

**Rampley Double House**  
**HA 1904**

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Rampley Double House

## 2. Location

street & number 1645/1647 Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Cardiff — vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Harford

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> object	<b>Ownership</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public <input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> both <b>Public Acquisition</b> <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<b>Status</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress <b>Accessible</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> no	<b>Present Use</b> <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <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:
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## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Donald S. and Dale A. Pabis

street & number 1614 Main Street 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 liberCGH 1984

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl. folio 577

city, town Bel Air state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date — federal — state — county — local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. HA 1904

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

This lightly decorated duplex is located on the east side of Main Street in the village of Cardiff, Maryland. The house is a combined four bays by two, with a north-south gable roof paralleling Main Street. A hipped shed-roofed porch runs the length of the first-story main, west facade and a one-story shed-roofed appendage projects off the rear exterior wall. Two internal chimneys are centered at the building's endwalls. The building's shingled roof and coursed foundation are of the region's renowned slate. The double house has been re-sided in white aluminum.

The entrances to the two residences are centered on the middle two bays with a shared set of steps accessing the porch. 2/2 sash windows occupy all remaining main facade bays. Both endwalls are identical, with a regular pattern of windows in the two upper and lower bays and two small windows on either side of the chimney at the gables. The projection has single windows in both the northern and southern ends.

Porch decoration is limited to simple cut-out brackets at the square porch posts. The entrance doors have modest two-light transoms. With the structure on the high side of Main Street, the house itself is set off by a granite retaining wall at the sidewalk.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. HA 1904

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

This circa 1900 duplex is one of nine of similar, simple-design duplexes located in Cardiff, Maryland. A booming town in the late nineteenth century due to the tremendous slate quarrying industry, this structure was most likely built as a rental property to house immigrating Welsh quarryworkers who were coming to the region in great numbers. The hand-split slate shingle roof and coursed slate foundation attest to the region's dependence on slate as its primary industry and life-blood.

Originally owned by Thomas Hawkins (farmer) in a patented land grant known as "Hawkins Chance", this land was part of the tract sold by the Hawkins family to Rowland Parry, a Welsh quarry owner who operated one of the first prominent commercial quarries in the area. It was Parry who exhibited Peach Bottom slate in the London Crystal Palace exposition in 1850, winning it international recognition as the world's finest slate. "Hawkins Chance" was divided and sold in pieces, passing through the hands of Parry's relatives and countrymen. This parcel was part of the acquired lands of Humphrey R. Lloyd's, a Welsh quarry owner who was heavily involved with the development of north Cardiff in late 1800's. No plat of this lot and surrounding context was found.



**RAMPLEY DOUBLE HOUSE**  
Title Search

CGH 1984/577	July 13, 1993	Grantor: Lessliey H. Sizemore and Jordan R. Sizemore Grantee: Donald S. Pabis and Dale A. Pabis
HDC 1204/646	October 6, 1983	Grantor: Lessliey H. Sizemore Grantee: Lessliey H. Sizemore and Jordan R. Sizemore Granted: both pieces of town lot with double house
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<b>Parcel 1</b>		
GRG 511/167	September 15, 1958	Grantor: Everett and Bernice Croston Grantee: Lessliey H. and Mary J. Sizemore Granted: north side of house and lot
GRG 392/202	April 13, 1953	Grantor: Ira and Emma C. Bennington Grantee: Everett and Bernice E. Croston Granted: same
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<b>Parcel 2</b>		
GRG 476/27	January 28, 1957	Grantor: Bernice H. Blake (widow) Grantee: Lessliey H. Sizemore Granted: south side of house and lot
GRG 392/195	April 10, 1953	Grantor: Ira and Emma Bennington Grantee: Samuel J. and Bernice H. Blake Granted: same
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GCB 280/462	December 29, 1943	Grantor: B. Frank Webster Grantee: Ira and Emma Bennington Granted: single town lot with double house, 35 and 3/4 perches
SWC 227/248	October 7, 1933	Grantor: William H. Harlan Grantee: B. Frank and Ethel Webster Granted: same
SWC 227/247	October 7, 1933	Grantor: B. Frank and Ethel Webster Grantee: William H. Harlan Granted: same
SWC 227/244	October 6, 1933	Grantor: William H. Harlan, assignee Grantee: B. Frank Webster, mortgage holder of William and Ellen Welch Granted: same

