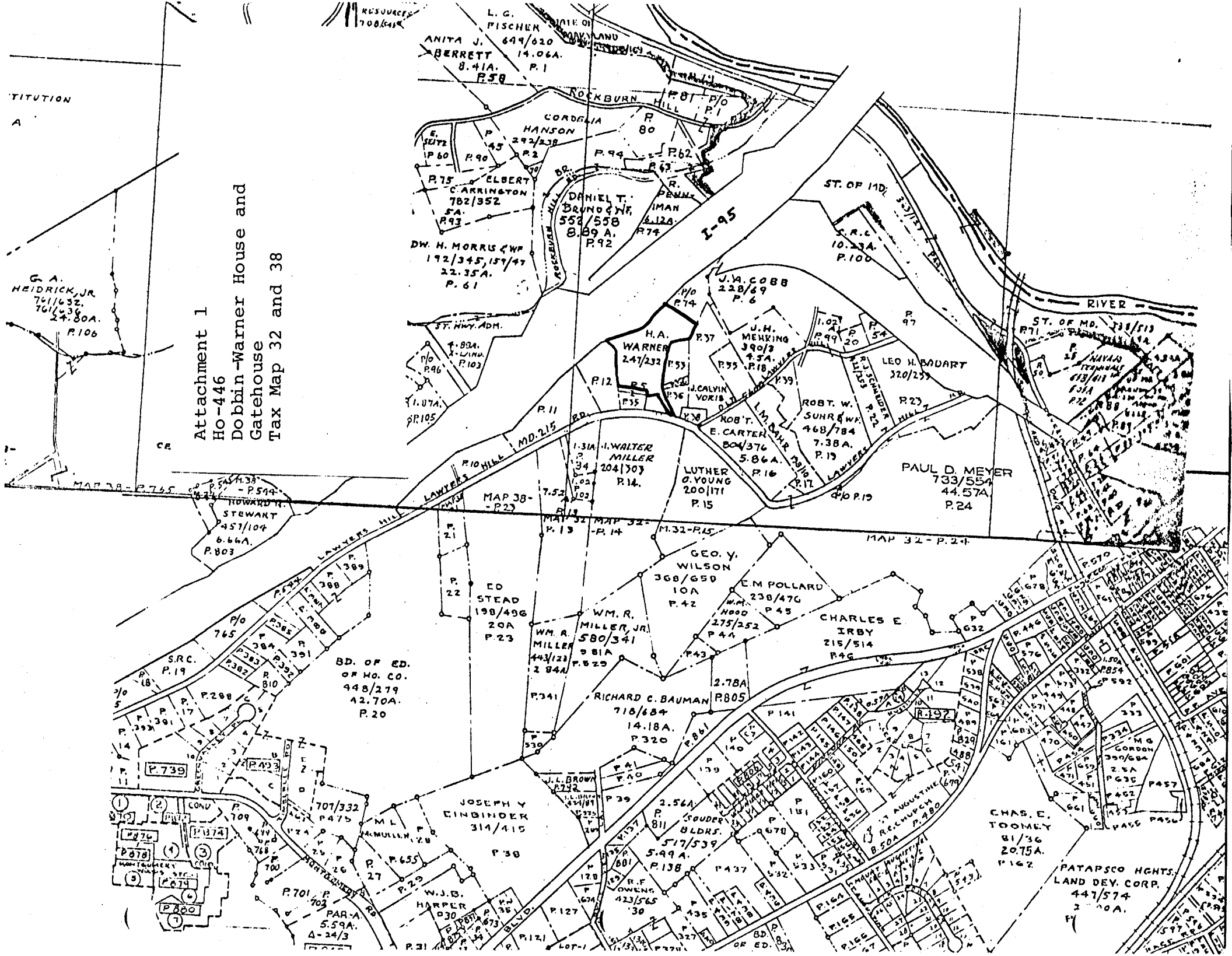
Dobbin-Warner House & Gate House
6162 Lawyers Hill Road
Lawyers Hill Historic District
Map, 1993




Attachment 1
Ho-446
Dobbin-Warner House and
Gatehouse
Tax Map 32 and 38
I-95
ROCKBURN HILL
LAWYERS HILL
MD. 215
RIVER
ST. OF MD.
ST. HWY. ADM.
ANITA J. BERRETT 8.41A. P.58
L. C. FISCHER 649/620 14.06A. P.1
CORDELIA HANSON 292/238
DANIEL T. BRUNO & WF. 552/558 8.89 A. P.92
DW. H. MORRIS & WF 192/345, 159/47 22.35A. P.61
G. A. HEIDRICK, JR 761/632, 761/636 24.80A. P.106
H.A. WARNER 247/232
J.H. MEHRING 390/3 4.5A.
