

## HISTORICAL SITES

SITE NO: 01790

NAME: POWELL-GRISCOM HOUSE

LOCATION: 220 OLD PADONIA ROAD, TEXAS

TAX MAP: 51      PARCEL NO: 136      PLAN AREA: 3      CENSUS: 4084

ELECT DIST: 8      COUNCIL DIST: 3      ZONING: DR 3.5      ACRES: 1.06

MAP NO: 10      NORTH:      EAST:

REG STATUS: 2 (= MHT Inv.)      OWNERSHIP: 3 (Private)

SPEC DATE:      DATE PERIOD: 6 (1851-1875)

NTL DIST:      CTY DIST:

LAND LIST:      FUNCT CLAS: 4 Private Residence

STYLE: 4 GREEK Revival

CONDITION: 3 Fair      FOUNDATION: 1 Stone

WALL COVERING: 13 Stone      ROOF STYLE: 1 Gable

PRIM SIGNF: 4 Architectural      SEC SIGNF: 30 (Other)

TERT SIGNF: 1

COMMENTS: BUILT CA 1854-1858 TWO AND ONE HALF STORY FIVE BAY I-HOUSE.

PERPENDICULAR STONE SERVICE WING WITH FLOUNDER ROOF. SHOWN AS M.

COMMENT 2: KENNEDY HOUSE IN 1877 ATLAS. SMALL UPPER-STORY WINDOWS IN STYLE OF GREEK REVIVAL TOWNHOUSES.

COMMENT 3:

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Morris - Miller House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

220 Old Padonia Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville P.O.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Texas 2nd Congressional District

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
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**ACCESSIBLE**

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs Paul F. Morris

Telephone #: 666- 1294

STREET & NUMBER

220 Old Padonia Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville P.O.

VICINITY OF Texas

STATE, zip code

Maryland # 21030

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Building

Liber #: 1280

Folio #: 262

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This very large stone dwelling is located on the east side of the railroad tracks, the second house north of Old Padonia Road, in the Texas area. The house is of central block design, approximately 40 X 22 feet, with its long axis north - south. There is an addition on the north east approximately 16 X 18 feet. The main block has a gable roof with a deep and plain overhang and interior end chimneys on the north and south. It is 2½ stories. The addition is perpendicular to and under the overhang of the main block. It is 2 stories plus attic and has a sharply pitched cat slide or half gable roof. The interior end chimney is in the north east corner. Both roofs are shingled. A one story two bay shingle covered service wing is located on the south side of the addition. It has a stone foundation.

The west facade of the central block is five bays wide. The entrance door is four panel wood with transom bar and sidelights. It is deeply recessed and the entryway is paneled wood. All bays on the west facade have stone lintels and sills. There is a five bay, one story porch supported by stone pillars. Simple wood columns support the shed roof. The dwelling is one bay deep on the north facade of the main block and two in the addition. The bays are similar on the south. A bulkhead entrance to the cellar is located on the south east of the main block.

Large blocks of cut stone have been used in the construction of the west facade, while coursed stone is used on the rest of the building. Although bays on the north, south and west have stone lintels, sills are wood. All windows on the first and second floors are double hung, 6/6 lite with wood sash. Casement windows on the third level are 6 lite and open in.

The house is of center hall design with flanking parlors. One room deep on the south and two on the north. It is probable that this house was built by Thomas Fortune, a master stone mason in Texas, for the Powell Griscom Family.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This very large 2½ story house is a good example of vernacular stone architecture. Although style is secondary to function on all but the west (entrance) facade, this dwelling is still an imposing structure. Its location, about a half mile south of the village of Texas, close to the railroad, yet on a large lot, and the use of local cut stone and quoins at least on the west all seem to indicate that a family of some wealth was associated with it. Similarity in construction and plan with the large stone house immediately to the south, indicate that this building like its neighbor may have been built by Thomas Fortune.

The ground on which the house is built, is Lot # 2 of Division #1 of the Quarry property of David Griscom.(1) The property was sold to Jacob Burroughs for \$500 in 1854. Apparently the property was purchased by Powell Griscom and held as a leasehold at a ground rent of \$50 a year.

The first reference to the house is made in a 1867 deed.(2) Which states in part" it being the same land with all appurtances and improvements including household furniture upon the same consisting in part of bedsteads, bureaus, tables chairs etc." The property apparently stayed in Griscom family until 1872 when the house and ground rent were purchased by Martin Kennedy for \$3,000. After this the property had a checkered history with several owners, including John Kelly and Michael Lindsay, familiar names in Texas history.

