

Richard Parry Double House  
HA 1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Richard Parry Double House

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 1614 Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Cardiff

\_\_\_ vicinity of

congressional district 5th

state Maryland

county Harford

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Donald S. and Heidi A. Pabis

street &amp; number same

telephone no.: (410)452-5417

city, town Cardiff

state and zip code MD, 21024

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber HDC 1278

street &amp; number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 862

city, town Bel Air

state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date

 federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This two story frame duplex is located at the sidewalk on the west side of Main Street in Cardiff, Maryland. The symmetrical double house is a narrow six bays wide and two bays deep, with a modern one story shed roof projection extending from the rear elevation. Due to its being built on a substantial slope that falls away from Main Street, the slate foundation of the main part of the structure is exposed halfway. The house maintains its original slate shingled roof, with internal chimneys centered on the peak at both gable ends. A hip roofed porch extends across the middle four bays of the main, east facade.

Main entrances to either side of the duplex are located at the middle two bay positions. Four upper windows are aligned with the four lower windows at the outer bays of the main facade, leaving space above the entrance bays at the second story. All windows are 2/2 sash. At the gable ends, four windows are evenly spaced on both gable ends, with two located in both upper and lower stories. Additionally, square windows are located on either side of the chimney at the gable. A modern walkout basement and first story shed roof projection cover details of the original main house. The second story, however, has four evenly spaced windows spanning the upper wall. External decoration is limited to a turned balustrade and posts at the porch. This house maintains its early slate sidewalk and a rail fence along Main Street.

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This two family house was built around 1883 by and/or for Richard Parry on a lot that was given to him by his father, John Parry. A native of Llanllyfny, North Wales, John Parry came to the United States in 1832 and established himself early in the growing slate industry. (His seventeen acre parcel was the farm which was subdivided by his heirs for a great section of northern Cardiff.) In 1883, he platted lots from his land near the center of Cardiff, with this house being on lot 1.

This house is significant in that it was one of the earliest frame duplexes in the village of Cardiff. Common throughout the town, double houses may have been built by Welsh immigrants for housing newly migrated family members. Often, they would build multi-family stone structures in a "row-house" alignment. As wood was so accessible in this new country, the Welsh choice in construction materials appears to have shifted in the later part of the nineteenth century to wood. Unique to this slate quarrying region, the foundation of the house is of coursed slate, and the roof is slate shingled. A segment of the original slate sidewalks remains in front of this house.

The village of Cardiff first developed in the mid-eighteen hundreds along today's Slate Ridge/Green Marble Road as a settlement of Welsh quarrymen and their families. Delta's Main Street was extended to Cardiff at some point in the second half of the century, spurring town development along it. This structure should be one of those represented on the Delta 1888 Map, a birdseye map of the existing structures in Cardiff (South Delta) and the neighboring towns.



**RICHARD PARRY DOUBLE HOUSE**  
Title Search

HDC 1278/862	July 18, 1985	Grantor: Earl Lloyd Sadler Grantee: Donald S. and Heidi A. Pabis Granted: town lot of 51 perches on the west side of Main Street, with improvements.
HDC 1057/1009	March 23, 1978	Grantor: Maude N. Sadler Grantee: Earl L. and Maude N. Sadler Granted: same, will record of Audust Lackey devises property to Maude N. Sadler, TLS 26/25.
GRG 328/481	April 26, 1949	Grantor: Spencer K. Heaps Grantee: August and Amy W. Lackey Granted: same
GRG 328/479	April 26, 1949	Grantor: Amy W. (Ross) and August Lackey Grantee: Spencer K. Heaps Granted: same
DGW 178/498	October 19, 1922	Grantor: Elizabeth J. Fulton (daughter of Richard Parry) et al. (her husband, James, and her mother, Margaret (Parry) Rowlands, remarried to Hugh Rowlands) Grantee: Amy W. Ross Granted: same
ALJ 50/300	December 13, 1883	Grantor: John and Ellen Parry Grantee: Richard Parry Granted: town lot of 51 perches on north (west) side of public road, identified as lot 1 on survey by J. T. Crawford November 24, 1883.
LJ 28/407	May 14, 1873	Grantor: Hugh E. Hughes Grantee: John Parry Granted: 10 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$1050.00
ALJ 28/407	May 14, 1873	Grantor: Humphrey R. and Jane H. Lloyd Grantee: John Parry Granted: 2 acres of "Hawkins Chance" with improvements, on west side of Main St. (same as ALJ 25/346) for \$1200.00
ALJ 25/346	April 11, 1871	Grantor: Richard Hughes and wife Grantee: Jane H. Lloyd (daughter) Granted: 2 parcels of "Hawkins Chance", 1). 5 acres 105 perches and 2). 2 acres 1 perch (see ALJ 9/29)

