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CAPSULE  
GEORGE RIES HOUSE # 2

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

George Ries House # 2

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

6 Cedar Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_PUBLIC

PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Not Known

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Liber #: Not Available

Folio #:

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>July, 1979</u>

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

This house is one of two built by George Ries between the years 1876 and 1896 where it appears on the tax list of that year.

The two story frame structure has an L-plan, is topped with a gable-end roof and rests on a stone foundation. It measures four uneven bays wide by two bays deep with a two story addition. The fenestration is a regular 6/6 sash. The walls are covered with wooden shingles.

On the east facade there is a four bay single story wrap-around porch which is enclosed on both ends. The porch roof is supported by truncated rectangular columns chamfered on the corners, and has a tongue-and-groove ceiling.

The southernmost two bays contain dissimilar entrances. The third bay is enclosed and the fourth contains a 6/6 sash window. The distance between the third and fourth bays is approximately 3 feet greater than the others relative to the chimney stack. There is a depression in the ridge at this same point.

The south facade is partially covered by a one story addition. The second story has a windowless east bay, and there is a four light casement window venting the attic. This window has an awkward relation to the brick corbeled interior end chimney.

A west wing occupies the southern one-half of the west facade. An interior flue chimney occupies the northwest corner exiting next to the eaves, and the upper story is blind.

The single story ell has a porch enclosure with both casement and sash windows.

The north end has a small shed-roof enclosure on the first level. The upper level is blind in the west bay only. A 6/6 sash vents the attic level of the gable end.

There was no interior access.

A two car frame garage stands 20 feet from the northwest corner of the house. It is also covered with wooden shingles and has a gable end roof.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1876 - 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records  
Baltimore County Will Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The following