The Griscom family, namely Samuel Griscom and his son Powell were closely associated with the quarrying industry in Texas. The family came from Pennsylvania and most went back after Samuel Griscom's death though they retained several leasehold properties in Texas. In the 1850 census of Baltimore County (District 1) Powell Griscom was listed as a Limeburner, with an estate of \$20,000. He and his wife Hannah had eight children.

The Griscom Quarry property was originally a part of Division #3 of the property of Thomas Cockey Deye, inherited by his nephew Thomas Deye Cockey in 1808. It was sold to Samuel Griscom in 1849.(3)

- (1) Judicial Liber HMF 7/ 292 Griscom vs Griscom 11 February 1854  
Plat of the Quarry Property and Building lots in Texas
- (2) Baltimore County Land Records JHL 56/196 4 November 1867
- (3) Baltimore County Equity Records Judicial Liber HMF 7 pp 283-284

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Tax Lists 1876, 1896, 1911, 1918  
 Baltimore County Equity Records Judicial Liber H.M.F. 7, Liber 275-277  
 Baltimore County Land Records: RJS 1280/262, WPC 546/152, WPC 522/51  
 WPC 506/422, NBM 230/231, LMB 208/479, EHA 77/347, EHA 62/195, EHA 56/196  
 Baltimore County Mortgage Records: RJS 1280/263, WMJ 112/249  
 "The Diamond Jubilee of St Joseph's Parish" Very Rev. Albert E. Smith  
 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Baltimore 1927

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.6 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

Marion S. Anderson (student)

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

December 19, 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

200 Brightdale Road

TELEPHONE

252-1576

CITY OR TOWN

Timonium

STATE

Maryland # 21093

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.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

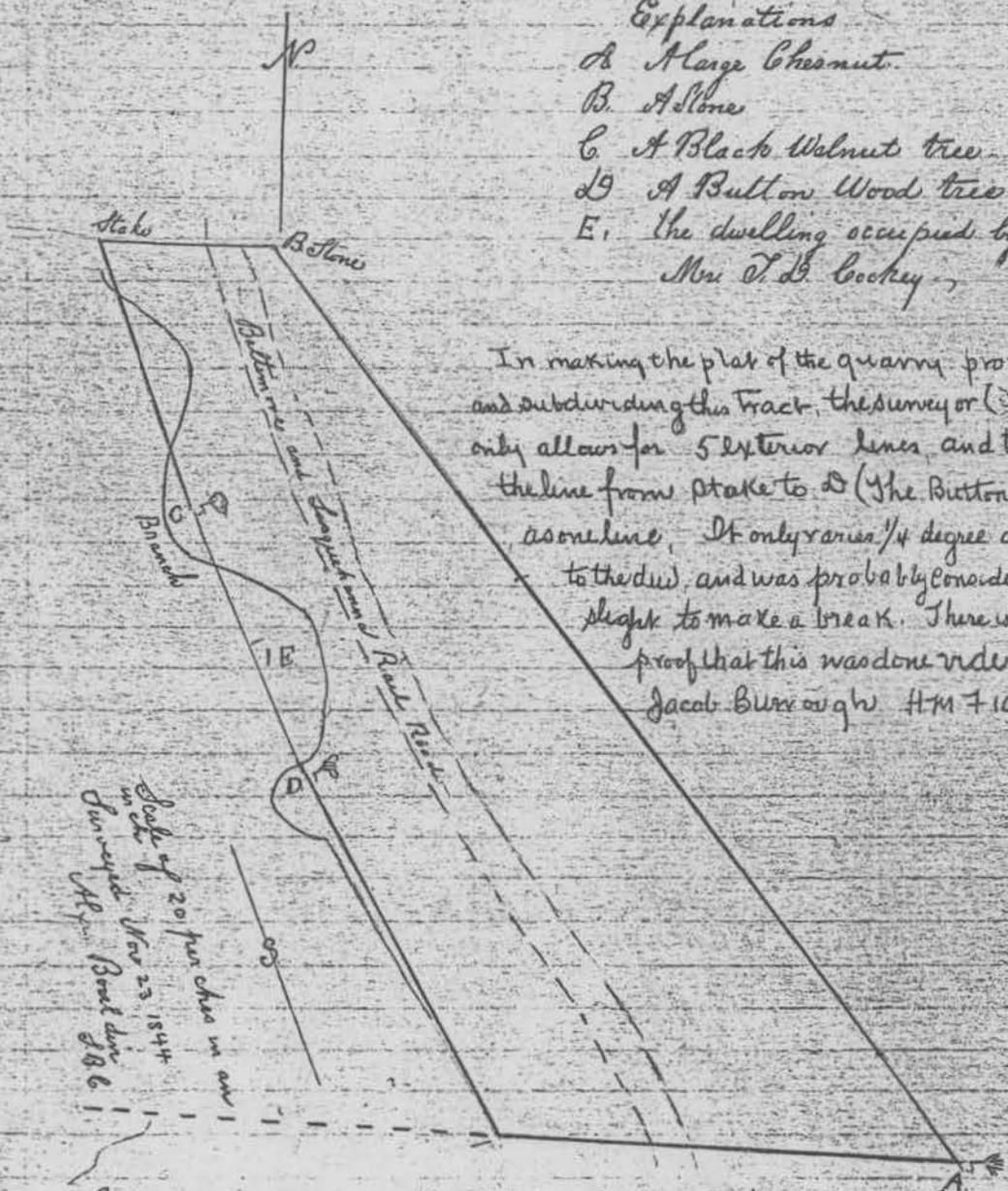
East seventy three perches to the place of beginning, containing forty four acres of Land more or less subject however to the leaving open of the Road as at present used along the northern boundary line of the above described Land for the mutual <sup>benefit</sup> of said Cockey and the owners of said Land.

