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Tierney Gambrel Roof House (Howard's Range) (Miller Cemetery)

Architectural Survey File

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Memo to file

January 31, 2017

From: Casey Pecoraro
Inventory Registrar

Re: HO-163
Tierney Gambrel Roof House (Howard's Range)

HO-163 was assigned to the Tierney Gambrel Roof House (Howard's Range).

The house was no longer extant by 2004 when MHT staff member Jennie Cosham visited the property and took several photographs of a small cemetery in the vicinity, referenced by author Celia M. Holland in *Old Homes and Families of Howard County, Maryland* (page 351): "Then in 1850, after more than a century of Howard ownership, the little gambrel-roofed cottage was purchased by Denton Miller, a newcomer to the county, who held it until his death. His grave with headstone, and five others marked only with remnants of the original markers, were fenced in and cared for as recently as 1958. The five unidentified graves are believed to be those of members of the Howard family."

MHT database records were then modified to include the "Miller Cemetery" under inventory number HO-163.

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before 1753

Tierney Gambrel Roof House, site
(Worthington's Range, Howard's Chance, Howard's Range)
Corner of MD 108 and Old Guilford Road (former MD 32)

Burned by vandals in May of 1977, this 1 1/2-story gambrel-roofed log house had one brick chimney within the wall and one brick chimney exposed. The gambrel was very steep, and had two shed-roofed dormers on the front facade. The following is from an article by Judith Kreiner called "Sad Obituary of an Old House: Too Few People Really Cared," which was published shortly after the building burned:

Originally the house was made of logs. The clapboard siding was added a little later. The roof, which sloped to shed snow, was covered with split shakes hand trimmed one by one. Inside, the house had wide pegged-board floors and handsome wrought-iron fittings on doors and windows. Some of that hardware existed up until the fire.

On April 30, 1958, an article by Mrs. Clifford F. [Alice] Shaw appeared in The Ellicott City Times entitled, "Two 18th Century Cottages Subject Of Latest Article On Old Homes In Howard." The following are quotes from that article:

By the time of their father's death in 1753, the six daughters of Thomas and Elizabeth Worthington had left the family homestead

“Broome,” their birthplace near Annapolis, and moved into upper Anne Arundel with their Howard, Dorsey, Gassoway, Watkins and Warfield husbands. The lure of virgin lands that had been amassed by their father and passed down as dowries, was undoubtedly the cause of this migration, and as each daughter married, her portion was “settled” with the erection of a small home, and thus a new life on a new frontier began.

At Clarksville, at the junction of the Clarksville Pike and Route 32 still stands the home on “Worthington’s Range,” or “Howard’s Chance,” that was built on Rachel Worthington’s dowry, but more familiar today as the birthplace of the late Mr. Pete Stromberg.

Originally settling on Howard lands between Elioak and Simpsonville, Rachel and her husband, Cornelius Howard, later moved to the tract described in her father’s will of 1753 as “369 acres of ‘Worthington’s Range’ on which her husband has a plantation.”

According to Celia M. Holland’s 1987 book, Old Homes and Families of Howard County, Maryland, (pp. 349-354), the Mr. Stromberg mentioned above was the late state senator, Paul G. Stromberg, a longtime owner and publisher of

the Howard County Times and father of Doris S. Thompson, editor of the paper from 1966 until her retirement in 1978.

Judith Kreiner's article mentions the sad fact that the house had been attacked by vandals previously, and had been boarded up to keep them out. The owners were investigating the possibility of moving the house to a protected location when it was destroyed by fire.

