

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Woodlawn

and/or common Woodlawn

2. Location

street & number 9254 Old Annapolis Road, N/A not for publication

city, town Columbia vicinity vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Howard code 027

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Leventhal

street & number 9254 Old Annapolis Road

city, town Columbia N/A vicinity of state Maryland 21044

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland 21043

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sites Survey

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21043

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Woodlawn is a two story, stuccoed stone house constructed in the mid-nineteenth century, whose design reflects the transition between the Greek Revival and Italianate styles. The house is three bays wide by two bays deep, and has a shallow-pitched, metal-clad hip roof. The central bay of the principal (north) facade projects slightly and is capped with a shallow cross-gable; the entrance is located in this bay, and features double doors surmounted by a transom and flanked by sidelights, sheltered by a one-story, hip-roofed portico supported on chamfered posts with scrollwork brackets. French doors are found in the outlying bays of the first story. On the second story, a double 4/4 window occupies the central bay, with 6/6 sash on either side. All windows have louvered shutters and modillioned cornices which duplicate the design of the building cornice. One-story, hip-roofed porches span the east and west facades; these, like the entrance portico, have chamfered posts and modillioned cornices. Two brick central chimneys pierce the roof; a frame one-story three-bay, gabled ell extends to the rear of the house. The building has a center-hall plan, and retains significant interior detail including door and window architraves with corner blocks, and a simple but well-proportioned stair typical of finer mid-19th-century dwellings in rural Maryland. The first-floor rooms feature deep crown moldings, plaster ceiling medallions, and carved marble mantelpieces.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Woodlawn faces north on the east side of Route 108, one mile south of its intersection with Route 29. Woodlawn is a mid-nineteenth century transitional Greek Revival-Italianate building. The house is located on a five-acre tract of land, which was once part of a working farm of some 200 acres, but which now comprises the Oakland Ridge Industrial Park. An entrance road into the industrial park lies just south of the Columbia Bank and Trust Company on Route 108. Before entering Bendix Corporation a road turns south into the five acre tract. The house stands on a gentle knoll surrounded by mature trees and shrubbery. It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, hip-roofed stone (covered with stucco) structure with two wide, central, brick chimneys, and a cross-gable above a central projecting entrance bay. Fenestration is rectangular, proportionally scaled, and decorated with brown shutters, flat stone sills and wooden cornices, supported by rows of four brackets.

The central projecting entrance bay of the south wall features an intersecting gabled roof and holds a wide, rectangular, double entrance door, with large one-over-one lights, surmounted by a two-light transom and flanked by four-pane verticle side lights. The door knobs are silver-plated brass. A hip-roofed portico, whose cornice is decorated with a row of modillions, rests on chamfered posts decorated with scrolled brackets. An entrance lantern hangs from the center of the portico's ceiling.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A wide double second-floor window rests above this north entrance. It consists of two double-hung windows, lying side by side, with four-over-four lights. The flanking double-hung second-floor windows hold six-over-six lights. Three similar second-floor windows are located in the east wall, two punctuate the west wall, and two are on the south wall of the square, hip-roofed main building block. French doors with three-over-three lights replace first floor windows. They are surmounted by two-light transoms and are vertically aligned and proportionally scaled to the second floor windows. A cellar door is located under the french door in the east bay of the south wall.

The east elevation holds three french doors, similar to those described, and three similar second floor windows, while the west elevation is similar but has only two bays. Hip-roofed, one story high porches lie on the east and west walls of the main building block and have cornices, decorated with a row of modillions, resting on chamfered posts. The east porch is screened in with a central bay entrance; while the west porch remains open, running along the entire west elevation of the main stone building block, as well as along the north bay of the frame service wing. An exterior, square brick chimney lies along the east bay of the south wall.

This service wing is believed to be a later addition, replacing an earlier separate kitchen. It is three bays wide by two bays deep, and extends southward from the south wall of the main stone structure. Its east and west walls are similar, holding three first floor, rectangular, double-hung windows with six-over-six lights, while the three second floor casement windows, holding two-over-two lights, rest above. A west entrance on the north bay replaces a first floor window, while an additional entrance is located in the east bay of the south wall. A one story high, frame west bay addition holds a bathroom for the service area.

The interior plan of Woodlawn's main building block features a central hall and staircase with public rooms (dining room, butler's pantry, and double parlor) arranged on either side. The hall, which is of a larger scale than that generally found in Howard County, featuring a fourteen foot high ceiling, takes up one third of the total floor space of the building and was evidently used as an additional public room.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The approximately five acre parcel included in this nomination encompasses the house, outbuildings, and their historic rural setting. The complex is surrounded by recent residential and industrial subdivisions.

