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The Zepp Farm & Outbuilding
Clarksville
Private

Circa 1900

The Zepp Farmhouse faces south on the northeast corner of Routes 32 and 108. It is composed of a large barn and outbuildings and unusual square shingled farm house, which features a third floor shingled gable on each elevation, superimposed on a second floor tent roof, giving the impression of a cruciform shape. Each dormer holds a tripartite window encased in pediment styled wooden panels.

Each elevation, though equal in width and variated roof design, differs from the other.

The south facade holds a rectangular entrance in the second east bay, flanked by a rectangular, first floor, double-hung window on the east and two similar first floor windows on the west, all vertically aligned and proportionally sealed to the four similar second floor windows.

The east elevation features an interesting square, stained glass staircase window and rectangular kitchen entrance, while the west elevation holds a first floor bay window in its north bay and a covered rectangular, almost central entrance, with a double rectangular window in its south bay, which is separated and flanked by flat pilasters.

The north wall features a shed roofed, two story high, projecting bay, which holds the batten wood basement door. A hipped roof, one story high, open porch, completes the building, running around its northeast corner, with a notable sliding door on the north offering protection from the northwest winds.

Owned by the Zepp family of Howard County, it is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Earle Johnston, who plan to subdivide part of the existing farm.

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District 5

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST MAGI # 1404705635

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: The Zepp Farm and Outbuildings

AND/OR COMMON: The Zepp-Johnston Farm and Outbuildings

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Route 108, Clarksville Pike

CITY, TOWN: Clarksville ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
X DISTRICT	___ PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	XX 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. Earle Johnston Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: Route 108

CITY, TOWN: Clarksville ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: MD 21029

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Tax Map 34, p. 365 Hall of Records

Liber #: 291
Folio #: 406

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 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	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Zepp Farm complex faces south on the northeast corner of Route #32 and #108. It is a four bay wide, two room deep, square, two story high, tent roofed structure on which a cruciform third floor, composed of a gabled roof dormer window on each elevation has been superimposed.

The dormers on each elevation, except the north, hold tripartite windows which are inset into pediment styled wooden panels. Each section of the tripartite window is rectangular and double-hung, holding one-over-one lights, with its central window taller in height.

Though totally square and featuring a roof line which is variated but identical on each elevation, the building is otherwise asymmetrical.

The south facade is very regular in treatment, holding a rectangular entrance door in the second east bay, flanked by a rectangular first floor, double-hung window on the east and two similar first floor windows on the west, all vertically aligned and proportionally sealed to the four similar second floor windows.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__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
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		Local History

SPECIFIC DATES 1900 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fine, well executed example of the shingle style in American Domestic Architecture of the early twentieth century is significant architecturally and histrocially.

Architecturally, it has a symmetry which forms the basic structure of this square, tent roofed structure on which is superimposed a cruciform attic roof line, created by a gabled roof dormer window being placed in the center of each elevation. Upon this very symmetrical building is placed at each elevation a variety of stylistic detail. On the south elevation we find the rectangular entrance door placed asymmetrically in the second east bay with two windows on the west and one on the east.

The west elevation, too, is asymmetrical with a central entrance placed between an oriele window in the north bay and a double window in the south bay, above which are second floor windows.

The fish-scaled shingled dormers are noteworthy, holding tripartite windows, composed of a tall central, one-over-one light double-hung window, flanked by a similar window, all of which is incased withn a pediment styled molding. This occurs on all but the north elevation.

Historically, it is associated with the Zepp family of Clarksville, who acquired the property from Catherine Hobbs et al. On January 2, 1900, Covington B. and Carrie Zepp conveyed the property to James Bradle Zepp (JHO 71-466). The present house was probably constructed around this time. On January 16, 1935, James B. Zepp conveyed the farm to George Watton Isennock (150-551). It is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Earle Johnston, who are planning to subdivide a section of the farm, maintaining the house as their private residence. The alternate #6 plan for the widening and realignment of Route 108 runs just north of the Zepp Farm and outbuildings and appears to take the tree cover which would afford a natural barrier to the property. The barn and outbuildings are well placed in relation to the house, creating a corridor with path leading to the barn which acts as a focal point. This very pleasing complex could be utilized for housing when the need for agricultural use fades. It is hoped that this interesting grouping will remain and its integrity be insured by careful planning by the Highway Administration in its improvement of Route 108.

