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Dr. John Hood Owings House, site & Jennings Cemetery

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(Long Valley Farm)
Jennings Chapel Road, Brookeville

According to a field visit by Michael O. Bourne on 7/22/70, this was a 2-story frame house. There was also a "newer" stone house and some log outbuildings. The property owners at the time were Alston and Virginia Specht. The note is made that the Rev. Dr. Jennings is buried on the property, along with his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Banks.

Sometime between the above date and the publication of Celia Holland's *Old Homes and Families of Howard County, Maryland* in 1987, the house burned down. Stone chimney stacks are all that remain. It faced south, with the roof running east-west, and stone chimneys at either end. Hearth openings appear at both levels in both chimneys. A rear (north) wing, towards the east end, also had a shorter stone chimney. The foundation was also stone. One side of the west end chimney has stucco peeling from it. The original entrance drive is overgrown, and part of it is now used for tractor access to a lower field.

The following excerpt from Ms. Holland's book appears during discussion of Dr. Samuel K. Jennings, a leader in the Methodist Protestant movement, and for whom Jennings Chapel is named:

"Although Dr. Jennings never served as pastor of Jennings Chapel, he married Hannah Hood Owings, daughter of John Hood, Jr., and Elizabeth Gaither Hood of Howard County, and was frequently on the scene. Hannah was a descendant

of Lord Hood and Lord North of England, and granddaughter of John Hood, the surveyor of Hood's Forest on the Old Frederick Road. Upon his death Rev. Dr. Jennings was buried on the old homestead of his friend and admirer, Dr. John Hood Owings of Roxbury. This farm was later to become the home of George Washington Linthicum, descendant of Westley Linthicum. Messrs. Linthicum, along with Mr. Sellman, a friend, were the Anne Arundel electors of "the Glorious Nineteen" for Martin Van Buren and prominent men during the life of Gov. Thomas W. Veazey."

Examination of available maps of the area turns up several of the abovementioned names. The *Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland*, of 1860, shows the house owned by Dr. J.H. Owings. The *G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Howard County*, of 1878, shows the house owned by W. Linthicum. The 1909, U.S.G.S. 15' topographic quadrangle, MOUNT AIRY, MD, shows the house sharing an entrance drive with two houses to the north, one of which appears to be the main house of a large horse farm, the owners of which now apparently own this property, as well (Pleasant Prospect Farm). It is possible that the properties have always been jointly owned, and that the "newer" stone house Mr. Bourne mentioned was in fact that one. In 1970, Mr. Bourne had spoken "with the caretaker," which implies that the house was tenanted at the time. The U.S.G.S 15' topographic quadrangle, MOUNT AIRY, MD of 1945, however, shows the horse farm accessed by a separate road from Jennings Chapel Road. This map also shows the Jennings cemetery. The 7.5' topographic quadrangle,