True Copy Test Louis Gassaway Reg. Cur. Com.

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Explanations

- A. Large Chestnut.
- B. A Stone
- C. A Black Walnut tree
- D. A Button Wood tree
- E. the dwelling occupied by Mrs T. D. Cockey.



In making the plat of the quarry property and subdividing this Tract, the surveyor (Dimpson) only allows for 5 exterior lines and treats the line from Stake to D (The Button wood tree) as one line. It only varies 1/4 degree according to the deed, and was probably considered too slight to make a break. There is abundant proof that this was done vide deed to Jacob Burroughs H.M. 710-217.

Scale of 20 perches in an  
inches  
Surveyed Nov 23 1844  
Surveyed by  
A. G. B. & C.

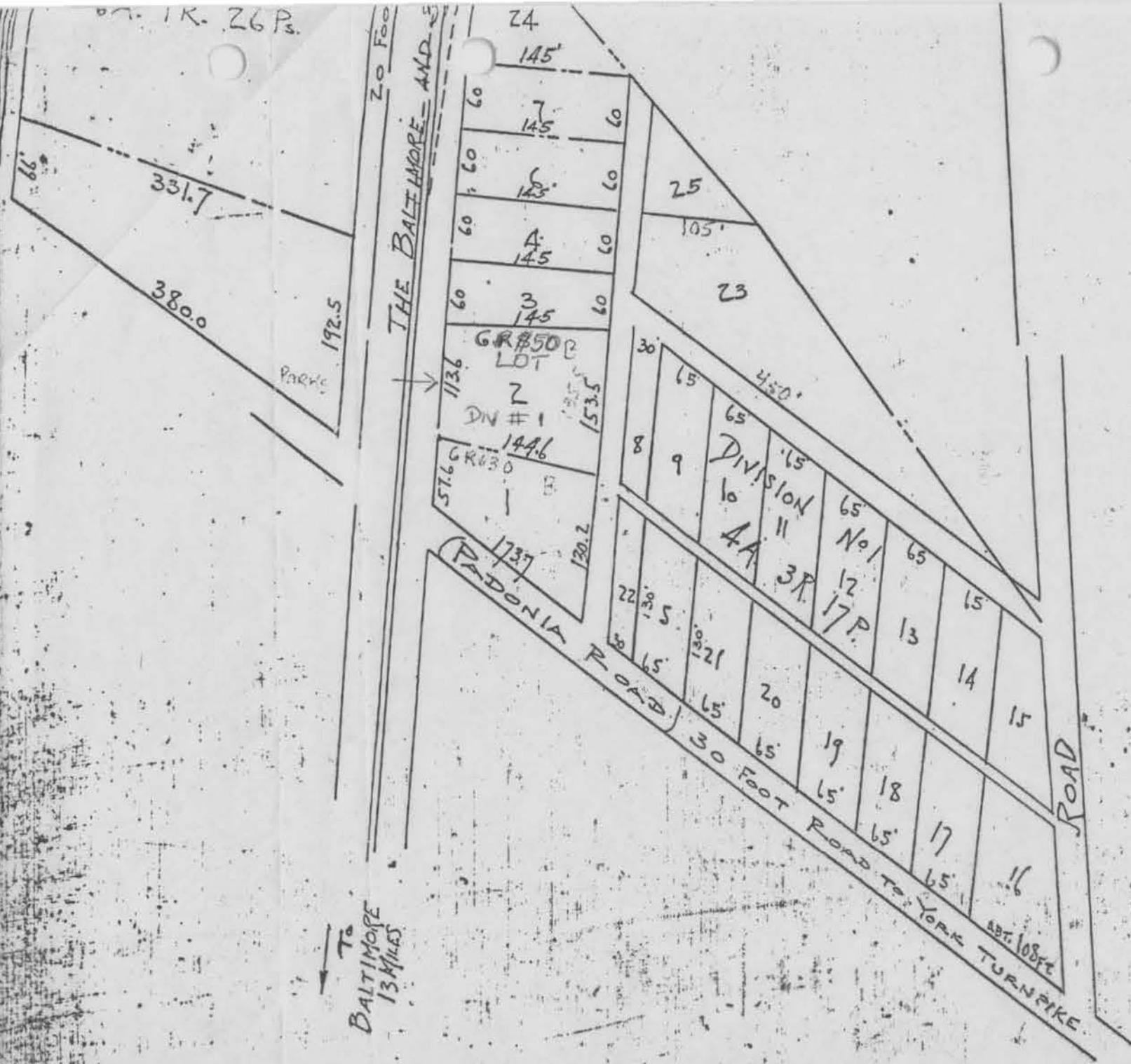
State of Maryland Baltimore City to wit. Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty nine before the subscribers two Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the City of Baltimore aforesaid personally appeared John Glenn the individual whose name is subscribed to the above Indenture or Instrument of writing and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed as Trustee and Mortgagee

