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Holly Rock Farm (J.B. Mathews House, Bloomsburg)

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The J. B. Mathews House
Glenwood
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A one story high, hipped roof open porch, supported by six, square posts and two pilasters, runs along the entire east elevation of both the stone and frame sections of the house, uniting them into a single, five bay wide, composition, with central, rectangular entrance, surmounted by a one light transom.

Indicated on both the 1860 Martenet Map and the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas as the residence of J. B. Mathews, the building features a circular copper plate between the two south chimneys inscribed 1830.

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Woodbine Quad
District 4
MAGI #1401775404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The J. B. Mathews House, Bloomsburg, The Old Stinson Homestead
AND/OR COMMON Holly Rock Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 3060 (Route 97) Roxbury Mills Road
CITY, TOWN Woodbine VICINITY OF Glenwood CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th
STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Charles Graddick Telephone #: 489-4174
STREET & NUMBER 3060 Route 97
CITY, TOWN Woodbine STATE, zip code Maryland
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tax Map 14, p. 73 Liber #: 221
Hall of Records Folio #: 151
STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House
CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory
DATE 1978-1979 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust
CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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A one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by six square posts and two pilasters, runs along the entire east elevation of both the stone and frame sections of the house, uniting them into a single, five bay wide, composition, with central, rectangular entrance, surmounted by a one light transom.

Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. All the windows on the east facade of the house are rectangular and double-hung, holding two-over-two lights. The dormers hold roman arched, double-hung windows, holding two-over-two lights.

THE SOUTH ELEVATION

This elevation is most noteworthy for it features a copper, circular template between the two wide chimneys, with the inscribed date of 1830.

Beneath rest three vertically aligned and proportionally scaled, double rectangular windows, each component a double-hung, rectangular window, holding one-over-one lights, separated by a flat pilaster, with the entire window underlined by a single, projecting, flat wooden sill.

THE WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation holds five, second floor, rectangular windows, similar to those on the east facade, but holding six-over-six lights. Two similar first floor, south bay windows in the original stone house hold two-over-two lights. An open bible and cross paneled entrance door rests in the central bay of the entire structure and in the north end bay of the original stone house. A one story high, shed roofed enclosed porch runs along the two north bays of this wall.

THE NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation of the frame addition holds two first floor entrances and two second floor windows. Two roman arched, double-hung, attic windows,
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holding two-over-two lights are centered into the eave line formed by the gable roof.

A one story high, shed roofed, six bay wide enclosed porch runs along the north elevation. It holds six, twelve light, glass panels, and an entrance door on its east wall.

The house is reputed to have burned and been rebuilt, the stone section surviving very much intact. It would appear from the design of the roman arched attic windows and those placed in the three dormer windows of the east facade, that this section of the building was constructed circa 1860.

THE INTERIOR

The interior features a central hall plan, with two rooms on each side, featuring two hand made mantle pieces.

The house has a commanding site, situated on a high ridge line above the west side of Route 97. A small fish pond is located in front or on the east side of the house. Between this pond and the house lies a very large rock which has been split by the growth of two Holly trees, a male and female, giving the name "Holly Rock Farm" to the property. West of the house lies a long, flat piece of land, a part of which, directly in front of the west elevation, has been created into a long, semi-circular lawn, bordered by evergreens, raised and planted by Mr. Graddick, owner of the property. Beyond the border of evergreens lies an old log, tenant house, now standing vacant.

South of the evergreen border stands a gabled roof shed, to whose north and south walls, shed roofed, enclosed additions have been made and a cinderblock chimney, constructed on its west wall to heat the shed.

A large horse barn is placed east of the log tenant house with another small log smoke house located close to the northwest corner of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES

1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The J. B. Mathews House is significant architecturally and historically to Howard County and the State of Maryland. Both the 1860 Martennet Map and the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas indicate James Mathews living there in Glenwood. J. B. Mathews was a merchant in Roxbury, who first constructed a home high on a hill overlooking the flour mill there. In 1810 he began to acquire property in the Glenwood area called "Find Me If You Can" - recorded in liber WS6 No. 18, folio 447 of Anne Arundel County Records, "By Your Leave Sir" recorded WS6, no. 11, folio 226 of said County and parts of "Dependence" "Justifiable," "Ridgely's Great Park" recorded in WWWW15, folio 84 of Howard County Records. "Find Me If You Can" recorded JLM #1, folio 169 of Howard District of Anne Arundel County, Ridgelys Park and Windsor recorded in JLM #4, folio 260 of records last named and P/O lot #3 in division of the late Charles D. Warfield's estate recorded in WWWW 15-87 of Howard County.