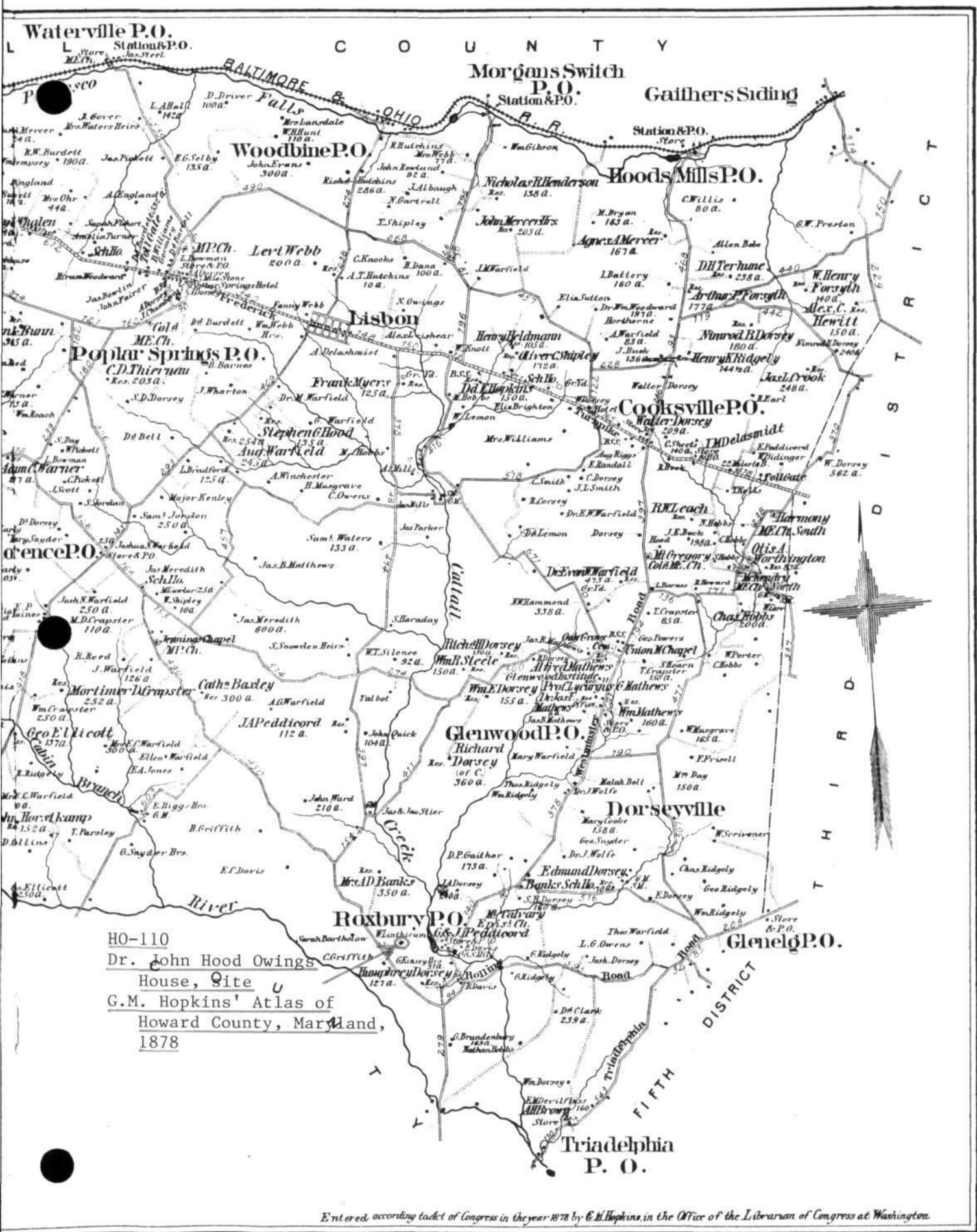
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WOODBINE, MD also shows both house and cemetery on the 1945,