ALJ 9/30	May 29, 1857	Grantor: Richard Hughes et al. Grantee: John and Ellin Parry Granted: 8 acres 35 perches of "Hawkins Chance" for \$500.00
ALJ 9/29	May 29, 1857	Grantor: John Parry Grantee: Richard Hughes Granted: 2 parcels of "Hawkins Chance", 1). 5 acres 105 perches and 2). 2 acres 1 perch
HDG 36/424	July 27, 1850	Grantor: Ro(w)land and Anne Parry Grantee: John Parry and Richard Hughes Granted: 3 1/2 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$350.00
HDG 36/215	February 5, 1850	Grantor: Rowland Perry Grantee: John Perry and Richard Hughes Granted: 12 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$600.00
HDG 36/214 (indenture)	February 5, 1850	Grantor: Benjamin Williams Grantee: John Perry et al. Granted: 12 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$200.00
HDG 36/212	January 22, 1850	Grantor: Archibald A. and Nancy Hawkins Grantee: Rowland Perry (Parry) Granted: part of "Hawkins Chance" for \$850.00, acreage unknown
HDG 34/492	February 9, 1849	Grantor: Edward Proctor et al. Grantee: Archabald A. Hawkins Granted: "Hawkins Chance", being part of Thomas Hawkins landholdings; 74 acres 5 perches
HD 14/336	August 3, 1831	Grantor: Isaac Hawkins, heir to Thomas Hawkins Grantee: Thomas Proctor, heir to Edward Proctor Granted: The eighth part of land tracts "Hawkins Chance", "Williams Birthright", Mount Pleasant", and Montgomerys Delight". The four tracts contain 188 acres total. No mention of "eighth part" acreage.
Land Tract, Patented	After March 1774, when Harford est.	"Hawkins Chance", tract of 74 acres 5 perches granted to Thomas Hawkins. Located on the Maryland and Pennsylvania line at the north end of present day Cardiff. Divided, sold, and reworked often.

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Conversation with Mrs. Darcy Lloyd, April 11, 1995.

Conversation with Donald Robinson, April 14, 1995.

