

CLVT-200
George Virgil Gantt
Port Republic Vicinity
Private

c. 1891

This one and a half story frame house was built George Virgil Gantt, a negro landowning farmer and jack of all trades. When built, it consisted of a two bay principal block with a single story log kitchen attached to the back. In plan, it had a side hall passageway and single parlor. Some of the framing members were morticed and tenoned into place, while others were toed into place with a mixture of wire and cut nails, the methods reflecting the transition in building commiserate with the date of construction. The interior was finished with decorative fixtures, hand-made by Gantt.

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George V. Gantt House
Port Republic Vicinity
Private

c. 1891

This one and a half story frame house was built by its owner, George V. Gantt, a Black farmer and jack-of-all-trades. In plan it contains a side hall passageway with single parlor which contains a fireplace embellished with hand-made dentil blocks. The construction is a combination of traditional post and beam and balloon framing methods.

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JAMES A. LEWIS ABANDONED HOUSE
(late 19th century)
Prince Frederick
Private

This frame farmhouse stands a true $1\frac{1}{2}$ stories tall. The L-shaped building measures three bays across the main section, with a one-bay-deep, two-bay-wide ell. Six over six windows light the weatherboarded house, except for a three over three sash window appearing in the half-story.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James A. Lewis Abandoned House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Sixes Road

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James A. Lewis

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County

Liber #: JLB 155

Folio #: 253

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 765

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

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

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame farmhouse stands a true one-and-a-half stories tall. The L-shaped building measures three bays across the main section, with a one-bay-deep, two-bay-wide ell. Six over six windows light the weatherboarded house, except for a three over three sash window appearing in the half-story.

A brick stove-flue chimney heats the west end. A batten door appears in the north elevation. Corrugated metal covers the roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 Late 19th Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This abandoned farmhouse is of no known historical significance.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

March, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Box 107

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

STATE

MD

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MABI #0502005604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The George Virgil Gantt House
 AND/OR COMMON James A. Lewis Abandoned House

2 LOCATION

(MD 506)
 STREET & NUMBER South side of Sixes Road, 25 yards west of Greater Bibleway Church, at the end of a long dirt drive.
 CITY, TOWN Port Republic VICINITY OF Bowens CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Abandoned
 NAME James Edward Gantt Telephone #: 301-535-1693
 STREET & NUMBER Box 68
 CITY, TOWN Prince Frederick VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: _____
 Folio #: 307
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds, Calvert County Courthouse
 STREET & NUMBER Main Street (MD 765)
 CITY, TOWN Prince Frederick STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None
 DATE _____
 _____ FEDERAL _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

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

This one and a half-story, frame house is now abandoned and in derelict condition. In earlier days, the grounds and farmlands around it were well maintained, and the house was handsome in appearance. It faced south in the direction of one of the old county roads that passed in front of it. That road is no longer used and is overgrown. Just east of the house today stands a small mobile home, that was occupied by the son of the George V. Gantt in recent years, after the main house became too dilapidated and was condemned by the county.

The facade of the house contains two bays with the door opening into a side passageway. The long western gable end has no windows, only an opening for the firebox and ~~for~~ the sitting room downstairs. A two-story frame kitchen was added to the rear of the house on the northwest corner replacing the original, one-story log kitchen. To the east side along the main block, another two-story block, which has since been pulled down, was added.

The frame rests on upright ferrous sandstone pilings and is fastened by a mixture of wire and cut nails. Some of the studs are morticed into the sills, while others are toed and fastened by nails. According to the grandson of the builder, Edward Gantt, his grandfather used white oak to build the sills and posts, since they were the stronger materials, and used pine and poplar for the weatherboards, poplar being preferred since it lasted longer.

Due to the dangerous condition of the house, the upstairs was not investigated. The downstairs plan consisted of a side hall passageway and single parlor, which contained a mantel, embellished by hand-made dentil blocks.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black History	

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1891 BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Virgil Gantt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to oral informant, Edward Gantt, his grandfather, George Virgil Gantt, built this house on property that he had purchased. Edward said that his mother was born in this house, and since she is eighty-six years old, that would make the date of construction to be ^{earlier} than 1891. It is significant that the construction of the house with its use of cut and wire nails and of mortice and tenon joints reflects the continuation of the earlier traditions of building and the adaptation of the newer methods. This transition supports the date, 1891.