for and in consideration of the premises and of the sum of Two dollars current money to him in hand paid by the said Samuel Griscom at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained and sold assigned transferred and set over released and conveyed and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sell assign transfer set over release and convey unto said Samuel Griscom his heirs and assigns. All the right title interest & estate of the parties Complainant and Defendant in the said Cause and all his interest and estate as mortgaged as aforesaid in and to the Lot piece or parcel of Land and premises above mentioned and described with the buildings and improvements of every kind and description thereon made erected and being and the rights ways water courses privileges appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining subject however to the use of the road along the Northern boundary of the above described Land as aforesaid and the privilege of changing the course of the said stream running through the said Land as aforesaid To Have and To Hold the same free and forever discharged from all claim and demand whatsoever of the Complainant and Defendant in said Cause or for or on account of the Indenture of Mortgage aforesaid unto the said Samuel Griscom his heirs and assigns forever In Testimony whereof the said John Glenn as Trustee and Mortgagee as aforesaid hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed and delivered } John Glenn Trustee (Seal)  
 in the presence of John P. Snyder }

Courses comprising the Land to be conveyed by Thos Cockey of Thom as to Samuel Griscom.

Beginning for the same at a large Chestnut tree a boundary between the Lands of said Cockey and the late amon Bosley deceased and running and bounding on the outline of said Cockey's Land North thirty three degrees West one hundred and seventy nine perches to a Stone a boundary between the Lands of said Cockey and a certain John Clarke and running and bounding on the line dividing the Lands of said Cockey from the Lands of Judge Nesbit North Eighty three and a half degrees West twenty six perches to a stake now planted near the East side of the branch then South Sixteen and a quarter degrees East forty three perches and eight tenths of a perch to a black Walnut tree standing on the East side and close to the branch then South Sixteen and a half degrees East forty six perches to a large buttern Wood tree standing on the East side and close to the branch then South twenty four and three quarter degrees East sixty two perches to the Southern boundary of said Cockey's Land and then South Eighty two degrees