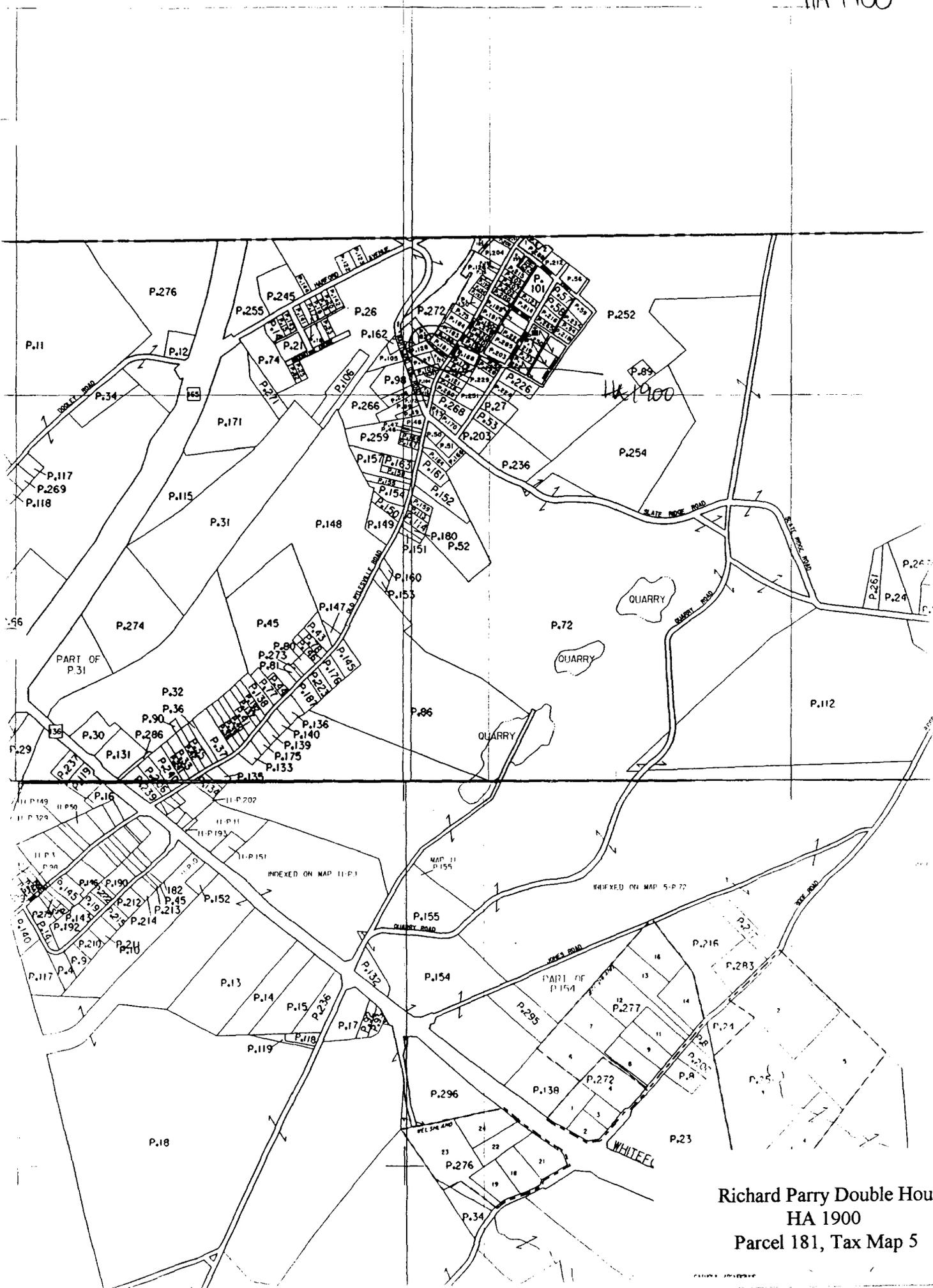
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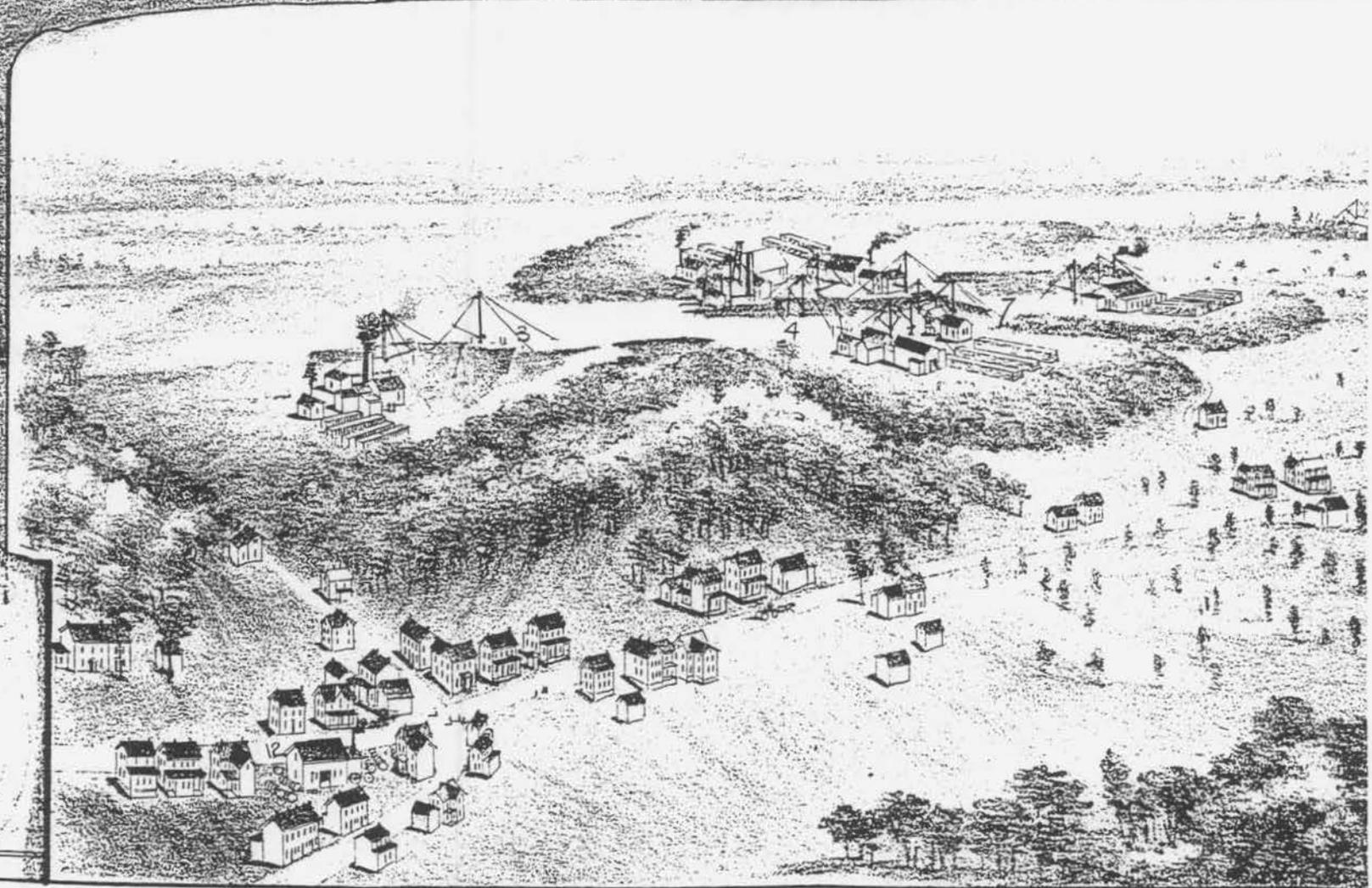
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SYLVANIA