According to Gantt, his grandfather was a jack-of-all-trades, and one of his specialities was carpentry. As part of this survey, his box of tools was photographed (see the slides). It had been left behind in the house and was removed by this surveyor and given to Gantt to preserve. Family photographs of the occupants of this house were also copied and are included in the collection of slides.

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

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THIS IS THE LINEAGE OF

1st GEN #1 _____

ADDRESS _____

CARRIE GRANTT BROOKS

1891 -

photo - 17 yearold

4 Joseph Grantt

G.F.

B ^{up in age when he} died in

D 1898

M

Res.

Calvert county

8

G.G.F.

B

D

M

Res.

9

G.G.M.

B

D

2 George Virgil Grantt

FATHER

B 1855

D

M

Res.

FLORA

1) Anne ~~Grantt~~ Sanders

5 Mary Knox

G.M.

B

D 1904 in her 80's

photo -

St. Mary's County

born a slave

his wife

(Greater Bible way Church)

Louis Goldstein's

grandfather - house

lived; know old, stone

10

G.G.F.

B

D

M

Res.

11

G.G.M.

B

D

2) Elizabeth Grantt

Johnson

(root & herb folk medicine - doctor)

12

G.G.F.

B

D

M

Res.

6

G.F.

B

D

M

Res.

13

G.G.M.

B

D

Virginia

3 Agnes Murray Grantt

MOTHER

B 1861

D 1946

Calvert

KEY

B = BORN

D = DIED

M = MARRIED

Res. = RESIDENCE

G.M.

B

D

14

G.G.F.

B

D

M

Res.

15

G.G.M.

B

D

ADD FURTHER NOTES AND REFERENCES ON REVERSE SIDE BY NUMBER

children photo:

Joseph Gant - WW I flag

H.
James Gant - straw hat; veteran
of WW I.

Marine:

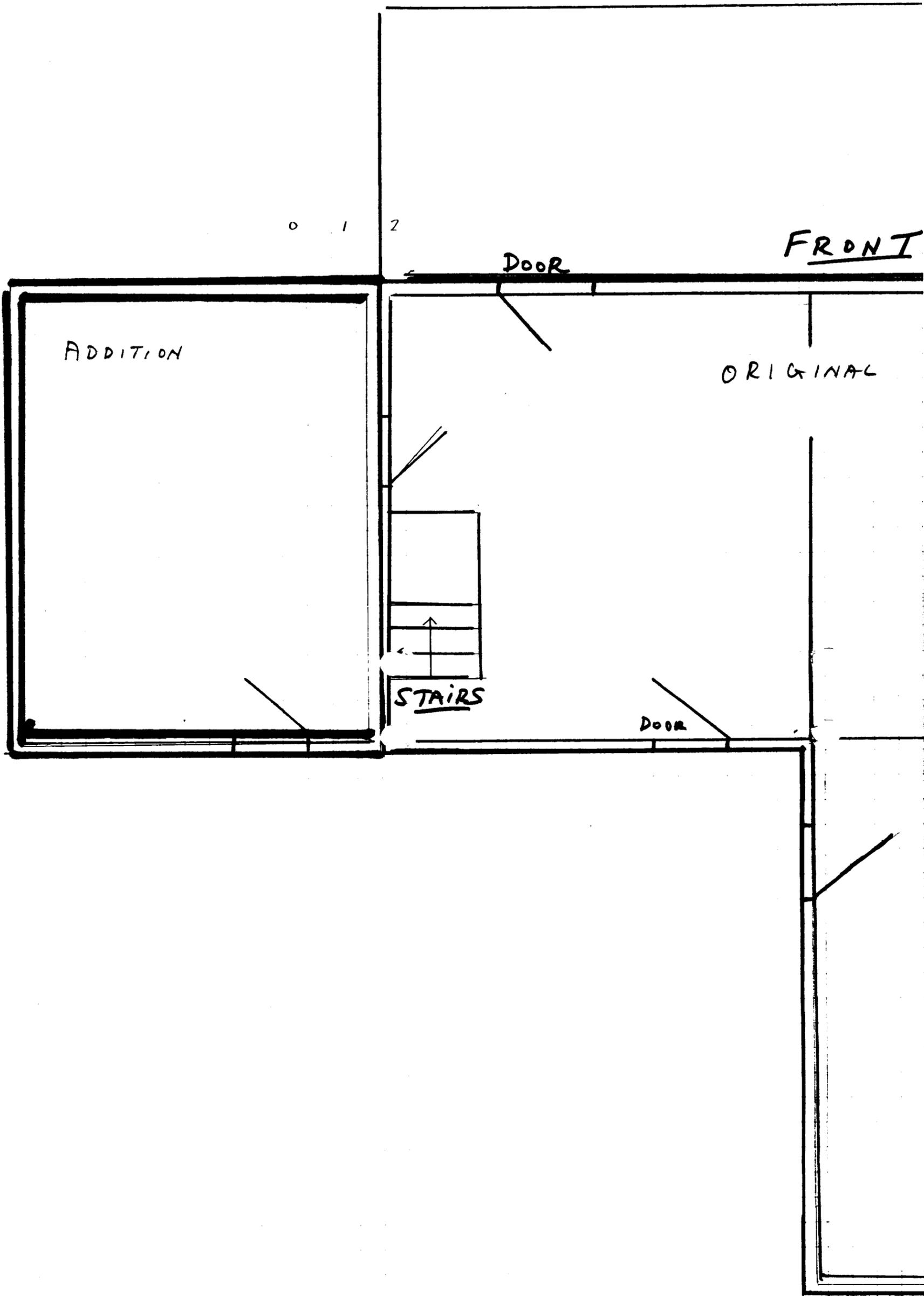
Bectrice's grandson

~~Sylvia~~ ~~Howard~~
Sylvia Antoine Harrod

Painting:

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GEORGE VIRGIL GANTT



HOUSE

PORCH

HOUSE

MANTLE



STOVE



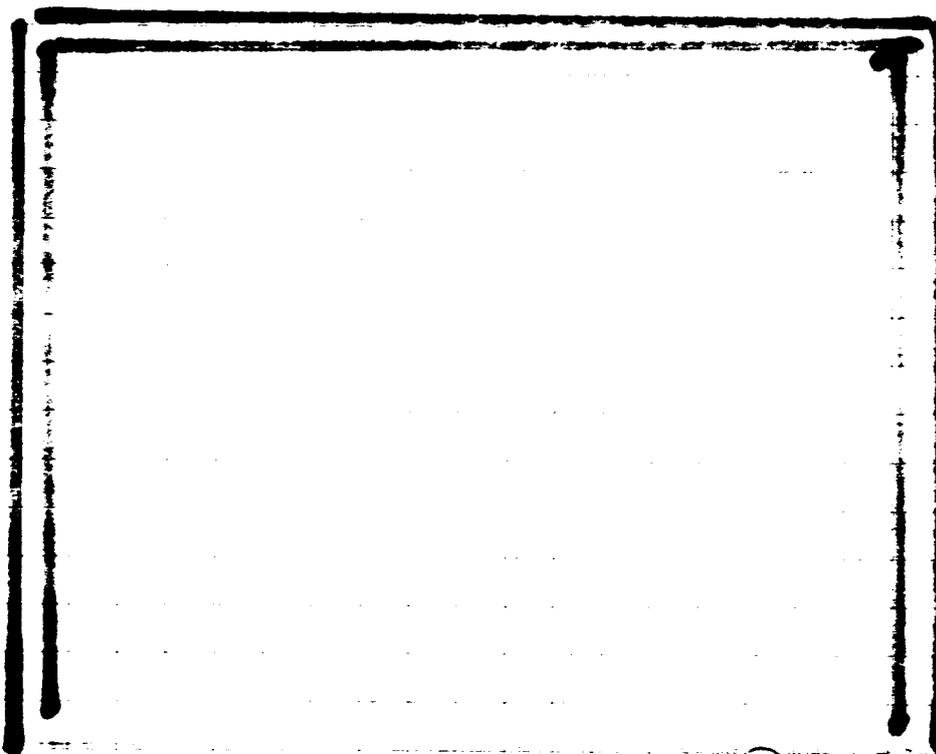
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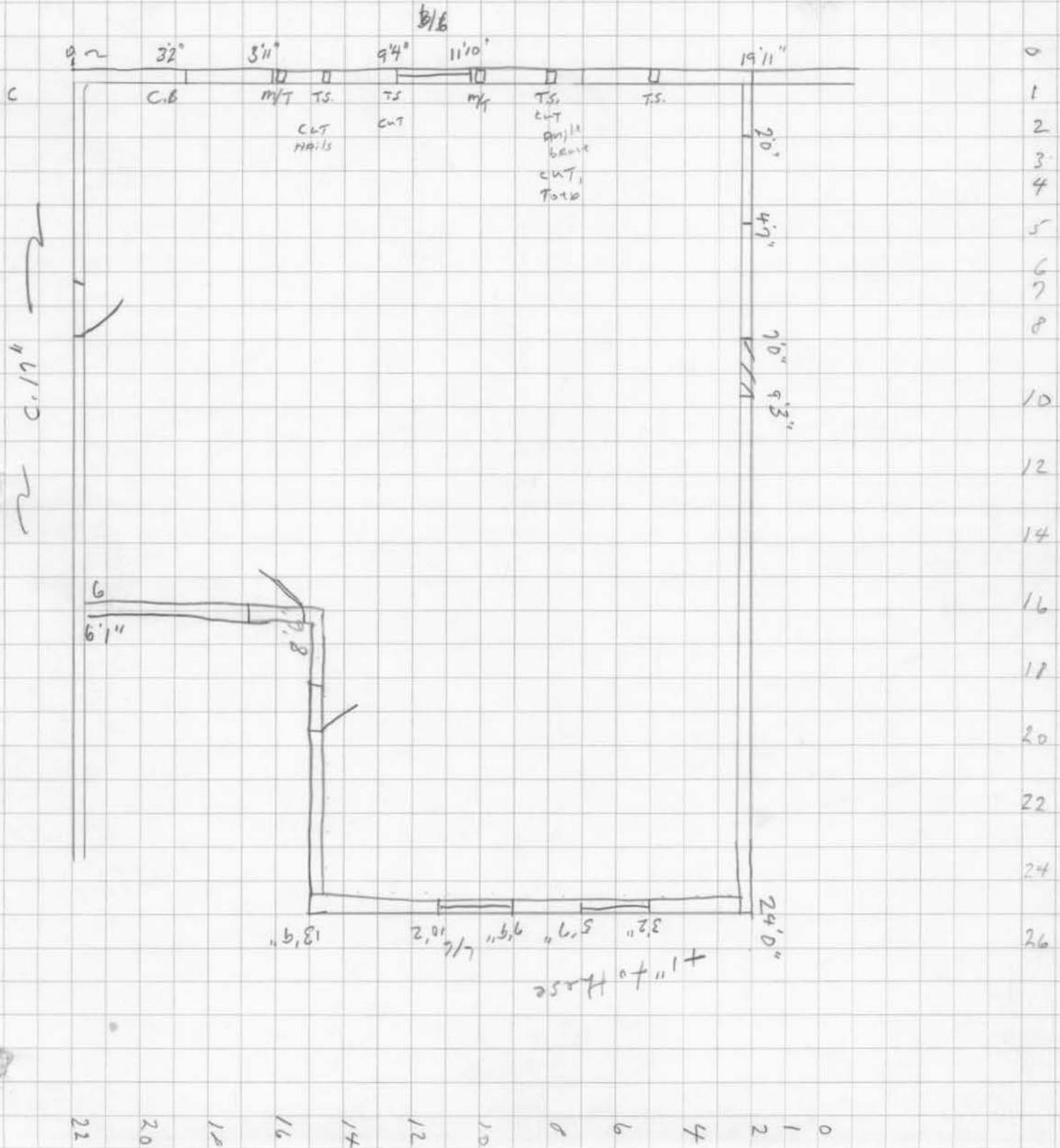
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George VIRGIL GRANTT

