

Capsule Summary

Survey #: AA 815

Perry House
1345 Douglass Avenue
Highland Beach, Maryland

c. 1900

Private Residence

The Perry House is a large two storey cottage with an extensive bay porch encircling the northern and eastern views. It is a wood frame dwelling with a gabled roof and dormer. The house is located in one of the most desirable lots oriented towards the Chesapeake Bay. The house is particularly significant because of its relationship to African-American history. It is an important element in the town of Highland Beach with respect to the planning and design of this community.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Perry House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1345 Douglass Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

___ VICINITY OF

Annapolis 1 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Anne Arundel COUNTY

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Leslie S
Ruth Perry

Telephone #: 484-8953

STREET & NUMBER
308 N St NW

CITY, TOWN
Washington, DC

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, 2/411 09279200
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. RI57/15/0012

Liber #: 0716
Folio #: 048

STREET & NUMBER
Lot 1 D & 4 Bk 5 IMPS

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis, MD

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AA-815

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

1345 Douglass

This cottage is a large two storey colonial with a dormer in the gabled roof. A large 10 by 10 bay screened porch graces two views of the cottage and it rests on a pier foundation. It has a central chimney and utilizes a similar lattice work screening around the foundation space.

The Perry House is located in Highland Beach on a block which is bounded by Douglass Avenue on the north, Wayman Avenue on the east, Chesapeake Avenue (in Venice Beach) on the south and Westover Lane towards the west. It is about ten miles southeast of Annapolis, Maryland and the principal orientation of the town is towards the Chesapeake Bay. The site of the Perry House is covered with dense vegetation although it is one of the closest houses to the sandy beach.

The northern and eastern views of the house exhibit an enclosed porch whose walls are constructed of screening and thin, vertical boards. An older railing can also be observed on the interior of the screening. The principal entrance faces north although there is an impressive double doorway with doors exhibiting twelve lights on each panel facing the east (the Bay view).

The porch is supporting a shed roof which extends from the upper storey and becomes an extension of the gable on the north view. There is a dormer with a shed roof on the north view as well. The cottage has a central chimney and the windows are double hung with six lights over a single pane on the second floor.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass to be a resort community in the late nineteenth century for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique, existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design space planning and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

The summer home of the Perry's is one of the larger cottages in the community. The exact date of construction is not known. Most residents of the beach constructed their homes over several years. All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1 D & 4 Bk 5

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE	ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE	CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Barbara Collins Turner	April 1982	Morgan State University	444-3225	Center for Built Environment Studies	Baltimore, MD

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TITLE ABSTRACT

1345 Douglass ave

AA-815

GW 11 121 10/3/98
\$300.

Charles R. Douglass

To

Amelia J. Scott

To

Equity #5772 5/19/30

George E. Pullman (Trustee)

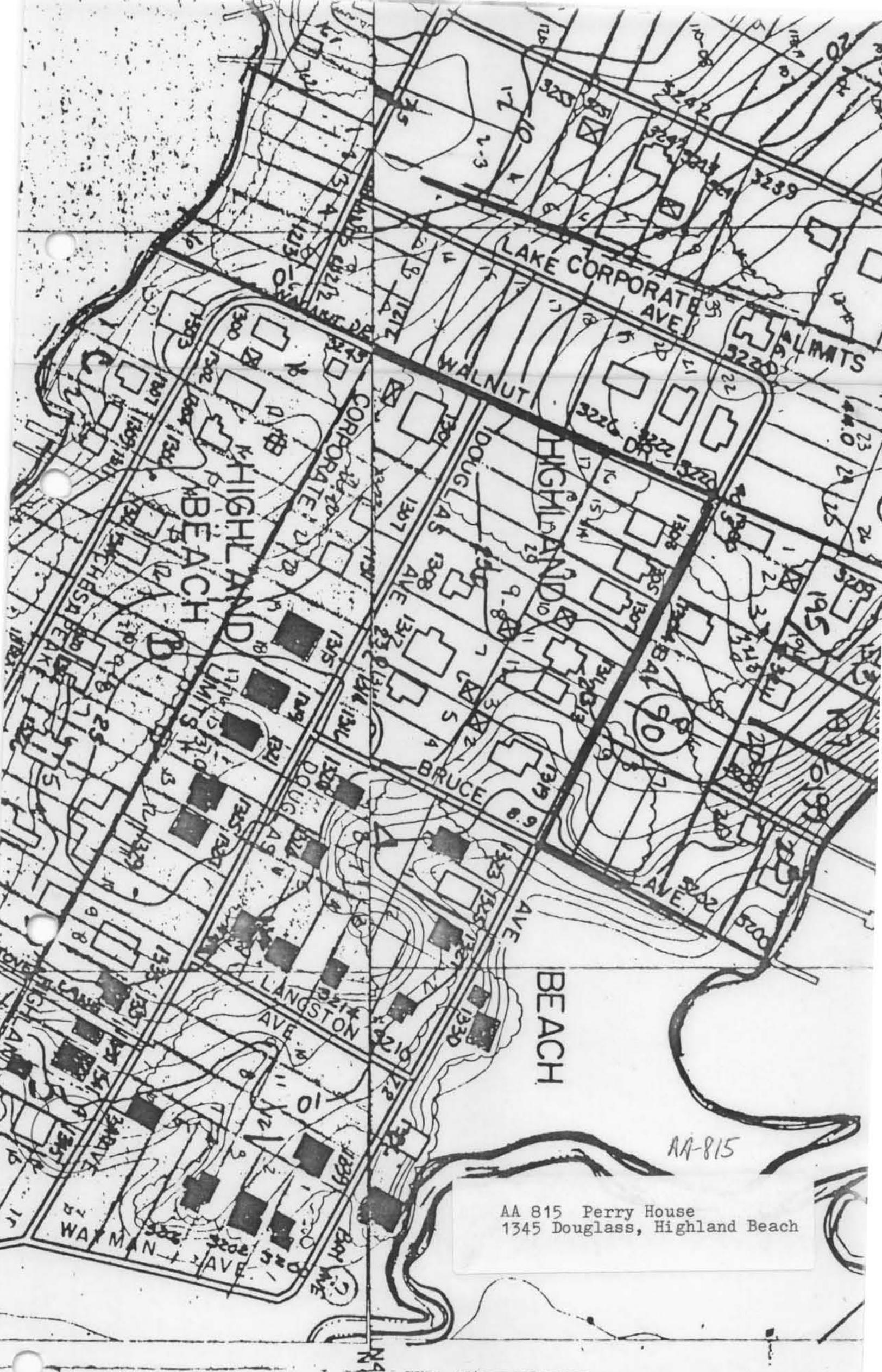
To

7/7/30 FSR68 475
\$700.

Richard F. Ware

To

Leslie S. Perry



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1345 Douglass, Highland Beach



AA 815, Perry House
1345 Douglass, Highland Beach
Fern Eisner, photographer 3/82