DGW 183/277	August 3, 1923	Grantor: Robert L. and Ellen Roberts Grantee: William and Ellen Welch Granted: improved lot, 35 and 3/4 perches
JAR 166/162	November 18, 1919	Grantor: Richard Roberts and wife Grantee: Robert L. Roberts Granted: 1/4 interest in land. 1/4 interest in partnership, and 1/2 interest in all other real estate
WSF 117/417	June 8, 1906	Grantor: Matilda and William A. Rampley Grantee: Richard Roberts Granted: improved lot for \$1550.00
WSF 98/86	September 1, 1899	Grantor: Catherine Fry (widow) Grantee: Matilda Rampley Being part of a larger tract which was conveyed to Humphrey Lloyd by Richard and Mary Hughes
ALJ 69/112	January 21, 1890	Grantor: Humphrey R. and Jane Lloyd Grantee: William A. Rampley Granted: 35 and 3/4 perches for \$200.00
ALJ 36/192	December 22, 1877	Grantor: Richard and Mary Hughes Grantee: Humphrey R. Lloyd Granted: acreage unknown This deed describes the following unrecorded transactions.
	October 18, 1864 (unrecorded)	Grantor: Edward R. Edwards and wife Grantee: Richard Hughes
	(date unknown) (unrecorded)	Grantor: Rowland Parry Grantee: Edward R. Edwards Rowland Parry sold this land to Edward R. Edwards but never gave him legal title. Rowland Parry died and named Owen Parry and John Michael as owners of his land in trust.
HDG 36/212	January 22, 1850	Grantor: Archibald A. and Nancy Hawkins Grantee: Rowland Perry Granted: 12 acres, part of "Hawkins Chance"
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,  
PatentedAfter 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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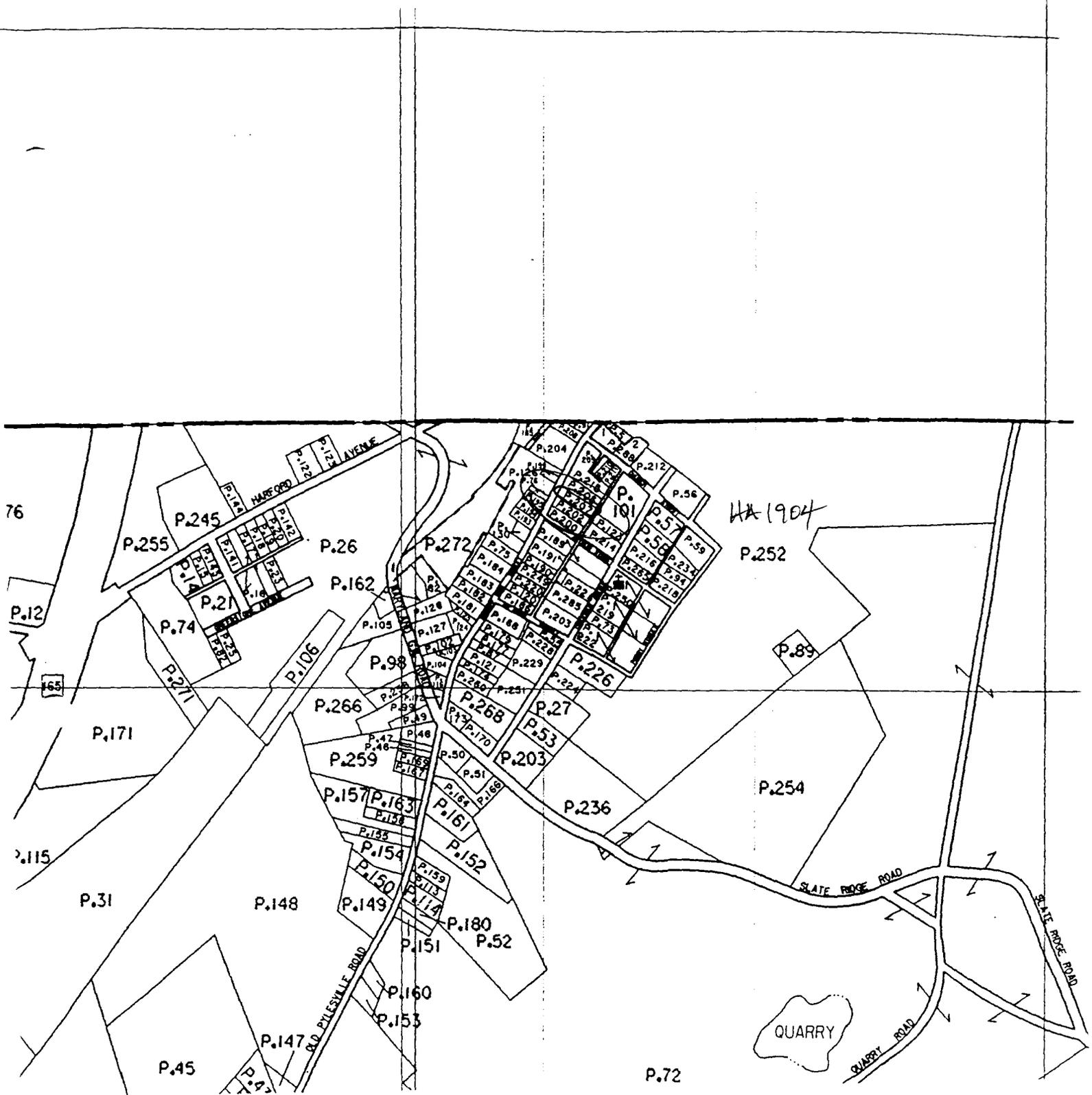
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Conversation with Mrs. Darcy Lloyd, April 11, 1995.