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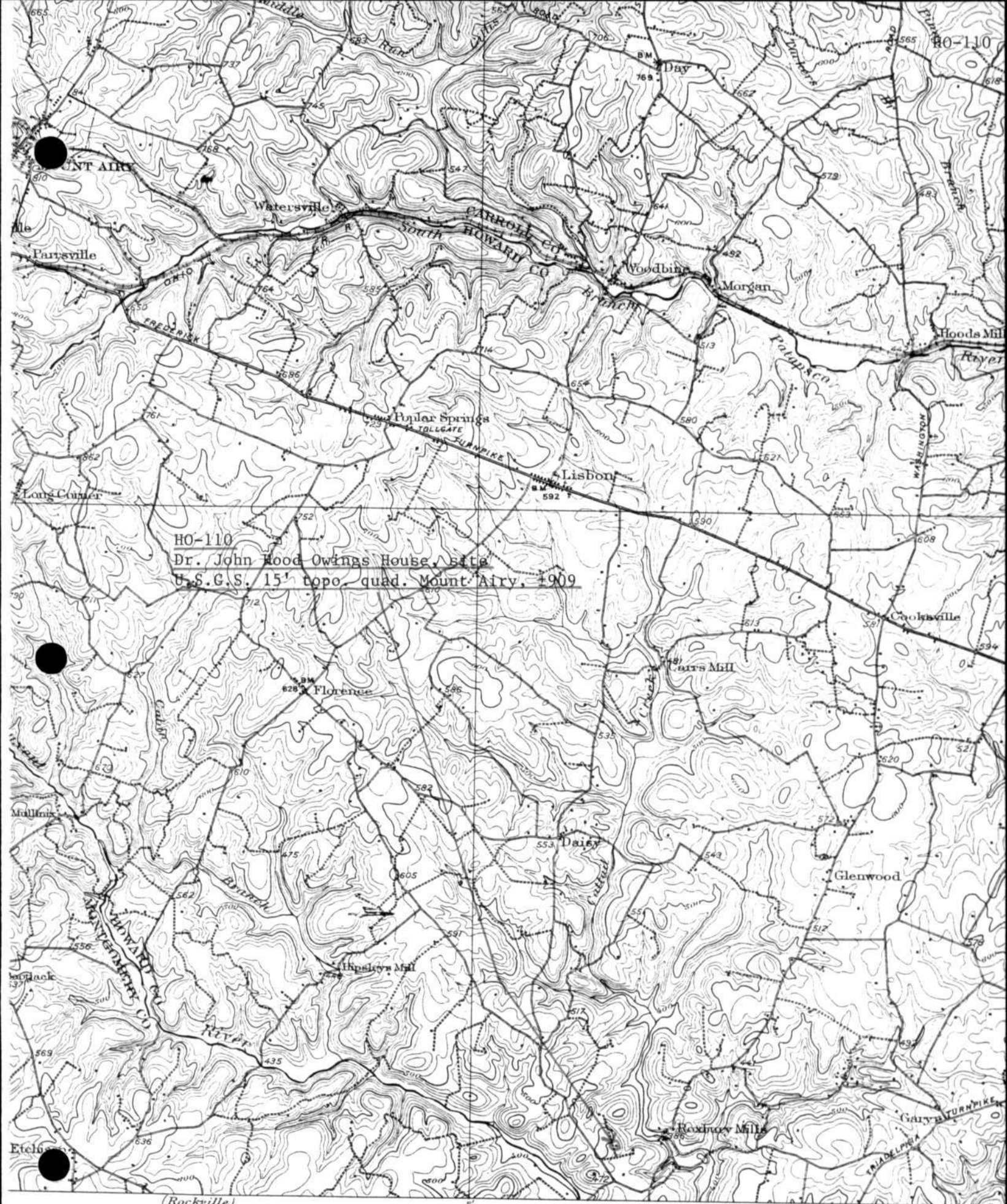
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Martenet's Map of Howard County,
Maryland, 1960