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

D. Owings Schultz

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

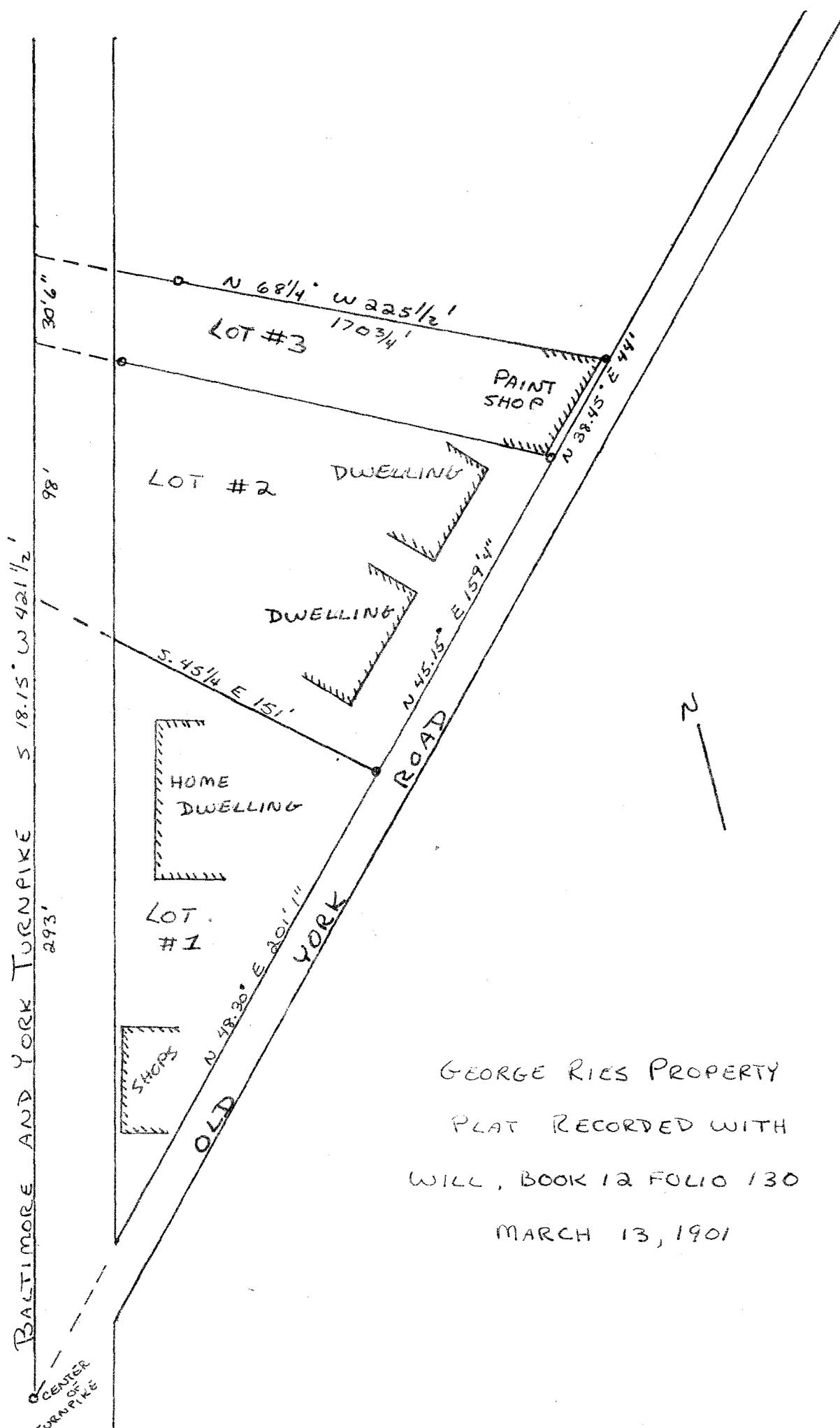
STATE

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





GEORGE RIES PROPERTY  
 PLAT RECORDED WITH  
 WILL, BOOK 12 FOLIO 130  
 MARCH 13, 1901

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT  
GEORGE RIES

George Ries, Last Will & Testament in Will Book 12/130  
March 13, 1901

To son Theodore H. Ries: "all these two lots...being part of the land... conveyed to me by William Jackson and wife by deed dated May 17, 1853" HMF 5/202 being lot # 1 and lot # 3 on the plat recorded with the will.  
(see plat of the division of the real estate of George Ries, surveyed April 18, 1890 by Charles B. McClean recorded on page 232 of this will book)

Lot # 1:

"Together with the Dwelling House, Blacksmith Shop, Wheelwright Shop and other improvements erected thereon."

Lot # 3:

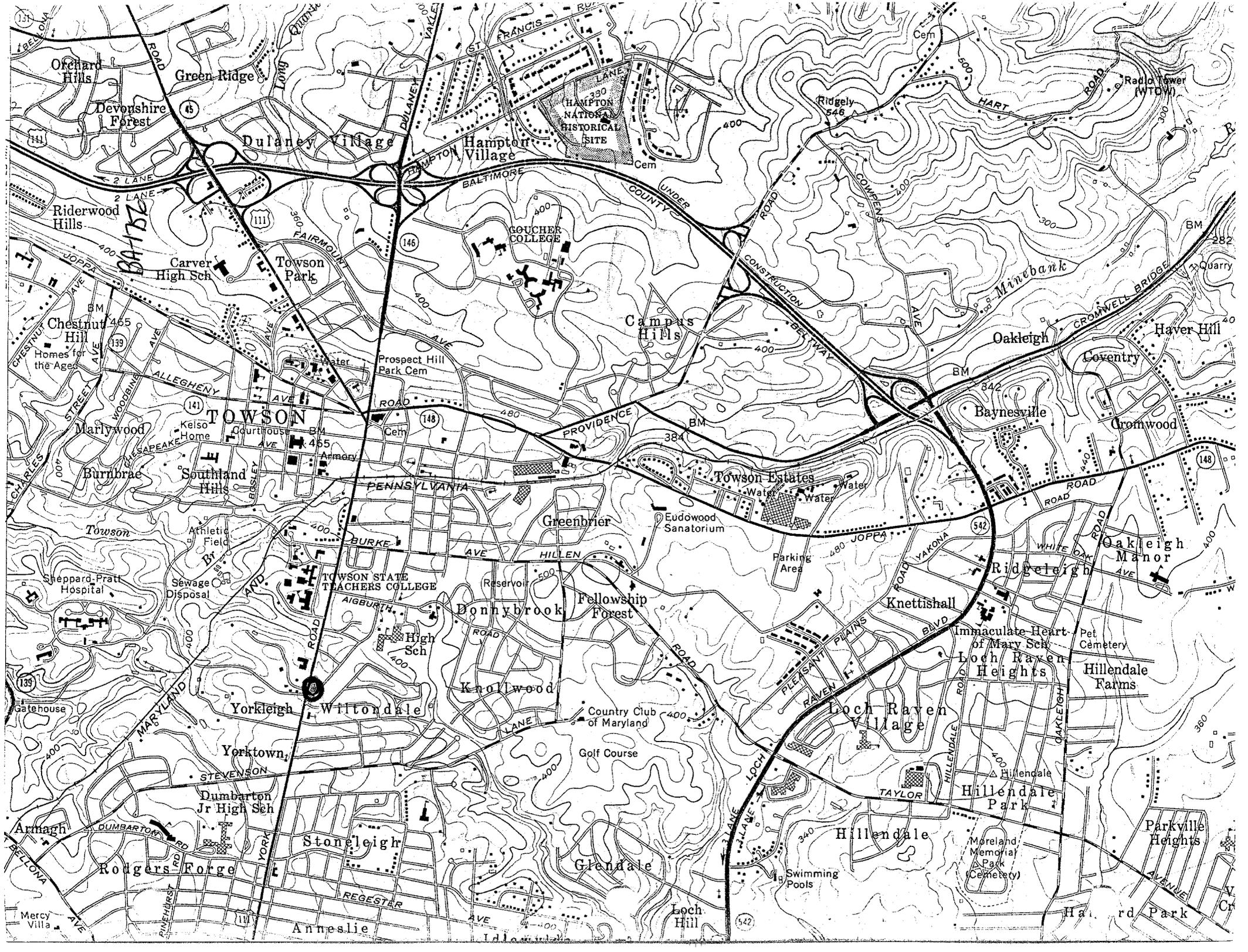
Paint Shop and other improvements.

To son Charles A. Ries:

Lot # 2:

"...with the two dwelling houses and other improvements thereon."

Executors of the Will - Theodore H. Ries  
Charles A. Ries  
William S. Keech, Attorney





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GEORGE RIES HOUSE # 2  
S. E. CORNER

J. CORCORAN  
7/79



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GEORGE RIES HOUSE #2  
N. FACADE

J. CORCORAN  
7/79