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Slave/Tenant House at Cedar Park: AA-141 A

This one-and-half-story frame dwelling was built between 1840 and 1880 to house a black family who worked on the farm either as slaves or as freedmen. The shed addition is recent. The original block has one room on each floor, both heated, an unusual feature in rural folk houses. A dozen or more similar dwellings were once queued along the line leading away from the main house up to the summit of the hill. Only this one remains.

AA # 141A  
MAGI # 02141A2505

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC *Slave/Tenant House at*  
(Ewen Upon Ewenton) (West River Farm)  
AND/OR COMMON  
CEDAR PARK

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Cumberstone Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Harwood Post Office VICINITY OF  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Fourth  
STATE Maryland Code 24 COUNTY Anne Arundel Code 003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Mr. <sup>ve</sup> ~~Engleth~~ W. Bridgman, Jr. Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER  
Cumberstone Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Harwood Post Office VICINITY OF  
STATE, zip code  
Maryland 20776

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:  
Folio #:  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Anne Arundel County Courthouse Land Records Office  
STREET & NUMBER  
Church Circle  
CITY, TOWN  
Annapolis STATE  
Maryland 21401

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Maryland Register *Historic Sites Inventory*  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Maryland Historical Trust  
CITY, TOWN  
Annapolis, STATE  
Maryland 21404

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small one and one half structure stands about seventy five yards on a slight diagonal from the southwest corner of the main house. According to Mr. Edgar Churchill, who once owned the farm, this house was the first of a line of a half dozen or so similar buildings that were constructed between the lane and the fence that ascends the hill towards Cumberstone Road. Interestingly enough, the front of the house faced not towards the line of dwellings but in the opposite direction towards the fields and the Chesapeake Bay beyond. This direction is east.

The house is frame, sheathed in horizontal overlapping clapboards, and topped by an A roof. On the south gable end, a small room was added in the 20th century; the opposite gable end is dominated by a tall, large, brick chimney which, though repaired over the years, appears to be original. The original dwelling measured 15'19" in length and 13'7" in depth. Its front, to which a small screened porch has been added, is two bays in length; the back has one bay (one window). Brick pilings, hewn sills and sleepers undergird the house.

The one room downstairs has a large fireplace now covered over and replaced by a wood burning heater. Two large windows (large in comparison with others in slave cabins) on the front and back provide a great deal more illumination than was usually available in slave cabins. These enhanced the quality of life (compared to that of other slaves) and suggests that at least some of the occupants spent their daytime hours engaged in domestic activities in the house (sewing, cooking, weaving, etc.). A small enclosed stairway leads to the chamber above, which consists of one open room with a window on each gable end. This upstairs room has a fireplace, an unusual feature in slave/tenant houses. The room is entirely sheathed, which prohibited investigation of the rafters and eaves.

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# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The construction materials suggest a mid-19th century date. The present owner doubted that the house had been built during slavery, but his father-in-law, Mr. Edgar Churchill, who once owned Cedar Park and who lived here for many years, said that family tradition held that it had originally been a slave house. An interview was planned with Mr. Churchill about this structure and as well as about the sites of other slave houses and of a reported slave cemetery, but he died suddenly before that interview could be held. The structure is still inhabited by a black man who works on the farm; he is not acquainted with its history.

The main house at Cedar Park is one of the few in Maryland that is known to be 17th century. Although none of the slave houses of that era remain, the site of the slave tenant house as well as of those that lined the lane could possibly be productive archaeological sites that would yield artifacts from the slave's material culture as it evolved from that early period, dating perhaps from their arrival.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 85 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