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For these reasons it is recommended that the Zepp Farm and outbuildings be placed on the National Register and State Critical Areas Program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Earle Johnston, June 22, 1978
Howard County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 94.21 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 34

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records Liber 291, folio 406.

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

STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Howard

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE

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

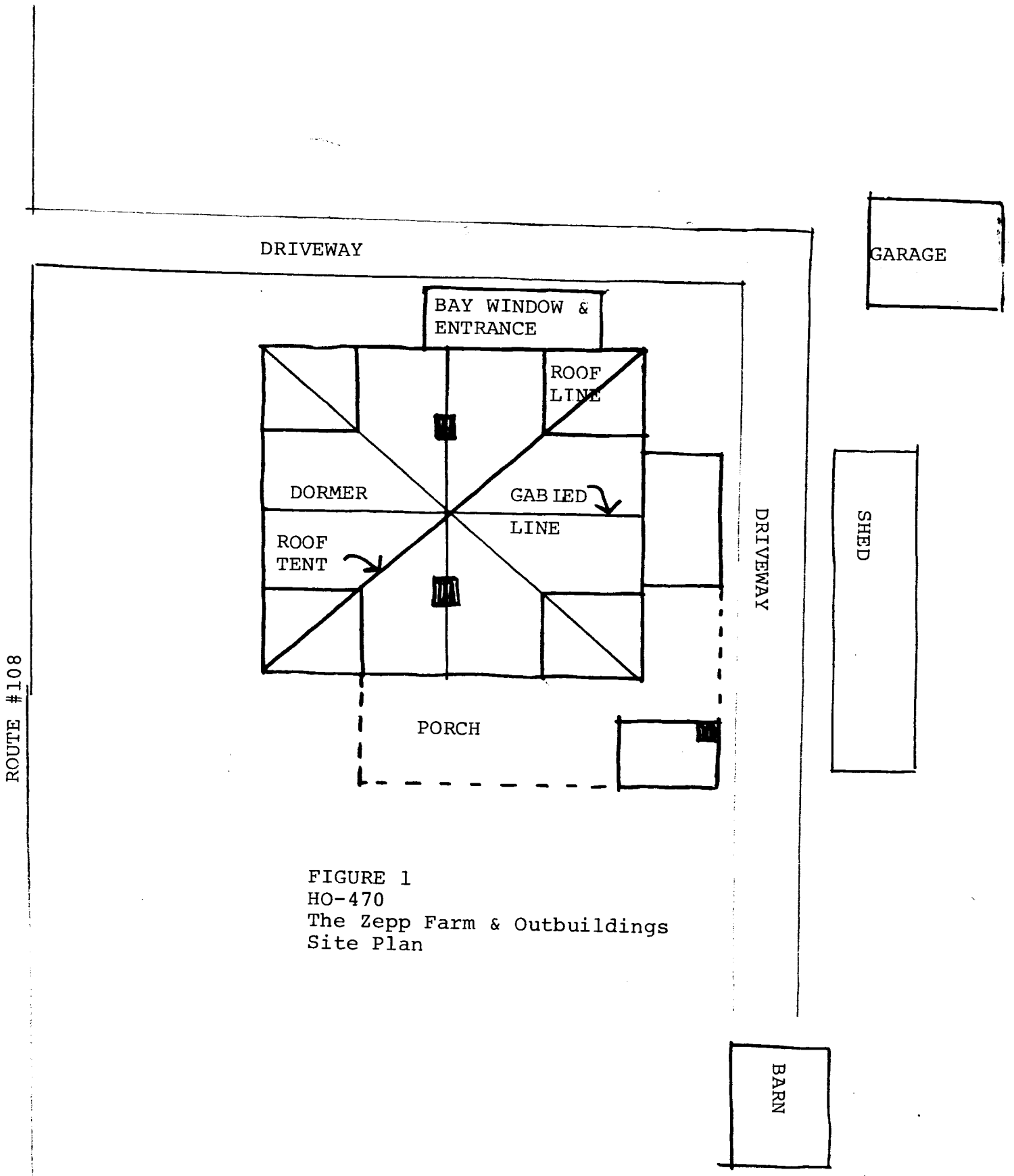

FIGURE 1
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The Zepp Farm & Outbuildings
Site Plan