J.A. COBB 228/69 P.6
LEO H. BADART 320/259
ROBT. W. SUHR & WF 468/784 7.38A. P.19
ROB'T. E. CARTER 804/376 5.86A. P.16
LUTHER O. YOUNG 200/171 P.15
I. WALTER MILLER 204/303 P.14.
PAUL D. MEYER 733/554 44.57A. P.24
HOWARD H. STEWART 451/104 6.66A. P.803
ED STEAD 198/496 20A P.23
GEO. Y. WILSON 368/650 10A P.42
E.M POLLARD 238/476
CHARLES E IRBY 215/514 P.46
WM. R. MILLER, JR. 580/341 9.81A
WM. R. MILLER 443/123 2.84A
RICHARD C. BAUMAN 718/684 14.18A. P.320
2.78A P.805
BD. OF ED. OF HO. CO. 448/279 42.70A. P.20
S.R.C. P.19
JOSEPH Y EINBINDER 314/415 P.38
W.J.B. HARPER P.30
PAR-A 5.59A. 4-24/3
2.56A
SOUDER & LDRS. 517/539 5.99A. P.138
R.F OWENS 423/565 30
CHAS. E. TOOMEY 81/36 20.75A. P.162
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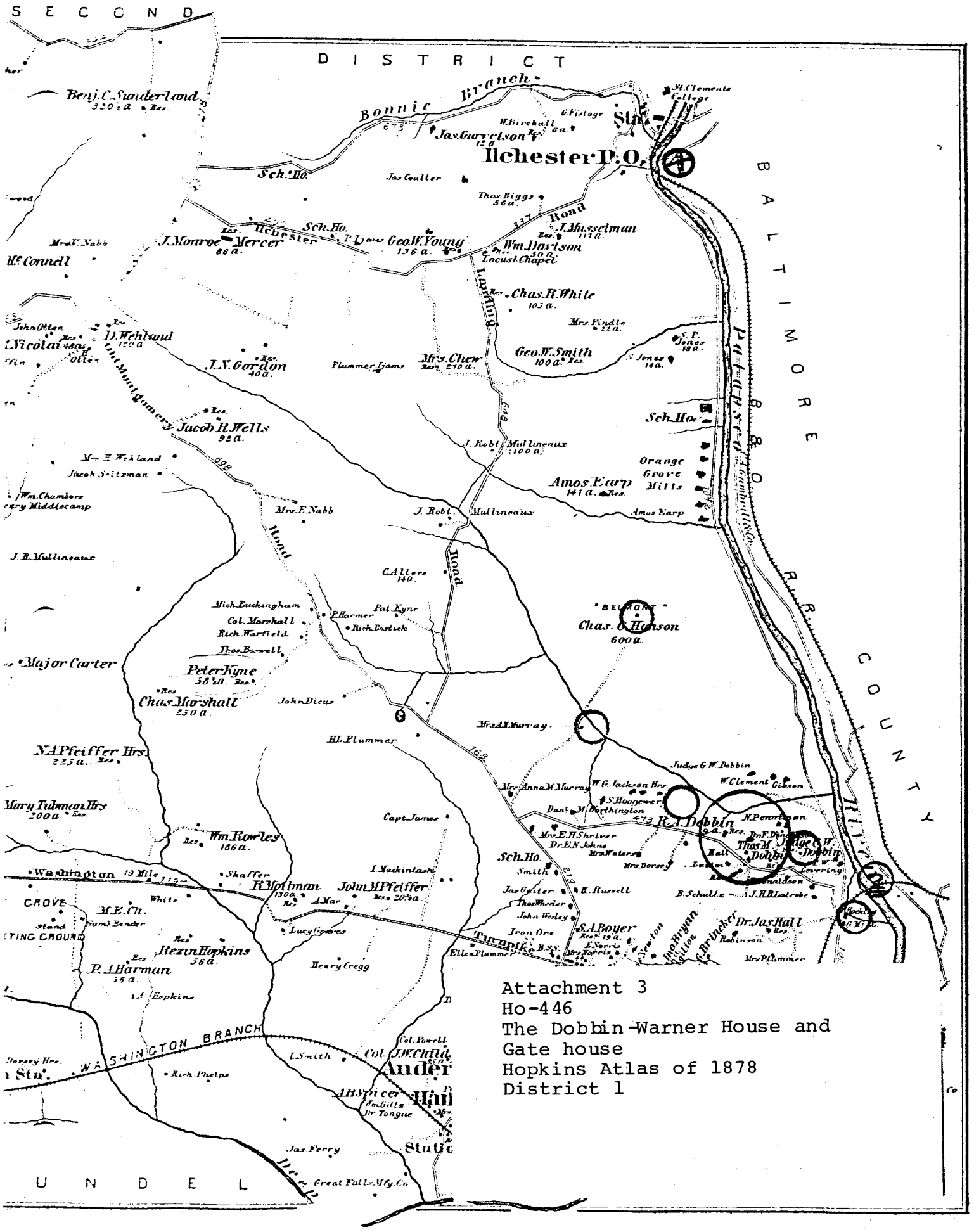
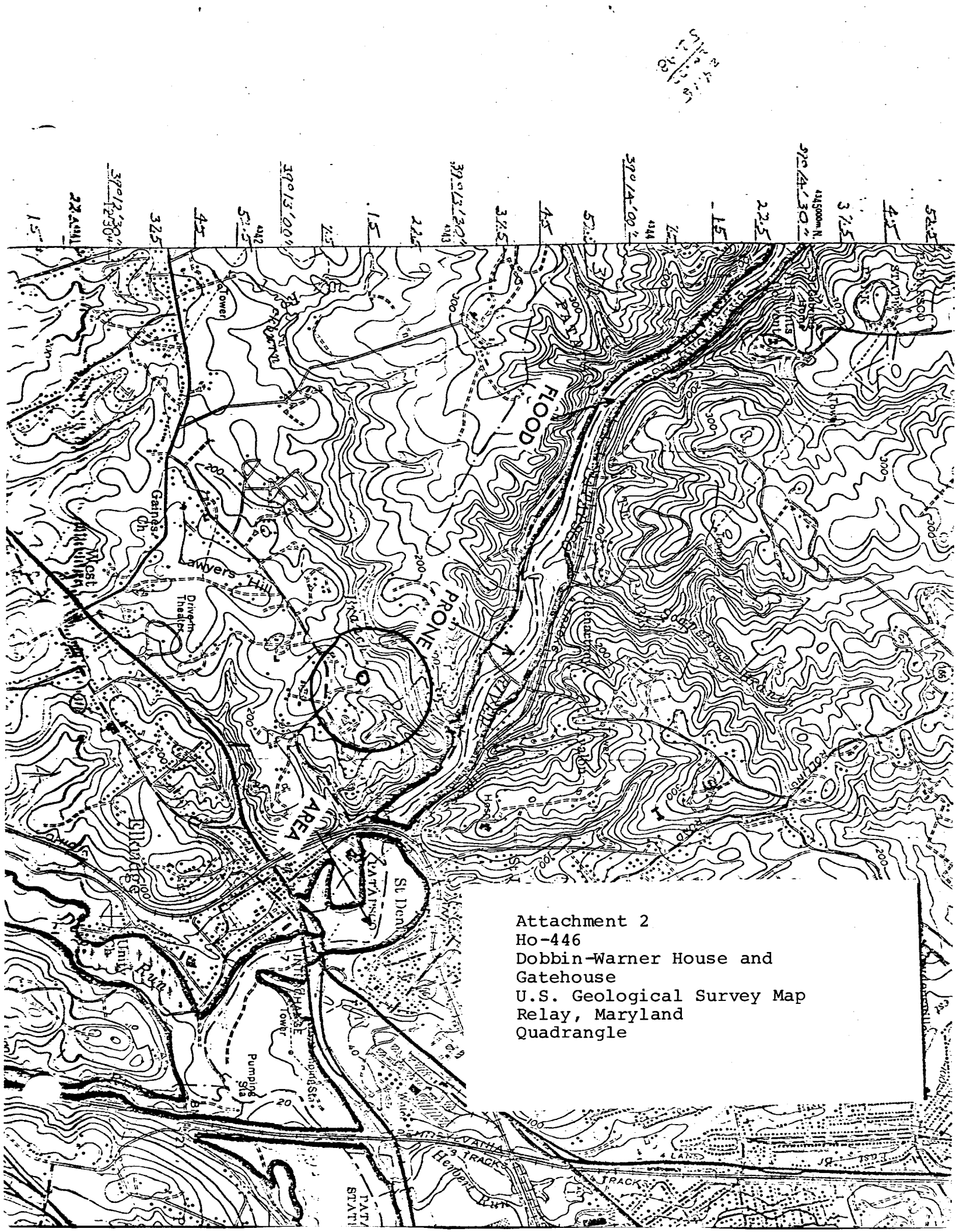


Attachment 3
Ho-446
The Dobbin-Warner House and Gate house
Hopkins Atlas of 1878
District 1



Attachment 2
Ho-446
Dobbin-Warner House and
Gatehouse
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland
Quadrangle

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The Dobbin - Warner Gatehouse
West
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The Dobbin-Warner House
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South
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