The house may well have been constructed by John A. Dorsey and Ruth H. Warfield, who was formerly married to John's father, Caleb Dorsey of Jonathan. On July 6, 1840, John A. Dorsey and Ruth H. Warfield conveyed 12 7/8 acres of land to James B. Mathews of a tract of land called "Find Me If You Can" and 7/8 of an acre of Ridgely's Great Park. Since the house has a date 1830 on the stone section of the building, it is conceivable that it was constructed by the Dorseys. The frame section of the building, which may have been of log and predated the stone section, burned to the ground when J. B. Mathews was 90 years old. Stories tell of him riding out on horseback to oversee the choosing and cutting of trees for lumber to rebuild the frame section of the house we see today.

In 1888, W. Edwards Fite, administrator, sold the property to William H. Stinson, who lived here until 1929, when the property was left to his widow, Estelle. Later their son, William Stinson lived in the house, selling it in 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Graddick, the present owners.

Not only is the building historically noteworthy, but it is significant architecturally as a fine example of Howard County vernacular stone and frame architecture with overtones of the romanesque re-

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vival in the roman arched attic and dormer windows.

For these reasons, the building should be considered for inclusion to the National Register, The State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance the citizens of Howard County may seek to initiate, should its owners so desire.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records
Interview with Mr. Charles Graddick at "Holly Rock Farm" on
February 21, 1980

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 191.33 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 14

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 221 Folio 151

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland

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GLENWOOD

*And the Mathews Family, Including Bloomsburg
(today the Old Stinson Homestead)*

Glenwood, one of Howard County's most attractive settlements, lies midway between ROXBURY and COOKSVILLE and straddles the Old Westminster Road (Route 97). In its early years the village consisted of a combination store and post office, two churches, a "modern educational institute," and several houses—Bloomsburg, HAZELDENE, DEPENDENCE, and what was known simply as "the little house by the side of the road" ("LITTLE HOUSE"). There was formerly an 1829 one-room district school house, a club house, and a cemetery wherein are buried members of some of the county's early settlers. Surrounding this core are several fine old homes, most of which preceded the village itself, and a log cabin of particular interest.

James Burroughs Mathews, founder of this community, was born 2 November 1791. As a very young man he was enough of an adventurer to count among his experiences a ride on the first steamboat, built in 1807 by Robert Fulton. On 7 April 1818 he married Kitty Griffith, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Ruth Berry Griffith of Montgomery County. Capt. Samuel Griffith, a native of Frederick County, whose father Henry Griffith represented that county in the assembly that organized the Revolution, served on Lafayette's staff and fought with him at Germantown and the battle of Brandywine.¹

Upon his marriage to Kitty Griffith, James Mathews opened a general store and post office at Roxbury. In 1822, his business having outgrown the small community, he moved his family up the road to the area now known as Glenwood, where he had purchased land on both sides of the highway. There being no siz-



BLOOMSBURG

able houses available, he started almost immediately to build Bloomsburg, known today as the Old Stinson Homestead, while he and his family found shelter in the small stone house across the road, commonly referred to as "the little house by the side of the road." When completed, Bloomsburg became the family homestead; it still stands, south of Dependence, the former Pindell home. Mathews also built a store where he conducted his business. In 1841 a post office was established as "Mathews Store, Anne Arundel County"; the village was then known simply as Mathews. On 13 January 1874 the name was officially changed to Glenwood, a name chosen by Professor Lycurgus Mathews, son of James and later headmaster of the Glenwood Institute.²

The first store and post office stood on the east side of the road; some time prior to 1860 it burned and was replaced by a new building across the road, where the Pindell family later conducted a typical country store and post office from 1919 until 1976. Although James Mathews, first postmaster, weathered the war years, despite the roaming armies of the North and the South traveling toward battles that would take place at Antietam and Gettysburg, he suffered a sizable loss; his annual salary was \$116.28. A document issued by the office of the auditor of the treasury for the Post Office Department, dated 17 August 1864, read in part:

Sir: Your account as postmaster at Mathews' Store, Maryland, has, this day, been credited with the sum of twenty-seven dollars (\$27) allowed you by the postmaster-general, under the Act of Congress approved April 29, 1864, entitled "An Act for the relief of postmasters who have been robbed by Confederate forces or rebel guerillas."³