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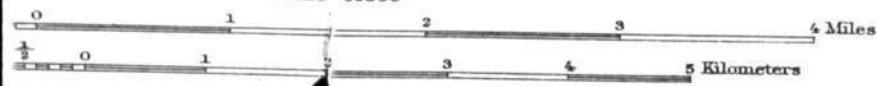
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 G.M. Hopkins' Atlas of
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 U.S.G.S. 15' topo. quad. Mount Airy, 1909

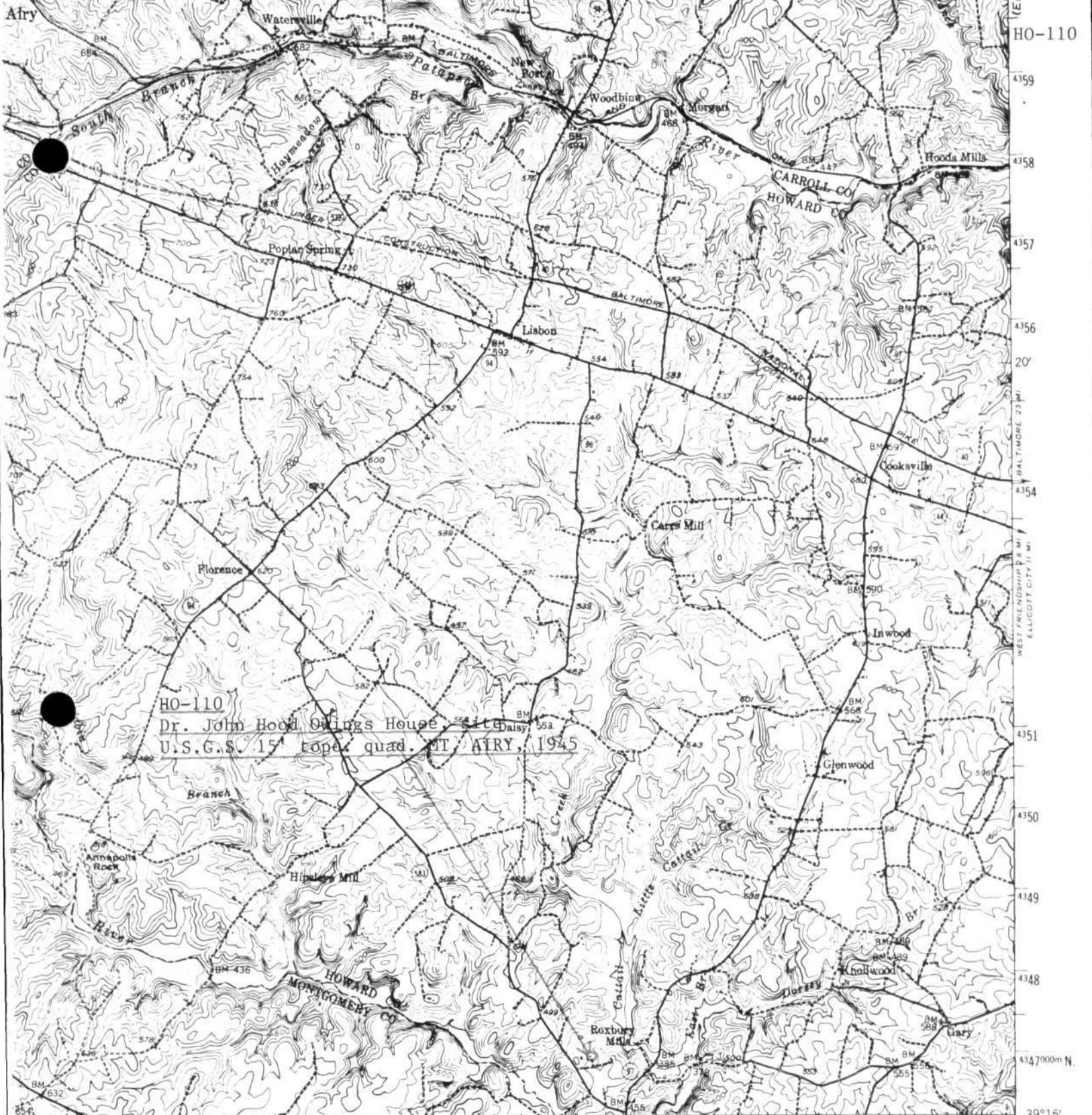
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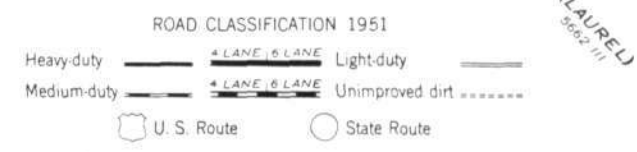
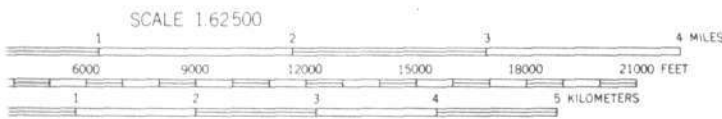