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 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates first half, 19th Century **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: B, C

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Woodlawn derives significance from its architecture, and from its association with Henry Howard Owings. Architecturally, Woodlawn is unique in Howard County in representing the transition between the Greek Revival and Italianate styles. Elements of the Greek Revival are embodied in the building's square proportions, smooth stuccoed surface, and simple interior trim, while the central projecting bay and deep cornice reflect Italianate influence. As transitional form, Woodlawn complements other Howard County resources, such as the Greek Revival Mount Ida and the Italianate villas Temora and Elmonte. Woodlawn is also significant for its association with Henry Howard Owings, a prominent Howard County landowner and farmer. The property's present appearance reflects the period of Owings' occupancy in the 1850s and 1860s, during which time he served as a judge of the Orphan's Court for Howard County. Owings died at Woodlawn in 1869.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Woodlawn is one of the oldest stone houses in the second district of Howard County. It is unique in the county in representing a transitional Greek Revival-Italianate style building of the first half of the nineteenth century. Elements of the Greek Revival style can be found in the square proportions of the main block, the smooth stuccoed surface, and the simplicity of the interior design. Elements of the Italianate style can be found in the deep cornice and the central projecting bay of the front facade. This treatment of the central entrance bay is reminiscent of both Temora and El Monte, fully developed Italianate buildings in Howard County. Another element of the Italianate style is found in the house's one story porches on its east and west elevations.

The extensiveness of Woodlawn's exterior stylistic detail is matched by only a few other Howard County buildings. Such detail is the work of master craftsmen, evidenced in the modillioned window and roof cornices. The interior embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Greek Revival style as found in rural Howard County, featuring door and window frames composed of flat pilasters and lintels, joined by square blocks. The grey marble fireplace in the dining room is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style with its flat pilasters and deep, flat architrave.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Howard County Land Records, Courthouse, Ellicott City, Md.

Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventories; Howard County (HO-30)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Savage, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	1 8	3 4 2 5 0 0	4 3 4 4 1 8 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	1 8	3 4 2 4 0 0	4 3 4 4 1 2 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	1 8	3 4 2 3 0 0	4 3 4 4 2 0 0
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D	1 8	3 4 2 4 2 0	4 3 4 4 2 8 0
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E			
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F			
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G			
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H			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries are defined on the attached maps.
For Boundary Description, see Continuation Sheet #1
justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Cleora Barnes Thompson

organization Howard County Planning Department date 1981

street & number 3430 Courthouse Drive telephone 301-992-2418

city or town Ellicott City state Maryland

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *M. A. H.* 12-22-82

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>J. D. ...</i>	Entered in the National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>2/3/83</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (Continued)

A similar mantelpiece is found in HO-87, Bethesda/Dower House, constructed circa 1832 and lying some distance northwest of this property. Another fine, curvilinear, white marble fireplace, reminiscent of the Italianate Baroque period, is found in the larger section of the double parlor. The deep crown molding, which runs around the perimeter of the hall, dining room, and each of the double parlors, as well as the four major ceiling medallions found in these public rooms, possess high artistic value.

The floors throughout the main block are hardwood, with wood inlay running around the perimeter of each of the first floor rooms.

Woodlawn is also notable as one of Howard County's few large stone houses. Although stone as a building material ranks third in scarcity, following log and brick construction, there are only a few stone buildings of this scale in the county. Most of these stone buildings are of modest proportions and were constructed circa 1810-1820, a period of general prosperity following the war of 1812.

Woodlawn appears to have been constructed in the early nineteenth century at a time when Howard County was a part of Upper Anne Arundel County. It is not known for whom it was erected, but a similar marble fireplace has been found in a section of Bethesda/Dower House, which is believed to have been constructed circa 1832. Also, newspapers dated 1823 have been found by building contractors when undertaking renovations. Unfortunately, these were not preserved and do not necessarily tie the building to that date. Nor can it be proven that Woodlawn was the residence of Eleanor Holmes before the time of her marriage to John R. D. Thomas in 1849, when she made John H. B. Latrobe trustee of the property in her behalf. In 1859, Mr. Latrobe sold the property to Henry Howard Owings for \$17,000. Land records reveal Mr. Owings owned other acreage in Howard County, including the Owings-Myerly farm on Route 32 in Clarksville. Woodlawn served as the residence of Mr. Owings, a judge of the Orphan's Court of Howard County, until his death in 1869.