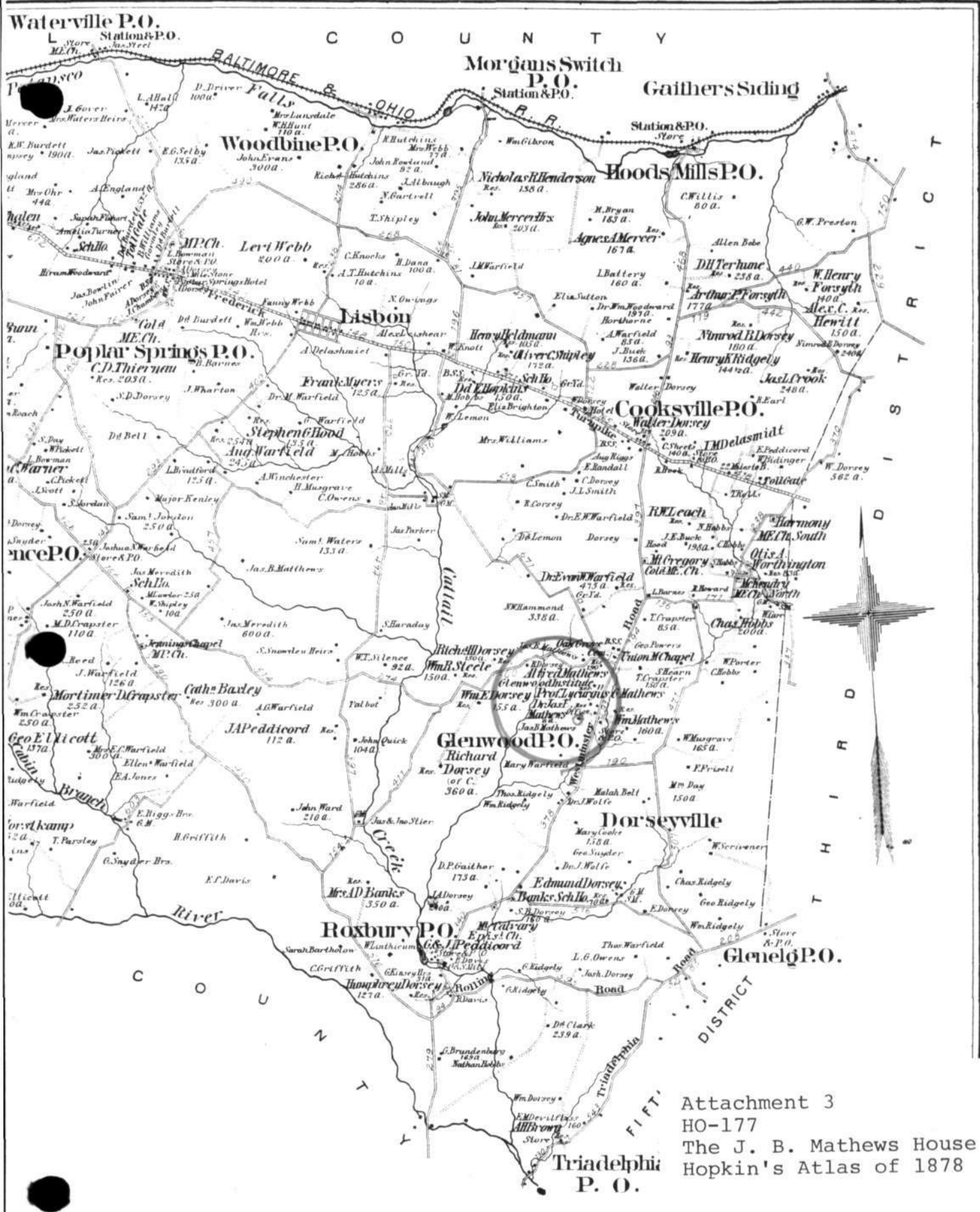
Notwithstanding these difficulties, Mathews went on to become a prosperous businessman and provided well for his family.

Religious by nature, James Mathews was raised by members of the Quaker faith and later "attached himself to the Methodist communion in 1835 or 1836" while the local Methodist church—UNION CHAPEL—was under construction. He became one of its most generous contributors and on 2 June 1833 was elected to the board of trustees "for the Meeting House now building in this Glenwood neighborhood," although he was not yet an active member.⁴ Later he served as treasurer of the board for many years and was among the top contributors. He fathered 14 children and lived to see his offspring successful in many fields. In January 1881 Bloomsburg was badly damaged by fire. Despite his advanced age, Mathews proceeded immediately to repair the house. He celebrated the 65th anniversary of his marriage to his Griffith wife and after a long and highly successful life died in 1883. He was buried in OAK GROVE CEMETERY, of which he was a member of the board for many years.

