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THE HOBBS FARM
Clarksville
Private

Circa 1832

The Hobbs farm faces south on the northeast corner of Route 108 and Sheppard Lane.

It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west), log house with wide brick chimney located on its east wall, to which has been added numerous additions on its east and north elevations.

The most prominant is a two story high, one bay wide, two bay deep, intersecting gable roof (running north-south), dining room addition, whose south elevation features a gothic cut, one-over-one light attic window.

Numerous outbuildings lie east and north of the house, comprising two barns, a gabled roof spring house, chicken coops and corn crib.

Originally a part of Doughoregan Manor, it was acquired in the late nineteenth century by the Hobbs family who made numerous additions to this fine log structure.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
The Hobbs Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
12058 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	X 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. & Mrs. Conrad J. Langenfelder, Jr.

Telephone #: 988-9378

STREET & NUMBER
11904 Clarksville Pike

CITY, TOWN
Clarksville

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21234

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Tax Map 29, p.39.
Hall of Records

Liber #: 499
Folio #: 731

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
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hobbs Farm is located on the north-east corner of Route 108 and Sheppard Lane, two tenths of a mile east of Sheppard Lane. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) log house with wide brick chimney located in its east wall. A one story high kitchen-dining room wing was originally constructed on the east wall of the house. This was enlarged by Mr. Hobbs during his long tenure as owner of the farm, sometime in the early twentieth century. The room was enlarged northward and a second floor added, comprising a large bedroom in the south and a smaller bedroom north, all covered by an interesting gable roof (running north-south). Its south facade features a double first floor, rectangular window which replaces the original door to this section of the house. The double window holding two one-over-one lights. A single six-over-six light window is located on the second floor and a gothic cut one-over-one light window in the attic. The north elevation features a single first and second floor, rectangular, double-hung window holding six-over-six lights.

The east elevation is an interesting one for it indicates the original one story high, log kitchen in the south bay, covered with shiplap frame siding, holding a rectangular entrance. The shingled addition northward is very clearly discernable by its different siding. This is true of the second floor of this entire section which is also covered by shingles. A one story high, hipped roof, open porch runs along the southern half of the east elevation and along the entire south elevation, held by eight square posts decorated and supported by scrolled brackets. Four wide cement steps on the east side of the porche's south elevation lead to the porch and the south entrance, located in the second west bay of the original log house. Alterations were made in this house. New floors were installed as well as woodwork during the tenure of the Hobbs family.

The downstairs of the three bay wide log house is a spacious living room with no partitions. A large double window, each component a rectangular, double-hung window, holding one-over-one lights is placed in the west wall, and another such window located in the west bay of the south wall. A single one-over-one light, first floor window rests east of the south entrance. Three second floor six-over-six light windows, decorated with shutters, rest above. The second floor above the porch roof line of the log house has been shingled.

The interior of the log house features door and window frames of fluted pilasters and lintels with squares decorating each side of the frame. A staircase is located in the north west corner of the first floor, leading to the second floor hall and its two bedrooms over this section of the house.

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Hobbs Farm - Description (Continued)

One further north addition was made along the east half of the north elevation of the log house circa 1960. It was the addition of a 2nd floor to the one bay deep, flat roofed shingled addition, featuring two first and second floor, six-over six light north windows, and a second floor west window. This section holds a first floor kitchen with bath and small bedroom above.

A one story high, shed roofed, open porch runs along the remainder of the north wall of the log house. That half closest to the kitchen is shingled and is used as a pantry, while the remainder is an enclosed vestibule with a four light west door. Almost all these renovations were made circa 1898 by Mr. and Mrs.Hobbs who bought the farm from the Carroll family.

The Hobbs family literally raised the roof of the east dining room section of the house, and installed the small dining room staircase located on the south side of the huge fireplace, which was formerly a cupboard.

New flooring was installed throughout the house. During these renovations carried on by the Hobbs family, a soap stone was found with the date 1832, believed to be the date of the construction of the house.

Various outbuildings surround the house almost all of which were constructed by Mr. Hobbs. They include two barns north of the house, a corn crib and chicken coops east of the house, and a gabled roof spring house between.

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	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1832 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hobbs Farm is significant architecturaly and historically.

Architecturally it is a fine example of an old log tenant house of the early nineteenth century, while historically it was once a part of the Carroll holdings of Doughoregan Manor. The house featured two fireplaces, one of which was so large it was bricked up and made smaller. Under the tenure of the Hobbs family who acquired the property from the Carrolls in the late nineteenth century, the house was entirely remodeled . The huge back porch was enclosed for use as a kitchen and the one and a half story high wing on the east side of the large brick chimney extended north and heightened to a full two stories. Woodwork and floors throughout the house were installed at about this same time, the turn of the twentieth century.