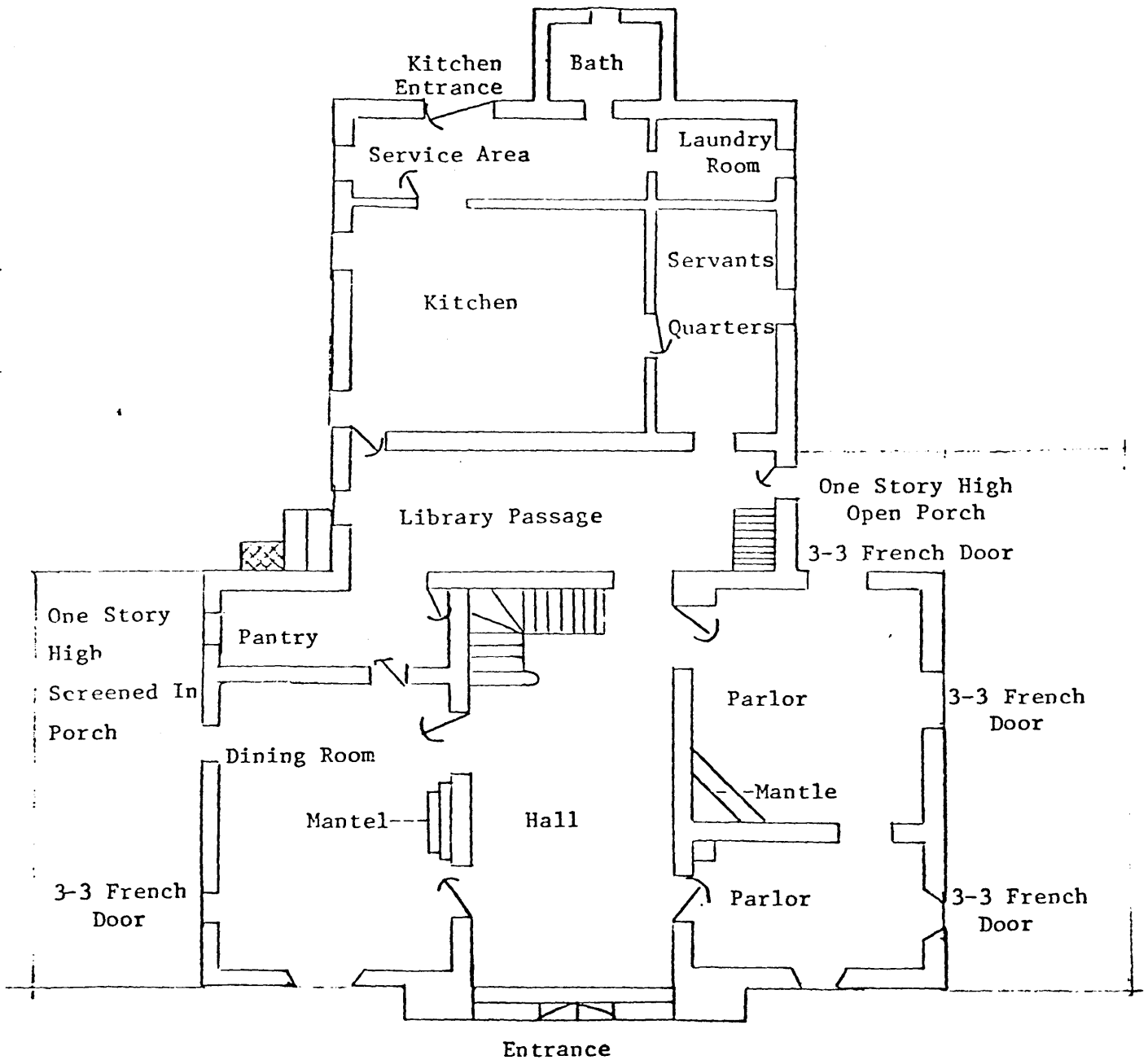
Woodlawn served as the main house for a very successful agricultural operation. The will of Henry Owings indicated the self-sufficiency, as well as prosperity, which surrounded the family at Woodlawn. The will is also a master document of detail on the extensiveness of the farm and its buildings, enumerating the "meat house, wash house, milk house, ice house and ... two frame stables ... the corn house... the pond." The will also lists the following crops devised to Owings' wife" "fifty barrels of corn, 200 bushels of oats, five tons of hay, one thousand pounds of bacon or pork... two barrels of wheat flour...."

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Maryland

Figure 1
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Woodlawn Farms
First Floor Plan



LOT 6-B

BENDIX ROAD

E 567°17'44" E 107.26'

EXISTING 20' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY FOR INGRESS & EGRESS

E 579°00'40" E 206.54'

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E 563°12'56" E 89.96'

20' SEWER RW - H.C.M.C. PLAT 1575-G

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Records
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E 526°40'17" E 237.73'

LOT 4-B - BENDIX CORP.
OAKLAND RIDGE INDUSTRIAL PARK
PLAT BOOK 15 F. 83

E 521°50'15" E 126.81'

National Register boundary
N 62°32'51" E 373.63'

E 556°04'13" E 85.41'