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Tierney Gambrel roof House, site (worthington's range
near intersection Clarksville Pike and Rte 32, Clarksville Howard's Gift)

1 1/2 gambrel - one brick chimney ~~within~~ wall
other exposed - very steep roof -
located in field by MMB 7/20

Burned by vandals

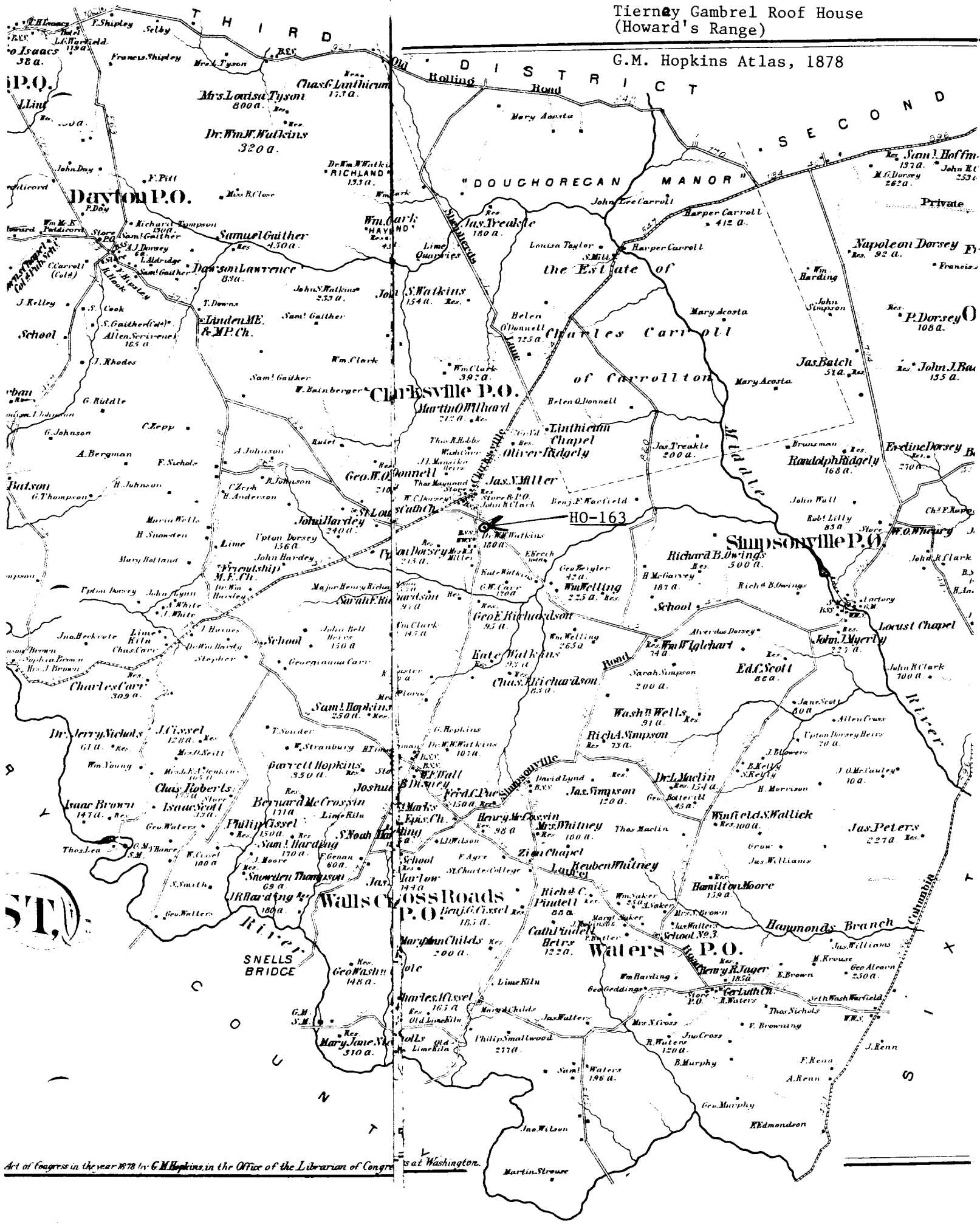
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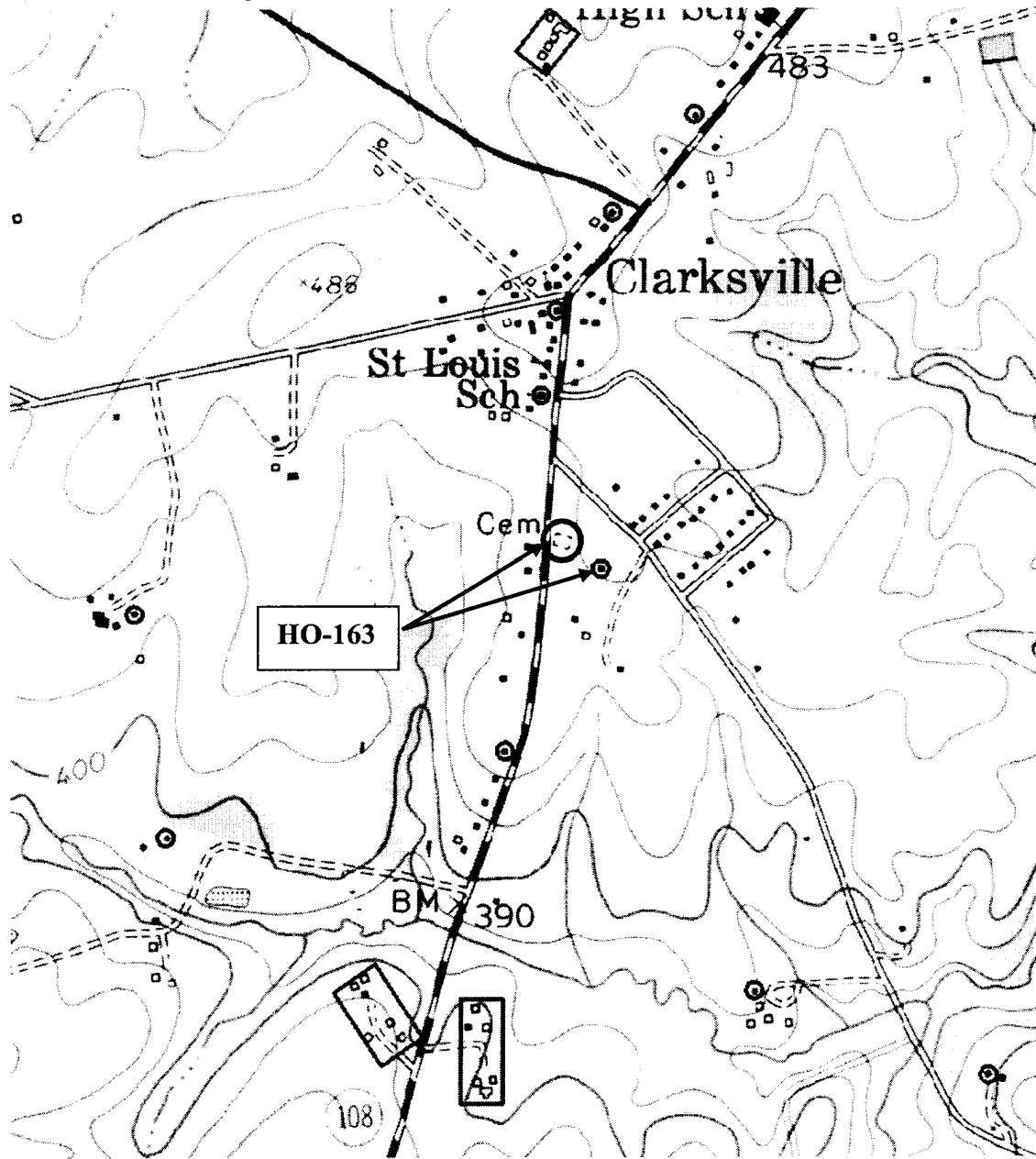
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Tierney Gambrel Roofed House, site and Miller Cemetery
MD 108 and Guilford Road, Clarksville
Clarksville Quadrangle



HO-163
Tierney Gambrel Roofed House, site
Looking east
Jennifer K. Cosham
April 21, 2004
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Miller Cemetery at site of Tierney Gambrel Roofed House
Looking east
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Miller Cemetery at site of Tierney Gambrel Roofed House

Denton Miller gravestone

Jennifer K. Cosham

April 21, 2004

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Tierney Gambrel Roof House
SW Corner Rt. 108 & Rt. 32
Clarksville

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