The farm passed from father to son and was finally sold to Mr. Langenfelder, who owns the adjoining farm, and presently rents the old home.

Not only the house is significant but its numerous outbuildings are also noteworthy. They include an old meat house, a carriage house, a granary and corn crib, spring house, chicken coops and barn.

Architecturally it is the scale of these simple log buildings which is so outstanding. They exude a peculiar charm over those who ascend the narrow staircases and walk through the low ceiling rooms to find a surprising corner here, or a small paned window there.

The gardens, as well as the outbuildings and general architectural scale enhance the house, featuring large box wood as well as informally set garden plots.

The Hobbs Farm should be considered for inclusion to the National Register as significant historically as a tenant house on part of the extensive holdings of the Carroll family of Doughoregan Manor, and architecturally noteworthy as an 1832 two story high log house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with L.W.Hobbs, former resident of Hobbs farm.
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Long, present occupants.
Howard County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 116.25

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 29.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 499, folio 731

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

STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Howard

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

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CITY OR TOWN
Ellicott City

STATE
Maryland

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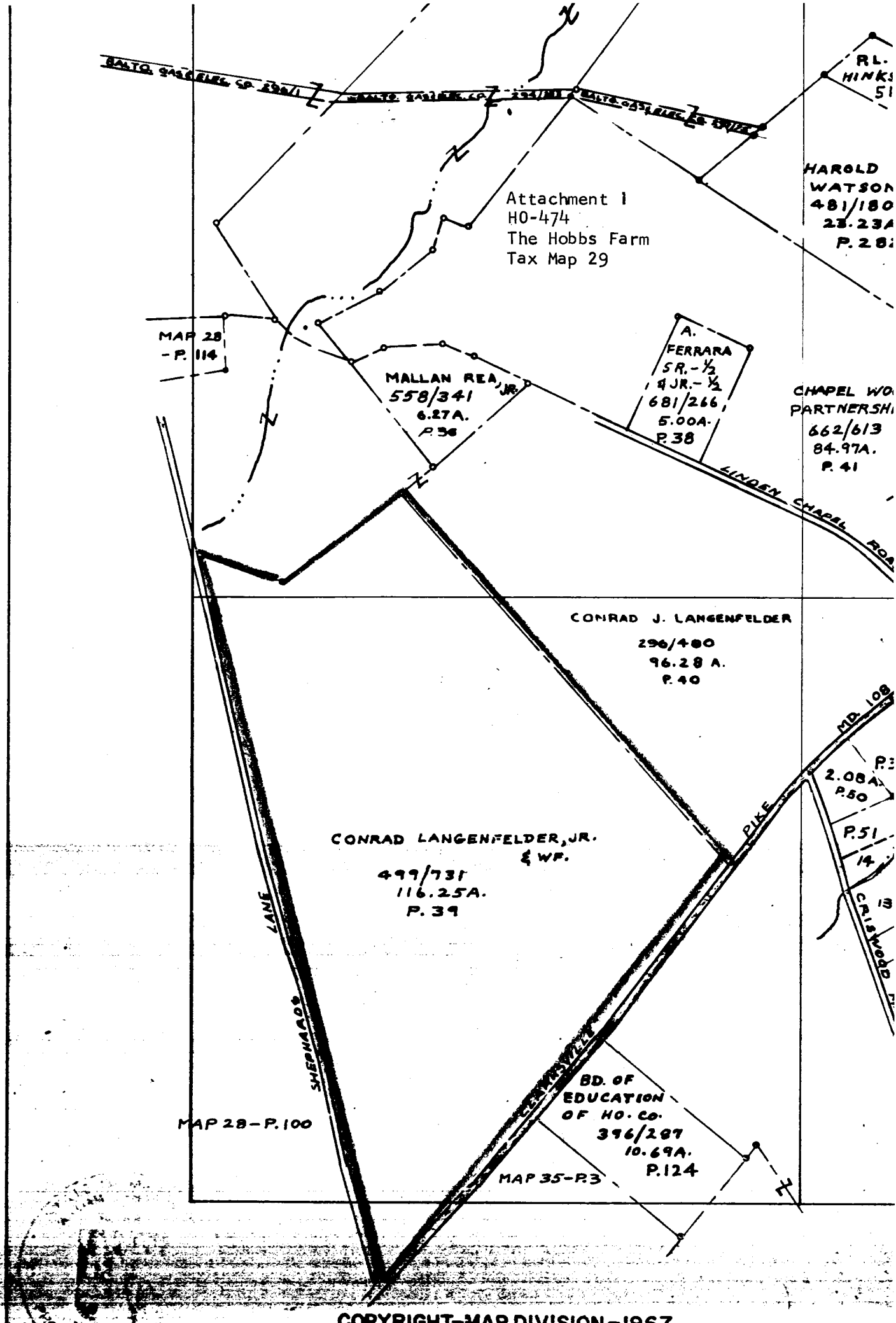