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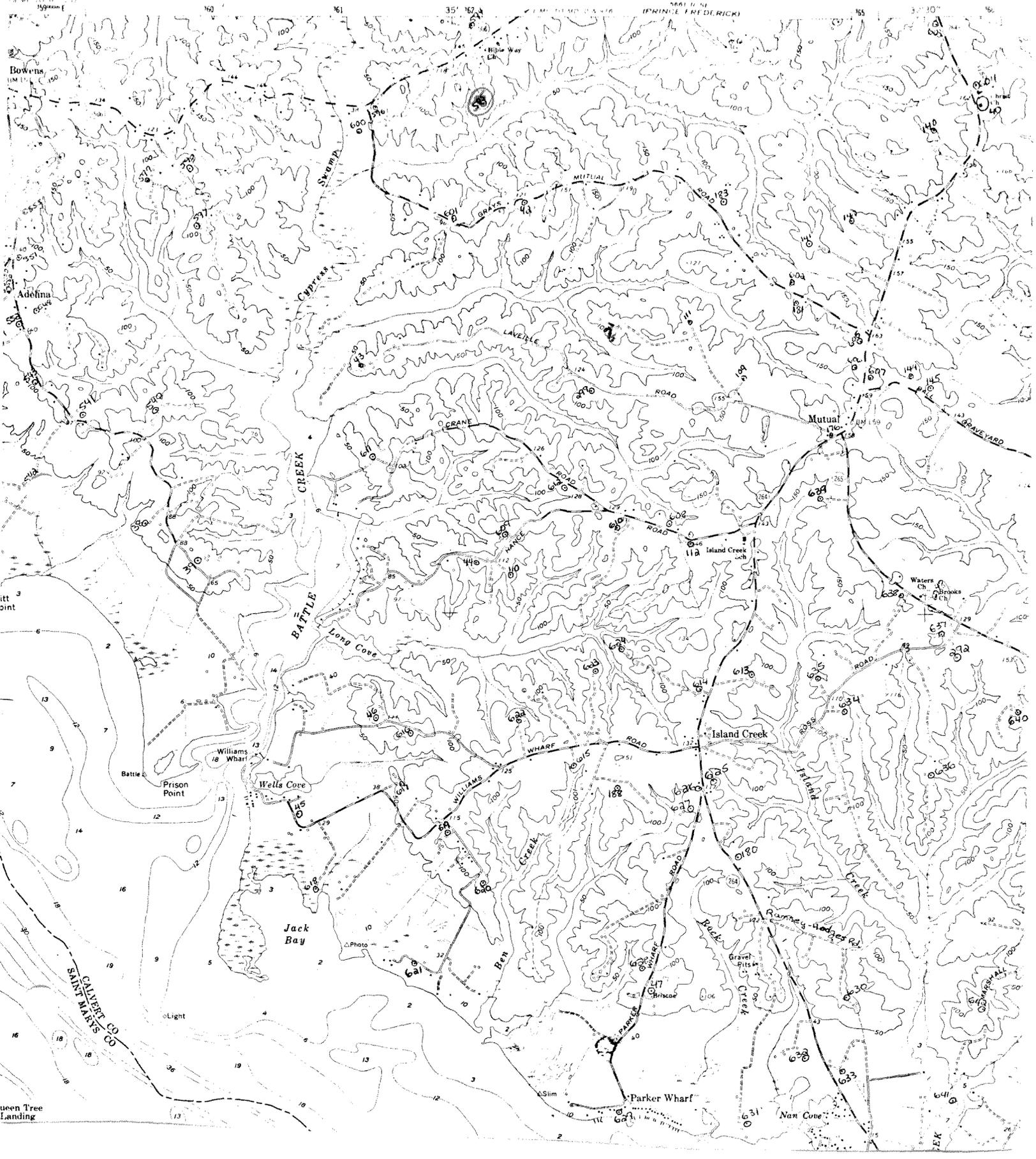
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Virginia Dan & used shingles from chestnut trees.

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James A. Lewis House

Broomes Island Quadrangle

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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James A. Lewis House
Sixes Road, Prince Frederick
Calvert County, MD
N. elevation

Merry Stinson
March, 1980

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Virgil Grantt House

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S.W. View

Port Republic, Md.

Cwm

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Virgil Gantt
House

CLY7-200

Gable End (N.)

(Addition Removed)

Port Republic, Md.

Gunn

5/77



George Gantt House

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Rear length; N. View

Port Republic, Md.

Gum

5177



George Gantt House

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Facade: S. View

Port Republic, Md.

Gunn

5/77