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 Dr. John Hood Swings House
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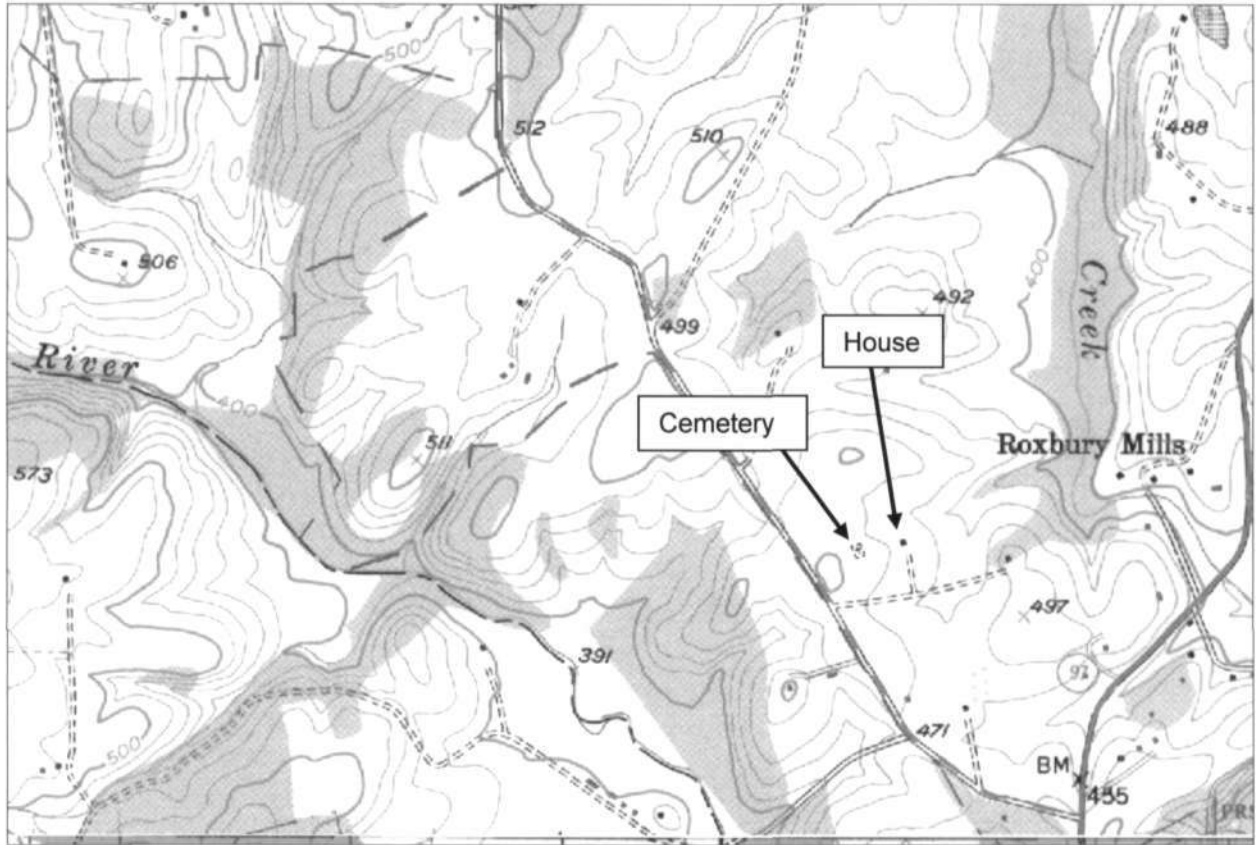
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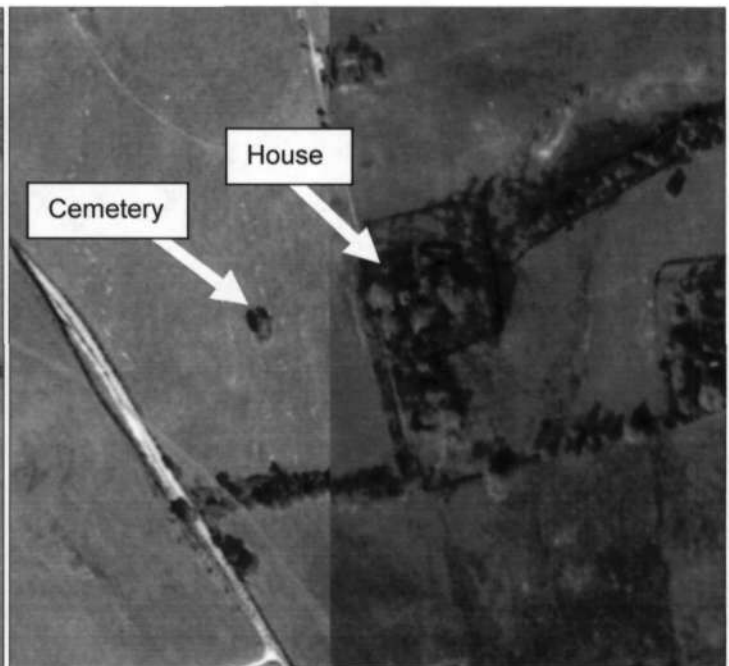
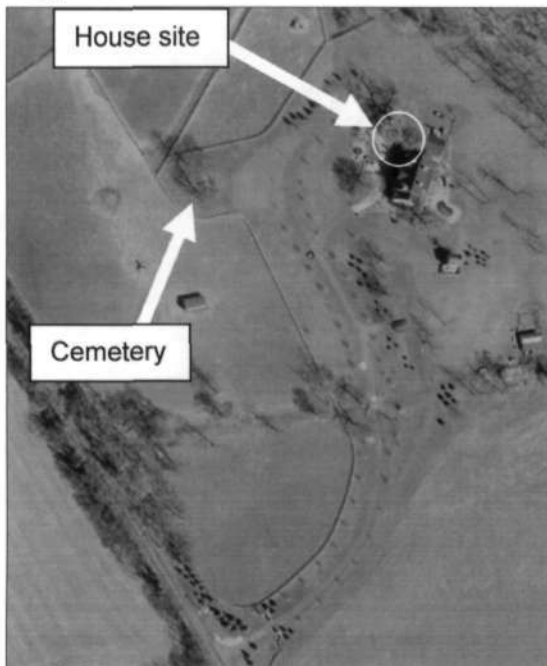
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Jennings Chapel Road
Woodbine Quad 1945, Photorevised 1979



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Map, c. 2010

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