1888

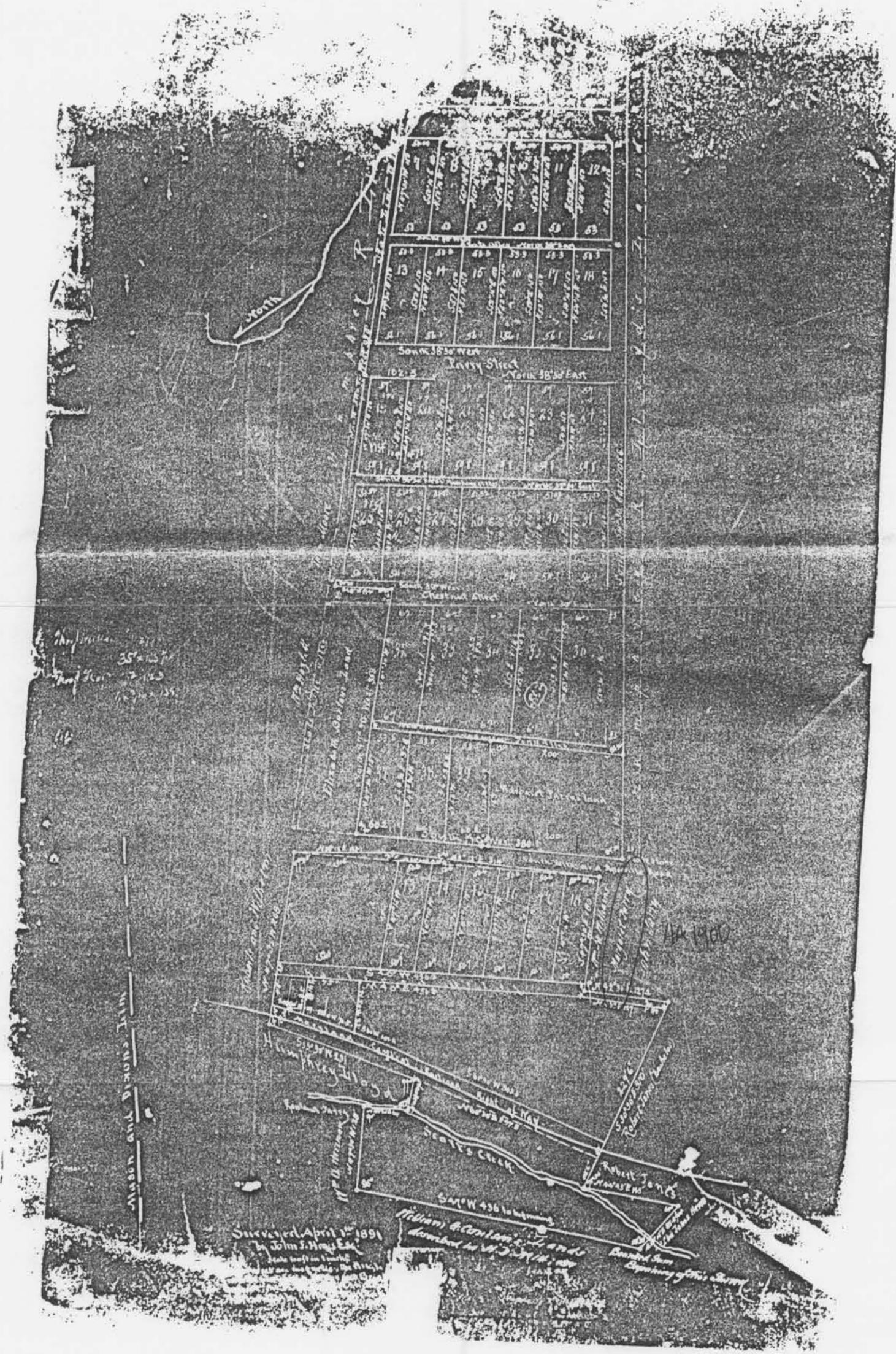
1888 Delta Map Detail of  
South Delta (Cardiff)

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PLAT of SOUTH DELTA LAND COMPANY!  
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Richard Parry Double House  
Harford County, Maryland  
Dorchester

April 1990

Maryland State

View west from Main Street

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