*G. W. M., Surveyor*

ORGANIZATION

*Afr. Commission on African & Afro-American History & Culture*

STREET & NUMBER

*12 W. Madison St.*

CITY OR TOWN

*Baltimore Md*

*12/75*

DATE

TELEPHONE

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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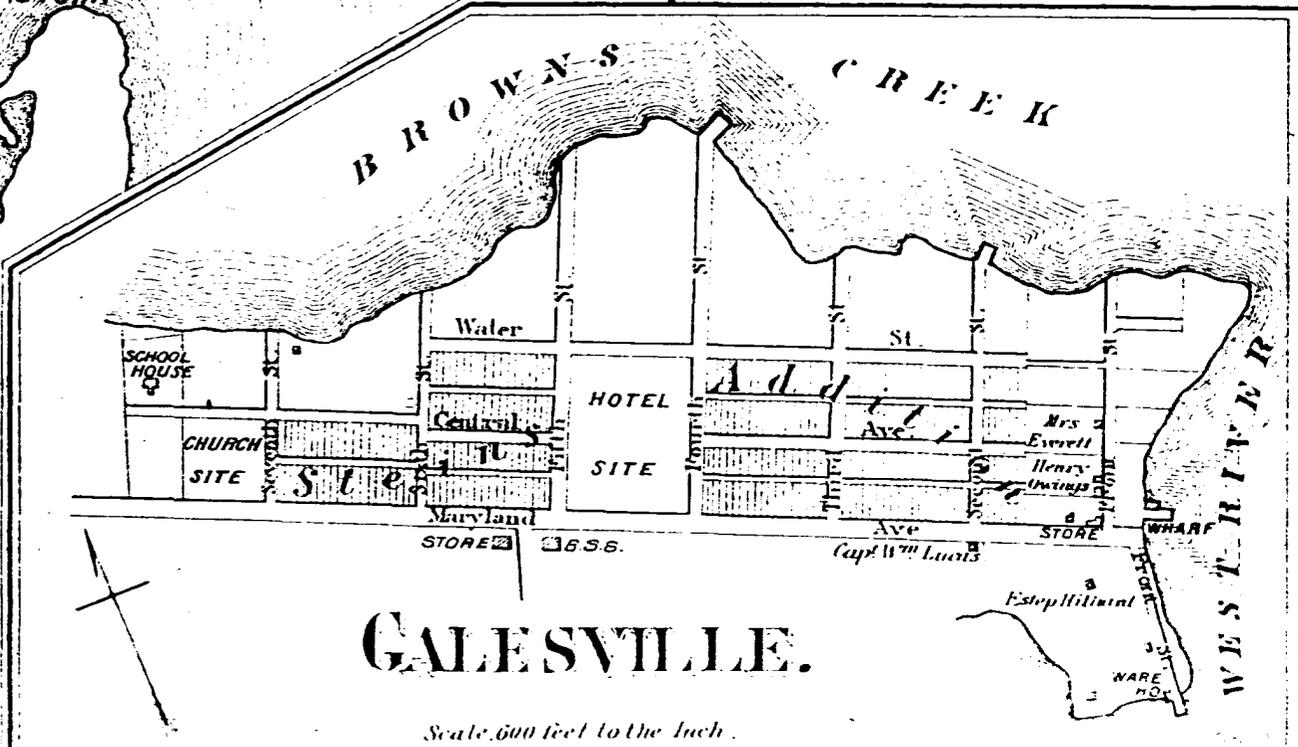
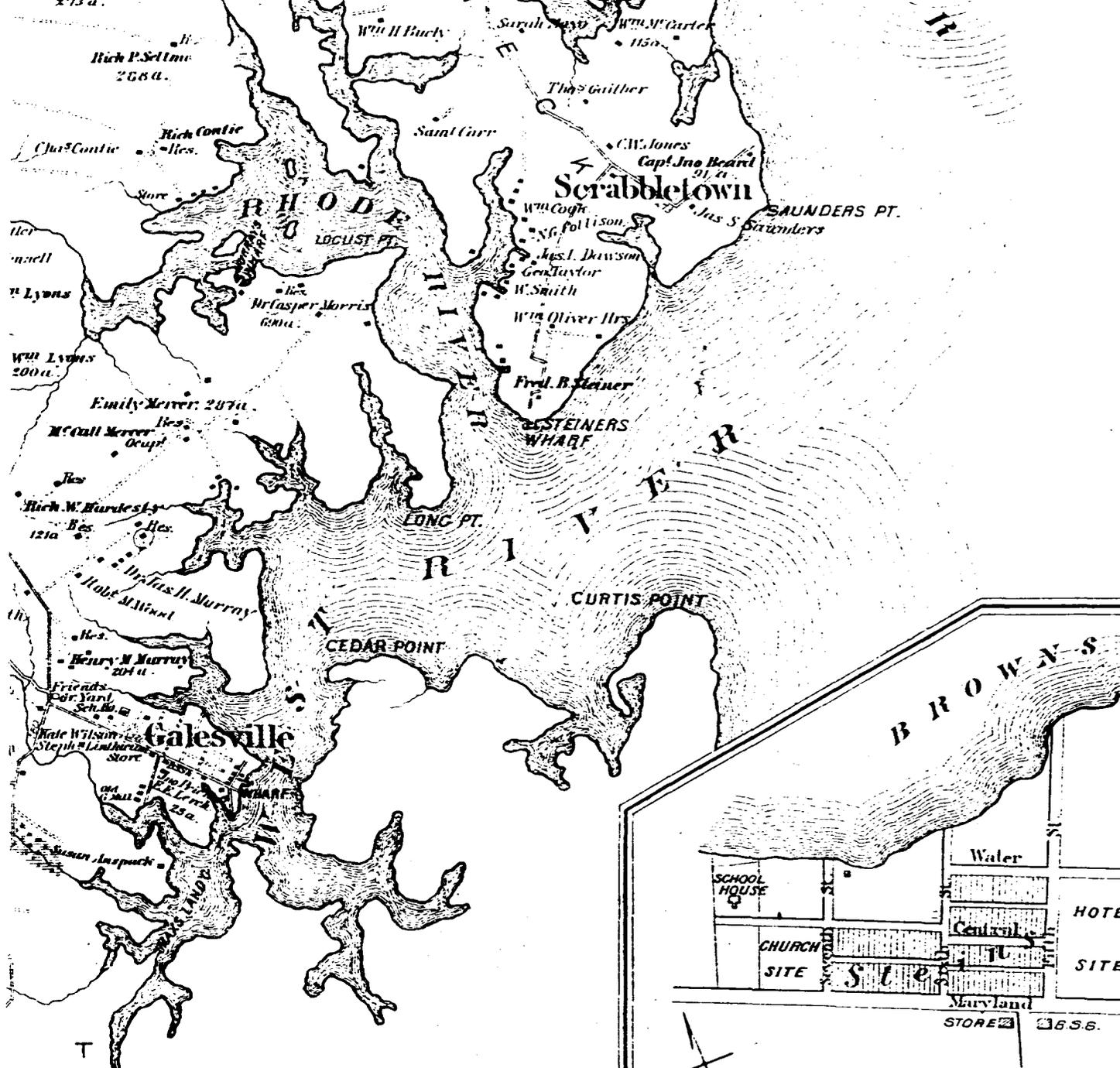
Additional background info and black history association:

According to Murray family legend, this house was the first (easternmost) in a line of six or more similar dwellings that stretched from the main Cedar Park residence along the driveway westward to the public road. Five of these houses appear on the 1878 Hopkins Map of A.A. County. By 1906 only two remain, as shown on the 1906 U.S.G.S. Map. One of these two is "Richard's House". The other stood at the western end of the row and is pictured in an accompanying ~~photo~~ <sup>negative</sup> c.1915. It is no longer standing.

"Richard's House" takes its name from its longtime occupant, Richard Randall (1885-1970) who lived here ca.1926 until his death in 1970. His wife Florence died here in 1950. Richard cooked for Mr. James Murray, owner of Cedar Park, until 1944. After Mr. Murray's death in 1944, Richard continued to live in his house while working for Mr. Murray's son, Edmund Churchill Murray at neighboring Creekside Farm. (The main house at Cedar Park was vacant from 1944 until 1962.)

In 1970 Charles Tongue moved into "Richard's House". Charles was the last black tenant to occupy "Richard's House". He died in 1980.

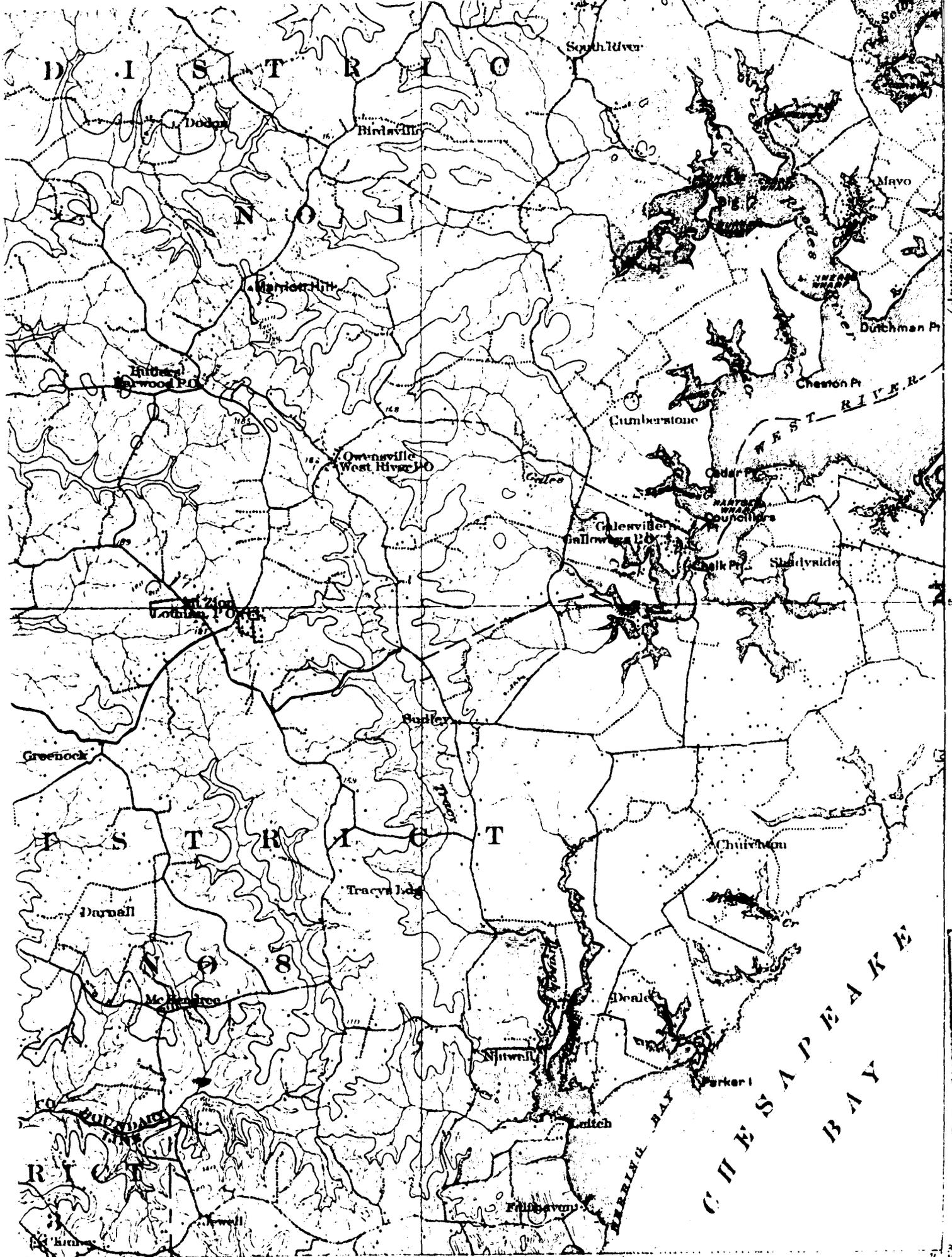
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Scale 600 feet to the Inch.

AA-141-A "Richard's House" / Cedar Park Slave House.

1878 HOPKINS MAP



(Anteroposited)

1906 - Owensville Quadrangle, MD.

U.S.G.S.

(Prince Frederick)  
Scale 62500

AA-141-A "RICHARD'S HOUSE" / Cedar Park Slave Hse.

1 Mile

38° 45'  
77° 10'





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CEDAR PARK TENANT HSE. ("RICHARD'S HSE")

AA. Co., MD.

~~G. McDANIEL~~, 2/26 3/1968

NW corner

See AA-141

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CEDAR PARK TENANT HSE. ("RICHARD'S HSE")

A. A. Co., MD.

G. McDANIEL, 10/76

WEST Elevation



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CEDAR PARK TENANT HSE. ("RICHARD'S HSE.")

P.A. CO., MD.

G. McDANIEL, 10/76

West Elevation



AA 141 A

CEDAR PARK TENANT HSE. ("RICHARD'S HSE.")

A. A. CO., MD.

G. MCDANIEL, 10/76

NE corner



Steve / Transit House at  
Cedar Park, AA-141A

Bwm

2/26

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West Johnston



A live / Tenant House at  
Cedar Park, AA-141A

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2/76

MHT

North East Elevation