Attachment 1
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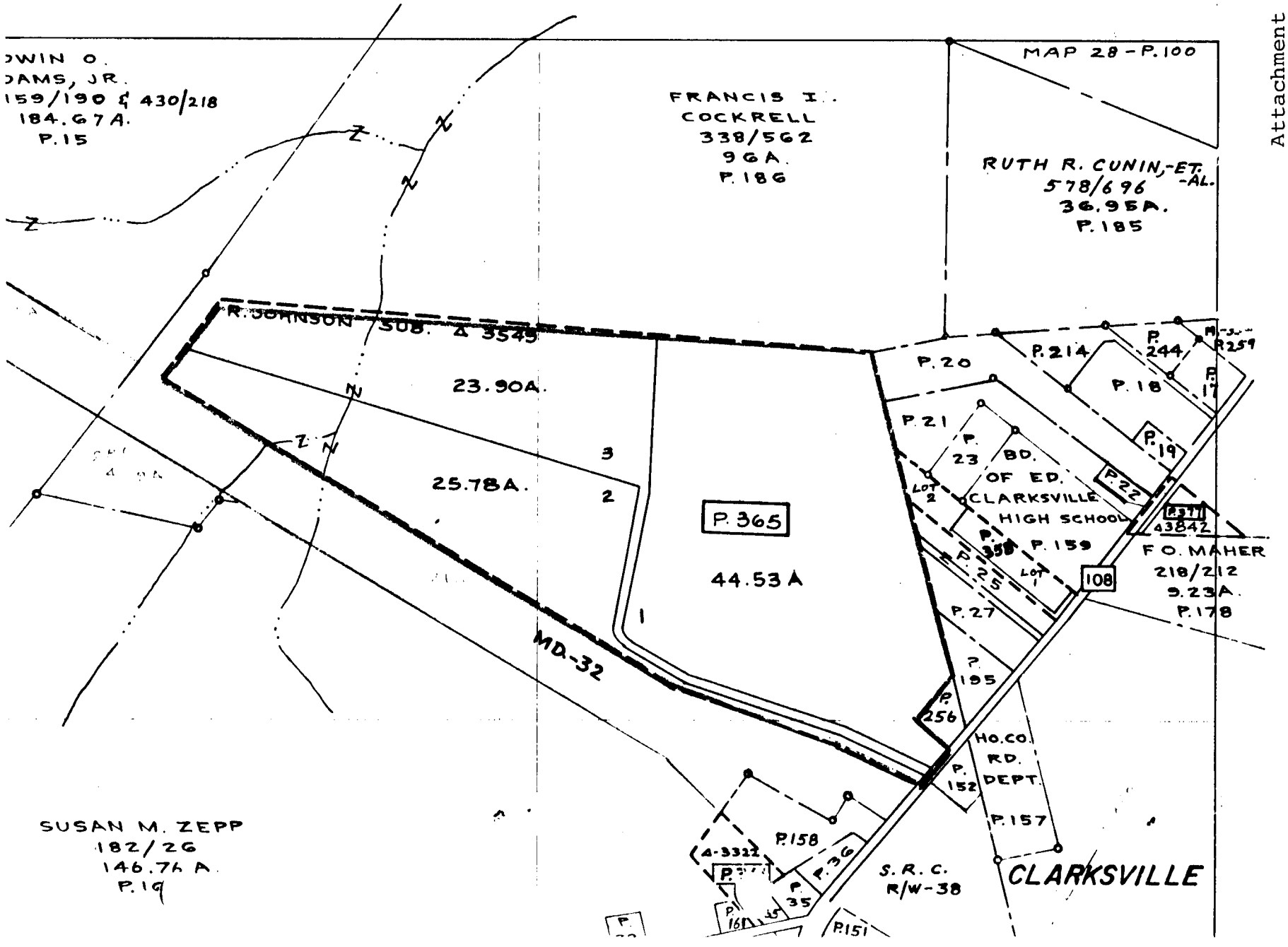
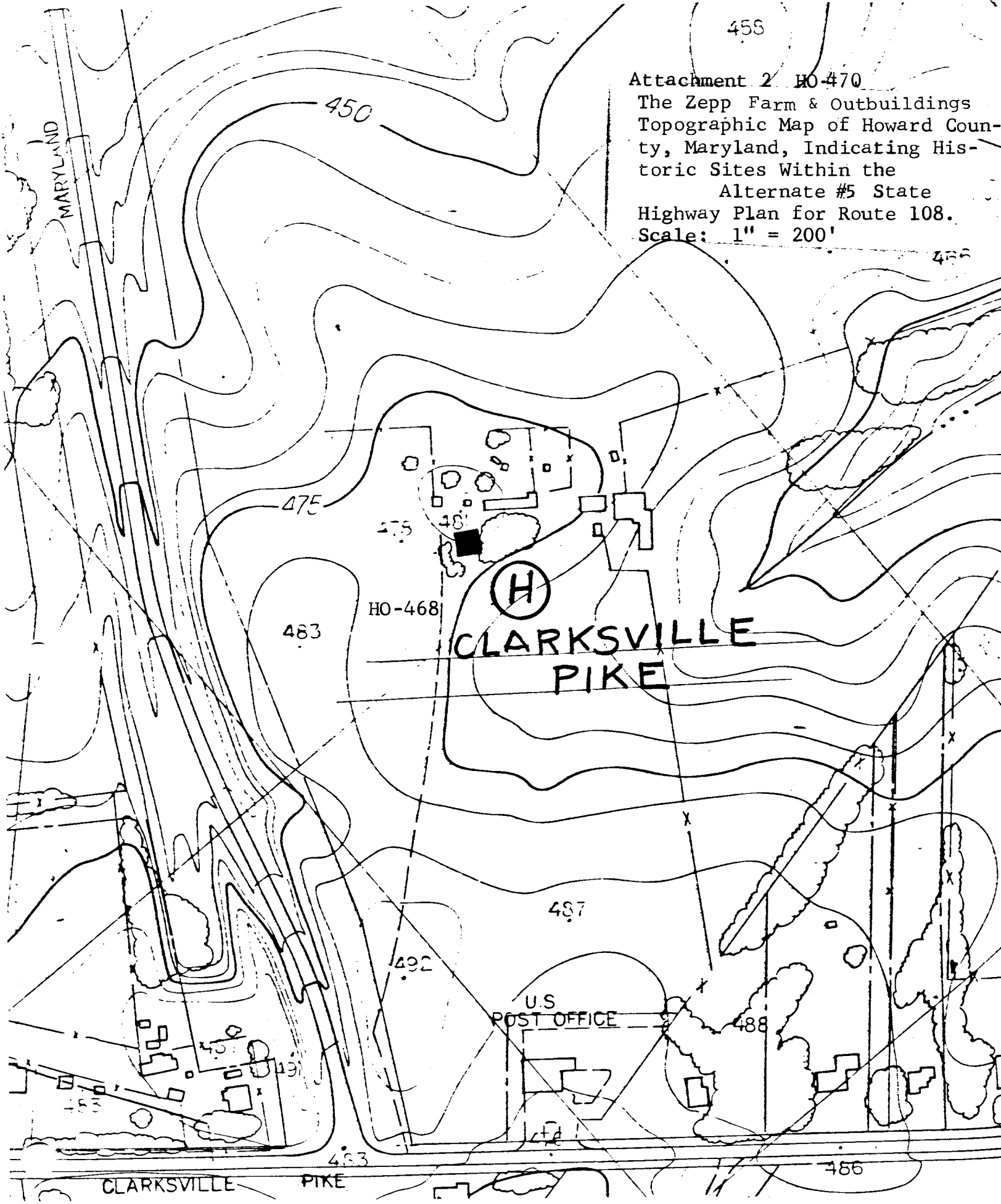
Tax Map 34