LOT 62 - OPEN SPACE
OAKLAND RIDGE INDUSTRIAL PARK
PLAT BOOK 15 F. 1

E 546°55'19" E 223.65'

20' WIDE EASEMENT FOR
SEWER COVER (TO EXISTING PUBLIC
SEWER)

(EASEMENT
AREA NO. 2)

Main House C. 1830
Swimming Pool

Summer Kitchen
C. 1830
Ice House C. 1830
Smoke House C. 1830
5.00 Ac

EXISTING 20' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY FOR INGRESS & EGRESS

E 534°24'07" E 158.25'

E 557°07'36" E 131.11'

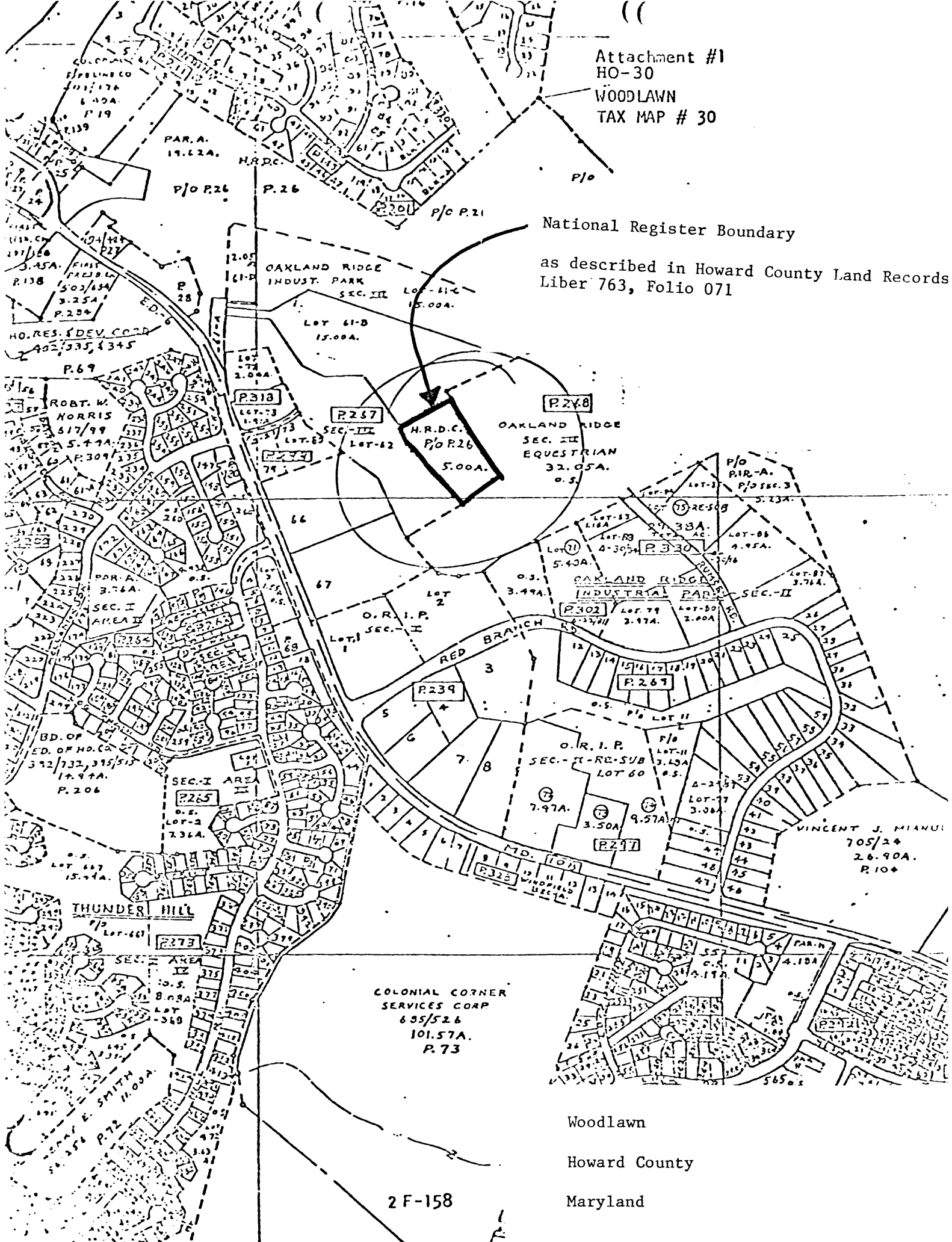
(EASEMENT AREA NO. 1)

Corn Crib - Carriage House C. 1830
Stable C. 1830

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313 P.

Attachment #1
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TAX MAP # 30

National Register Boundary
as described in Howard County Land Records
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COLONIAL CORNER
SERVICES CORP
655/526
101.57A.
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