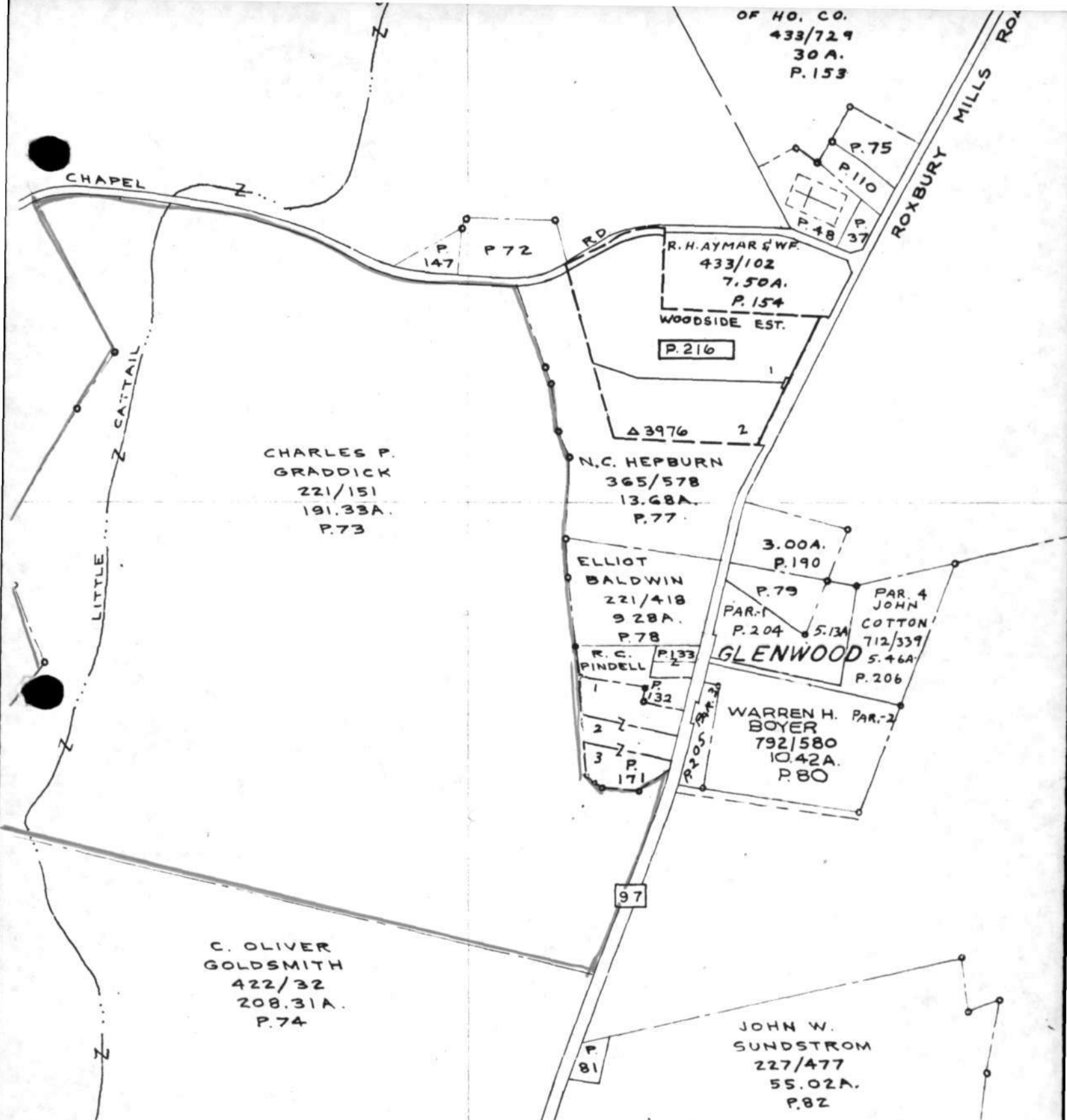
Of Mathews's 14 sons and daughters two—William, the first child, and Martha, the 11th—died in infancy; of those who survived, all lived exemplary lives. Several were associated with incidents of particular interest to the people of Howard County.