Attachment 2 HO-470
The Zepp Farm & Outbuildings
Topographic Map of Howard County, Maryland, Indicating Historic Sites Within the Alternate #5 State Highway Plan for Route 108.
Scale: 1" = 200'



Attachment 3
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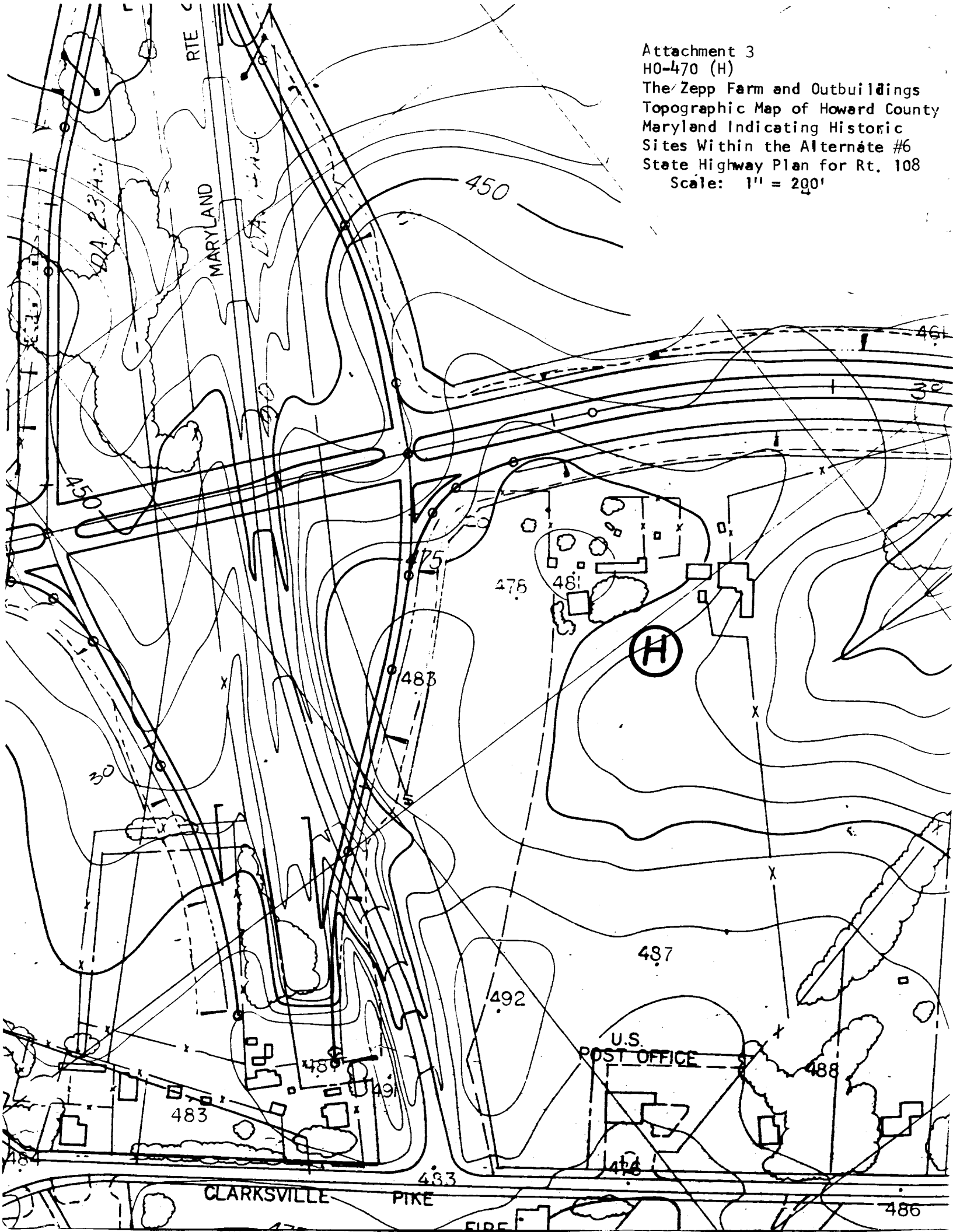
The Zepp Farm and Outbuildings
Topographic Map of Howard County
Maryland Indicating Historic
Sites Within the Alternate #6
State Highway Plan for Rt. 108
Scale: 1" = 200'



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