MAP OF QUARRY LOTS  
AND  
VILLAGE OF TEXAS

HMF 7/275-301  
11 FEBRUARY 1854

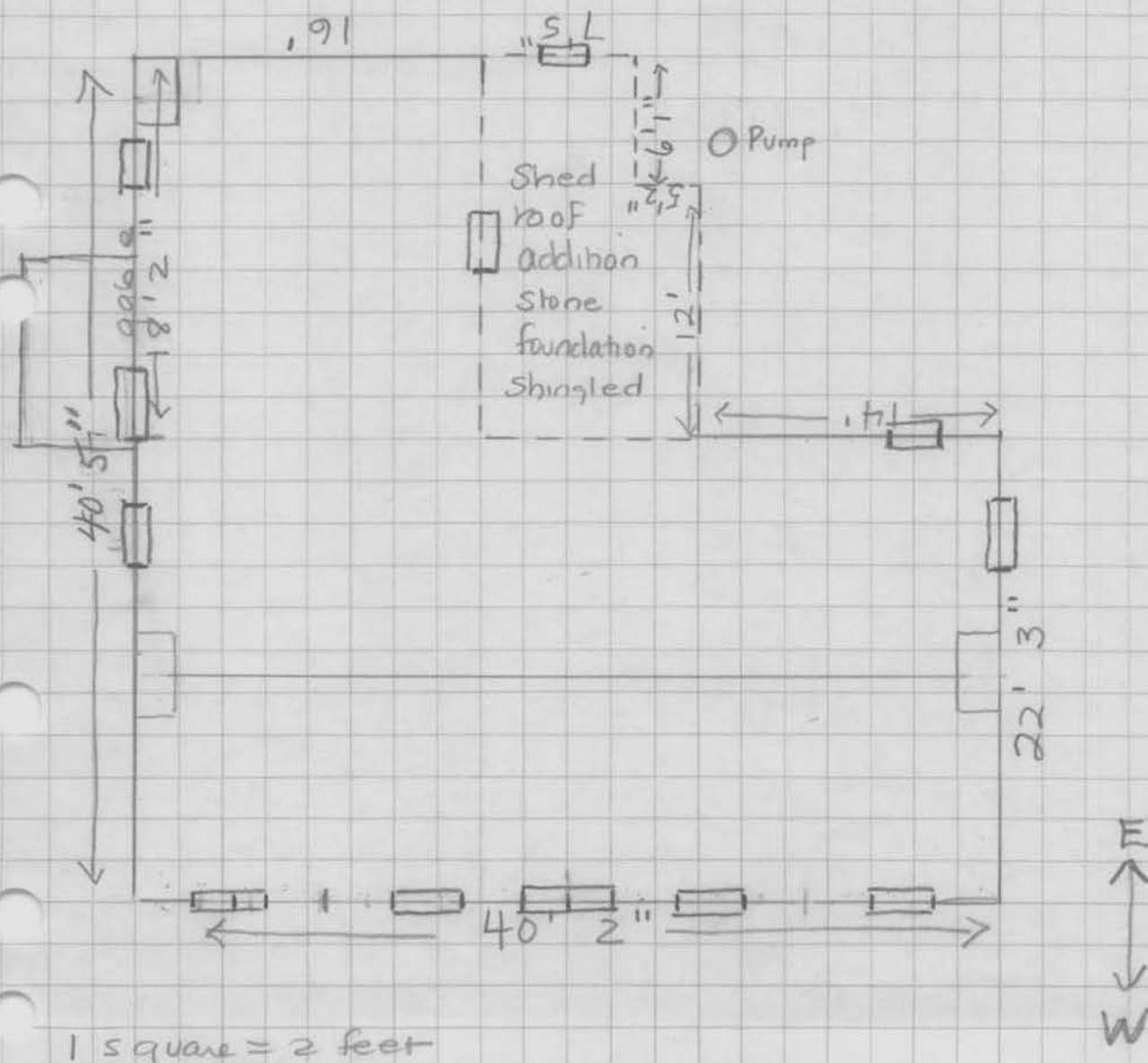
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220 OLD PADONIA ROAD

MORRIS MILLER



## CHAIN OF TITLE

## 220 OLD PADONIA ROAD

RJS 1280/262 - 10 March 1943 - Mabel G. Downs deed in fee simple to Paul F. Morris 1 6/100 acres  
 Beginning on north east side of right of way N.C.R.R. at the beginning of that parcel, deed 5 October 1921 WPC 546/152 conveyed by Michael J. Lindsay and Ella C. Lindsay both unmarried to James A and Mabel G. Downs and running thence and binding on first or North 74 east 186'6" line of said land. North 75° 44" east 186 5/10' to the westernmost side of a lane and running thence  
 North 12° 9' west 240 9/10' to a stone heretofore planted on easternmost side of said lane and running thence  
 South 66° 44" west 229 5/10' to a stone heretofore planted on the north east side of the right of way of aforesaid N.C.R.R., running thence and binding thereon  
 South 22° 54" east 207 2/10' to place of beginning

RJS 1280/263 - Paul F. Morris mortgage to George B. Gildenfenny - \$1,700  
 Being all the same land

WPC 546/152 - 5 October 1921 - Michael J. Lindsay deed to James Downs  
 3 rods 38 perches

Same as

PC 522/515 - 14 February 1920 - John J Kelly Jr deed to Michael Lindsay  
 Being same lot described as third lot

WPC 506/422 - 3 December 1918 - John J. Kelly to John J Kelly Jr.