Leana, the oldest daughter, was born in 1821. She married first Milton Welsh, son of Philip, of Capt. John, descendant of one of the Welsh brothers who settled "on the four corners" of FLORENCE. After the death of her first husband and their two children, Lizzie and Kate, Leana married Hon. David McConaughy of Penn-

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Attachment 3
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 The J. B. Mathews House
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



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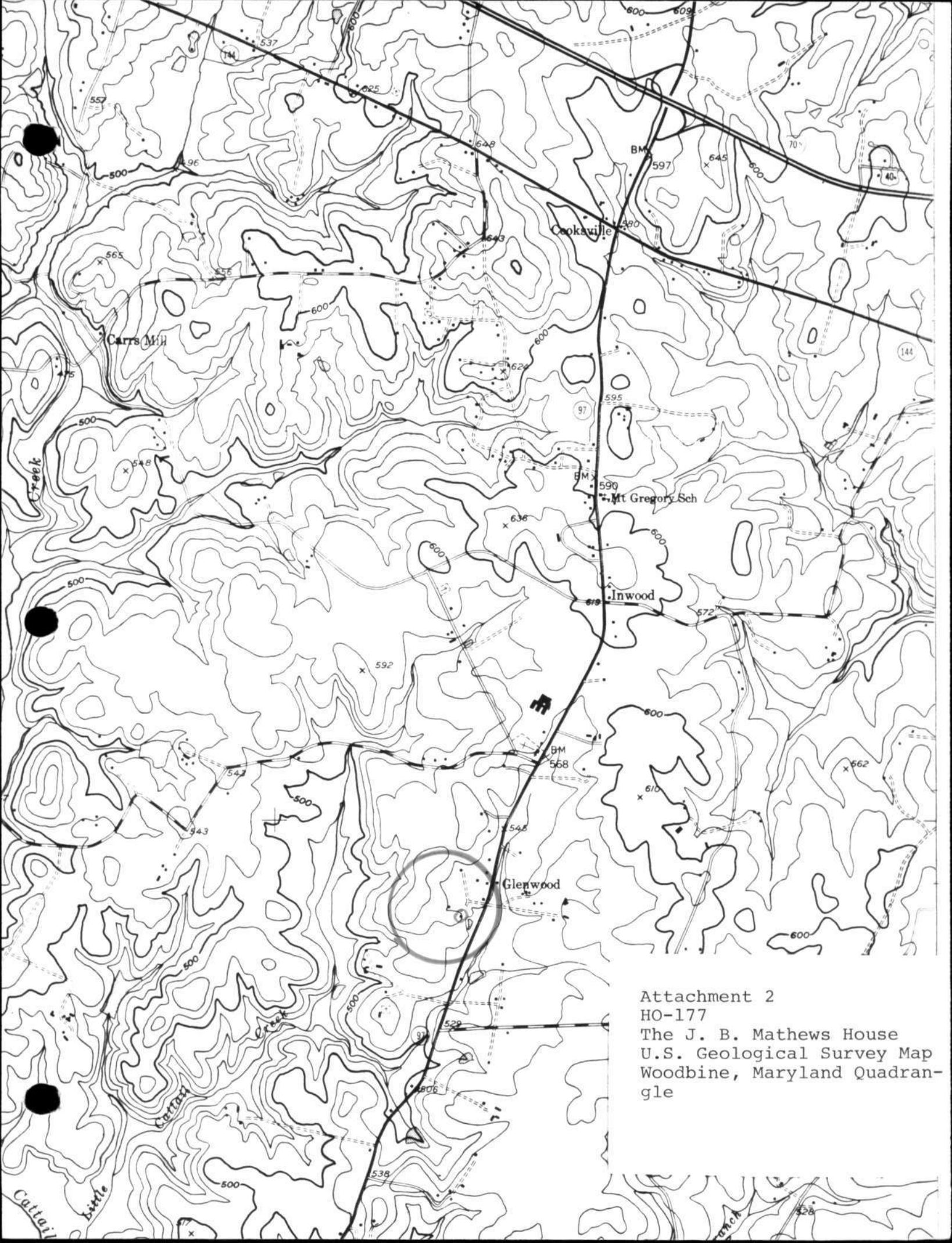
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Attachment 2
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The J. B. Mathews House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Woodbine, Maryland Quadrangle



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Charles Gaddick house

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Name: HO-177
Location: The J. B. Mathews House
3060 Route #97
Glenwood, Maryland 21738
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