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SLATE RIDGE ROAD

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QUARRY ROAD

QUARRY

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HA-1904

Ramplcy Double House  
Parcel 207, Tax Map 5

150 000 FEET  
(PA.)

4399

4398

FIVE FOLDS 3 MI.  
UNSCALE 1000 FT

33 PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND 32

YORK CO  
HARFORD CO

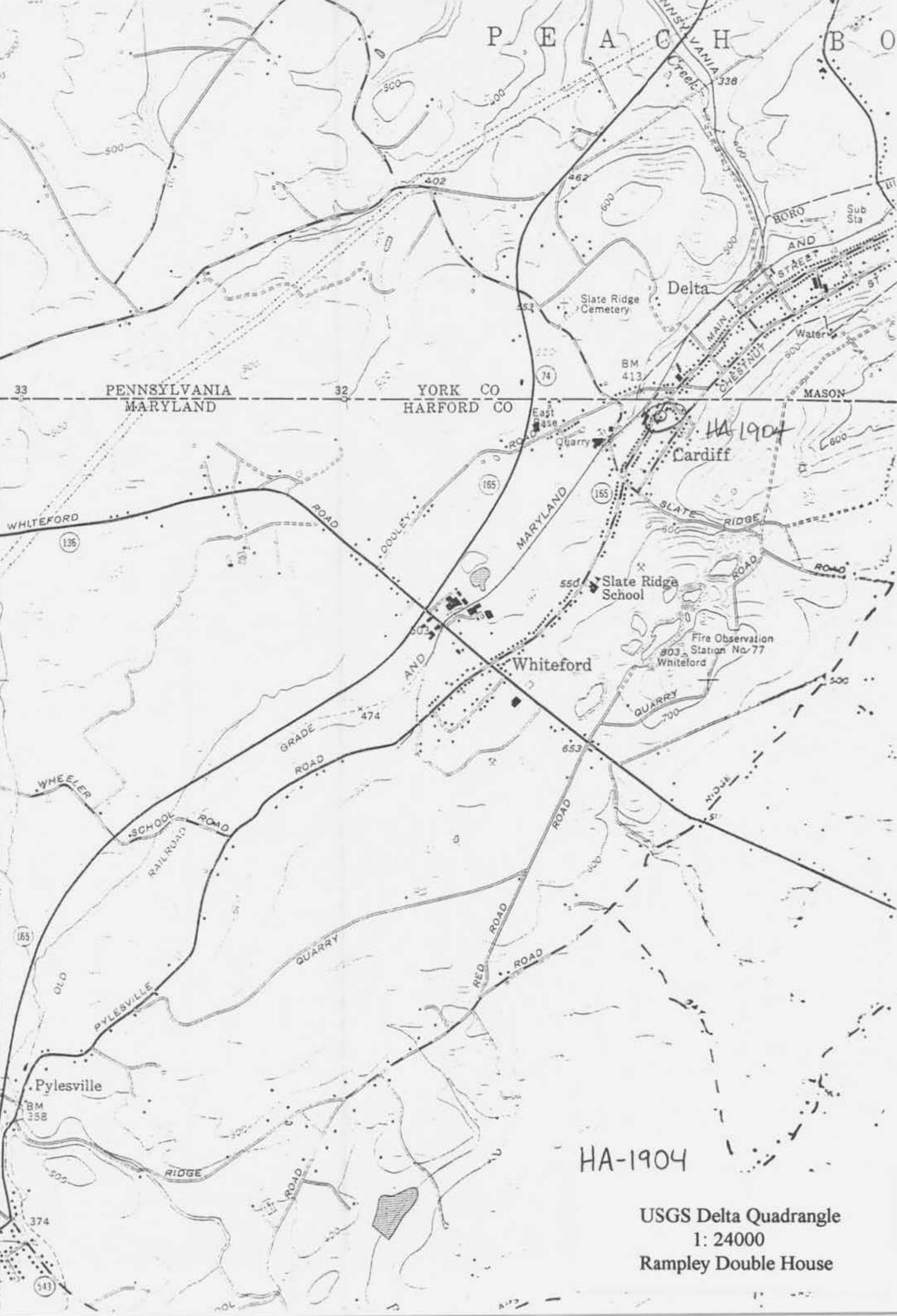
42'30"

4396

4395

5763 III NW  
(FAWN GROVE)

HILL 64 MI.  
INNER 21 MI



HA-1904

USGS Delta Quadrangle  
1: 24000  
Ramply Double House



HA 1964

Ramp by Louie House,  
Harford County, Maryland

Dianne Hair

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Maryland SHPC

~~Chris Weeks, Harford County Dept. of Planning & Zoning~~

View east from Main Street

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