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Attachment 2
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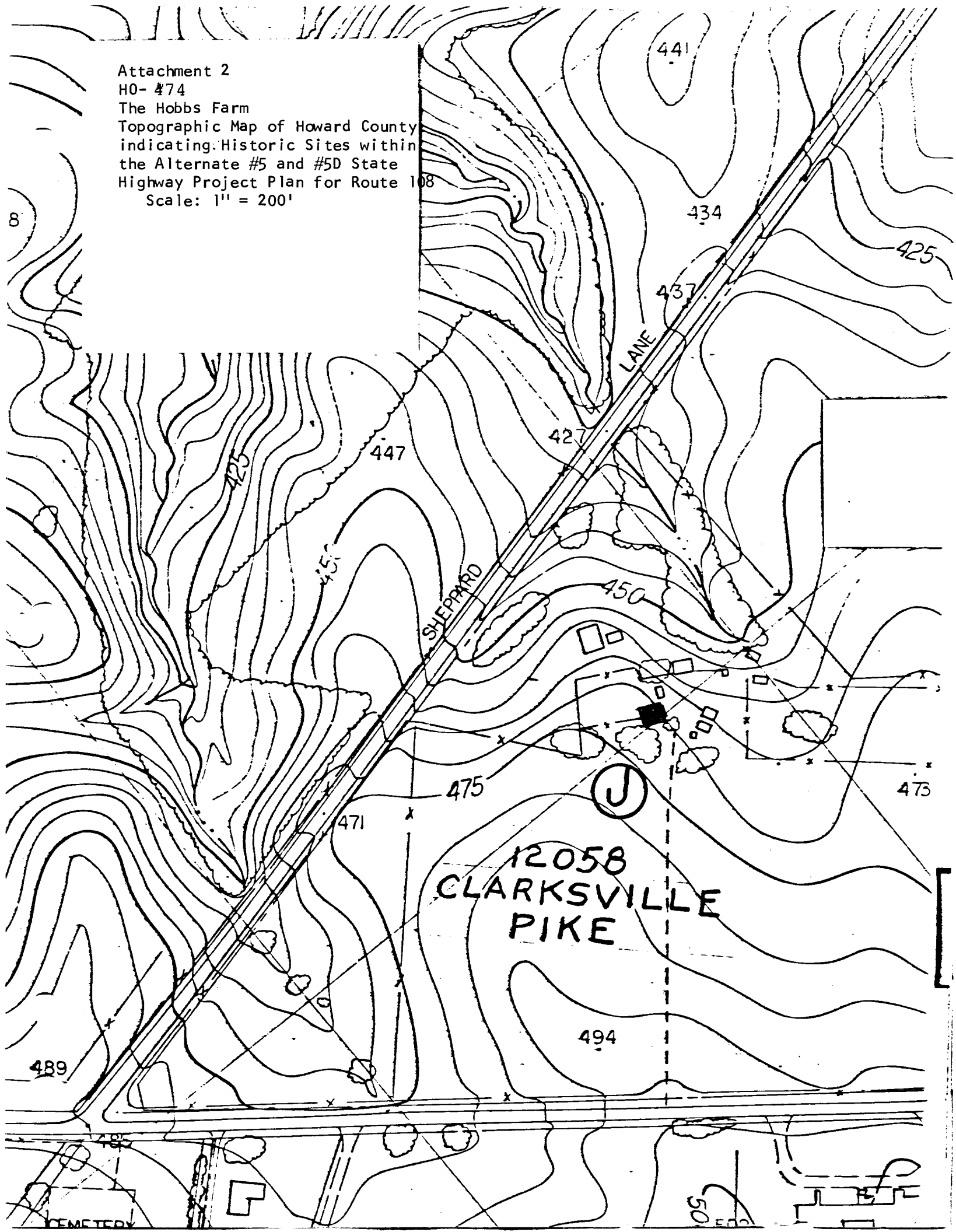
The Hobbs Farm
Topographic Map of Howard County
indicating Historic Sites within
the Alternate #5 and #5D State
Highway Project Plan for Route 108
Scale: 1" = 200'



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