Third lot, same lot

NBM 230/231 - 27 January 1898 - Harry P. Boyd deed in fee simple to John J. Kelly 3 rods 38 perches \$ 1,800

being same land

LMB 208/479 - 25 January 1895 - Milton W. Offutt deed to Joseph Shea, Offutt by authority vested in him as attorney and after a public sale as a result of a default of mortgage by certificate of mortgage from Martin Kennedy and Bridget his wife- assigned to Joshua F. Cockey 11 November 1884. Joseph Shea substituted for Bridget Kennedy as purchaser.

all the same land as described in mortgage

WMJ 112/249 - 11 November 1884 - Martin Kennedy mortgage to Milton Offutt for \$1,000. Mortgage assigned to Joshua F. Cockey 5 November 1885

same lot

EHA 77/347 - 28 September 1872 Mary A Griscom deed to Martin Kennedy  
 3 rods 38 perches - \$3,000

EHA 48/16 - 28 September 1872- Martin Kennedy Mortgage to Hannah A. Griscom  
 3 rods 38 perches. Insure bldgs/property during mortgage for \$2,000

EHA 48/165 - 28 September 1872 - Martin Kennedy mortgage to Cockeysville National Bank 3 roods 38 perches conveyed Mary A. Griscom to Martin Kennedy

same as

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EHA 62/195 - 3 May 1869 - Hannah A. Griscom deed in fee to Mary A. Griscom 3 roods 38 perches - \$2,000

same land as

JHL 56/196 - 4 November 1867 - Cumberland Coal and Iron Company deed to Hannah Griscom 3 roods 38 perches - \$2,000. mentions household furnishings together with improvements.

same land

JHL 56/194 - 14 October 1867 - George A. Thurston Trustee deed to Cumberland Coal and Iron Co. Decree Circuit Court of Allegheny Co. Cumberland complainant Allen M. Sherman etc defendant Docket # 1331 9 November 1863. For benefit of creditors said company including premises conveyed 11 Jan-1859 to defendants as trustees by Charles W. Krebs, decree not executed Premises of Thurston transferred to Cumberland Coal and Iron Co. in fee simple

GHC 24/252 - 11 January 1859 - Allen Sherman et al Trustees deed to Charles W. Krebs 3 roods 38 perches \$2,900

same lot as

GHC 24/249-26 October 1858 - Benjamin Horowitz Trustee 1st part, William M Griscom and Ellen his wife 2nd part, Charles Krebs 3rd part. Powell Griscom filed for insolvency 28 December 1857 Horowitz appointed as trustee Powell Griscom had purchased annuity/ground rent on lot of ground, rents belonged to him prior to application. Lot offered for sale free and clear of rent - virtue of a lease - Krebs the highest bidder - 3 roods 38 perches.

HMF 14/461 - - Jacob Burroughs Deed of annuities to William Griscom - Lot # 2 Division # 1 Ground Rent \$50

HMF 10/459 - 26 December 1854 - Jacob Burroughs deed of lease to Powell Griscom - Lot # 2 Division # 1 - Ground Rent \$ 50

HMF 10/217 - 27 November 1854 - Powell Griscom deed in fee to Jacob Burroughs, \$10,300 whole parcel, including Lot # 2 Division # 1 see pp 218

HMF 7/275 - 11 February 1854 - Judicial Liber - Ann Griscom and others vs David Griscom - pp 292 Jacob Burroughs as highest bidder purchased Lot #2 Division # 1 for \$500

part of

- 4 April 1849 - John Glenn Trustee deed to Samuel Griscom, Decree of the Circuit Court - High Court of Chancery - 29 April 1840 Ann Cockey vs Thomas D. Cockey. John Glenn to sell real estate of Thomas D. Cockey at public sale 14 December 1844. Samuel Griscom highest bidder at \$17,500 for several tracts of land (See plat) including Lot # 2 Division # 1

part of

Division # 3 of the real estate of Thomas Cockey Deye, inherited by his nephew Thomas Deye Cockey. Whole tract 537 acres

