

Proctor-Webster House
HA 1905

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Proctor-Webster House

2. Location

street & number 1643 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~~N/A~~ not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Isaac L., Sr. and Dorothy J. Little

street & number 1225 Old Pylesville Road

telephone no.: (410)836-1525

city, town Whiteford

state and zip code MD, 21160

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber CGH 1482

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 482

city, town Bel Air

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date

federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. HA 1905

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 ornate two-story frame house is located on the east side of Main Street in the village of Cardiff, Maryland. A narrow three bays by a deep two, this house has a gable roof with a north-south ridge and a long shed-roofed, L-shaped porch which runs the length of the main, west facade and north side. A two-story T appendage which is the width of the main house is located on the rear wall with the appropriate perpendicular ridge gable roof. The T appendage has two shed-roof extensions: a one-story shed-roof extension projects from the north side wall, meeting with and providing additional entrance from the L-porch and a shallow two-story shed-roof addition projects the house further eastward. An internal chimney is offset to the north of the main house, in an attempt to balance the long porch and house. The house has been re-roofed with red asphalt shingles.

The double door of the main entrance is located in the north bay of the lower main facade with windows articulating all five remaining bays. A gable enhances the projecting porch opening at this south end. Long 2/2 sash windows are in the first-story lower main facade with shorter standard length 2/2's in all other windows.

The south side of the house has a wide, shallow three-paneled first-story bay window which bridges the main house and the T appendage, with windows in all three panels. A single window is located above this in the east bay of the south endwall. The north endwall has windows in all bays and centered at the gable, with the lower east bay containing the only double window. The north side of the T appendage has a window in the upper story and a window and the aforementioned secondary entrance in the shed-roofed north extension.

This house is beautifully detailed, indicating its earlier building date relative to most of the houses in town. Victorian scrollwork appears at all lintels, at the porch gable, and at the pediment of the main entrance. In addition, working shutters and pedimented lintels accent all main house windows. Turned porch posts and a simple balustrade further embellish the exterior of this diminutive house.

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
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<input checked="" 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 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 1890 house was built for Howard Proctor, a canner. A man of obvious wealth, Proctor later had a massive house built on Chestnut Street in 1910 (the Proctor-Dubin House, HA-1306). This house was one of many built during the slate industry's "boom era" which occurred in the latter part of the nineteenth century with the building of the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad. Unlike the majority of houses in this slate quarrying region, this house did not retain its hand-split slate-shingled roof. This house changed hands frequently in the early part of this century, to be owned by Hilda Kilburn for more than fifty years.

The land on which this house was built was subdivided by Humphrey R. Lloyd, a Welshman who lived just over the Mason-Dixon line in Pennsylvania. Lloyd owned much of the north end of Cardiff and played a large role in its development. Immigrating when he was sixteen, Lloyd started early in the slate industry, acquiring one or two quarries in the area. His amassed wealth allowed him the opportunity to deal in real estate, architectural design, and building. He had many commercial and public venues on both sides of the state line, to include directorship of the first bank in Delta, the Miles Bank, ownership of the Cardell Hotel, Lloyd's Hall, and the Pen-Mar Theater, and he was one of the first councilmen to Delta.

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 mostly through the hands of Parry's relatives and countrymen in various forms.

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Title Search

CGH 1482/482	June 28, 1988	Grantor: Elma K. Burns, Attorney in Fact for Hilda C. Kilburn Grantee: Isaac L., Sr. and Dorothy J. Little Granted: town lot with improvements, 50' by 190'
SWC 239/308	January 23, 1936	Grantor: Rose L. and James Kahoe Grantee: Hilda C. Kilburn Granted: same
DGW 216/384	September 11, 1930	Grantor: B. Frank and Ethel C. Webster Grantee: Rose L. Kahoe Granted: same
JAR 164/28	April 29, 1919	From: Job M. and Lake Erie Chenoweth Grantee: B. Frank Webster Granted: same
JAR 153/56	May 3, 1916	Grantor: Olive H. Scarborough and husband Grantee: Job M. Chenoweth Granted: same
JAR 153/55	September 17, 1910	Grantor: Martha Pritchard (widow) et al Grantee: Olive H. Scarborough (wife of F. Ross) Granted: same
WSF 100/205	August 14, 1900	Grantor: Howard and Lilly Proctor Grantee: Martha and Humphrey O. Pritchard, and David O. Pritchard Granted: town lot, improvements unmentioned, for \$1500.00 (indicates improvements)
ALJ 66/430	January 28, 1890	Grantor: Humphrey R. and Jane Lloyd Grantee: Howard Proctor Granted: town lot of 35 perches, for \$175.00
ALJ 36/192	December 22, 1877	Grantor: Richard and Mary Hughes et al. Grantee: Humphrey R. Lloyd Granted: acreage unmentioned 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 (Parry) Granted: part of "Hawkins Chance" for \$850.00, acreage unknown
HDG 34/492	February 9, 1849	Grantor: Edward Proctor et al. Grantee: Archibald 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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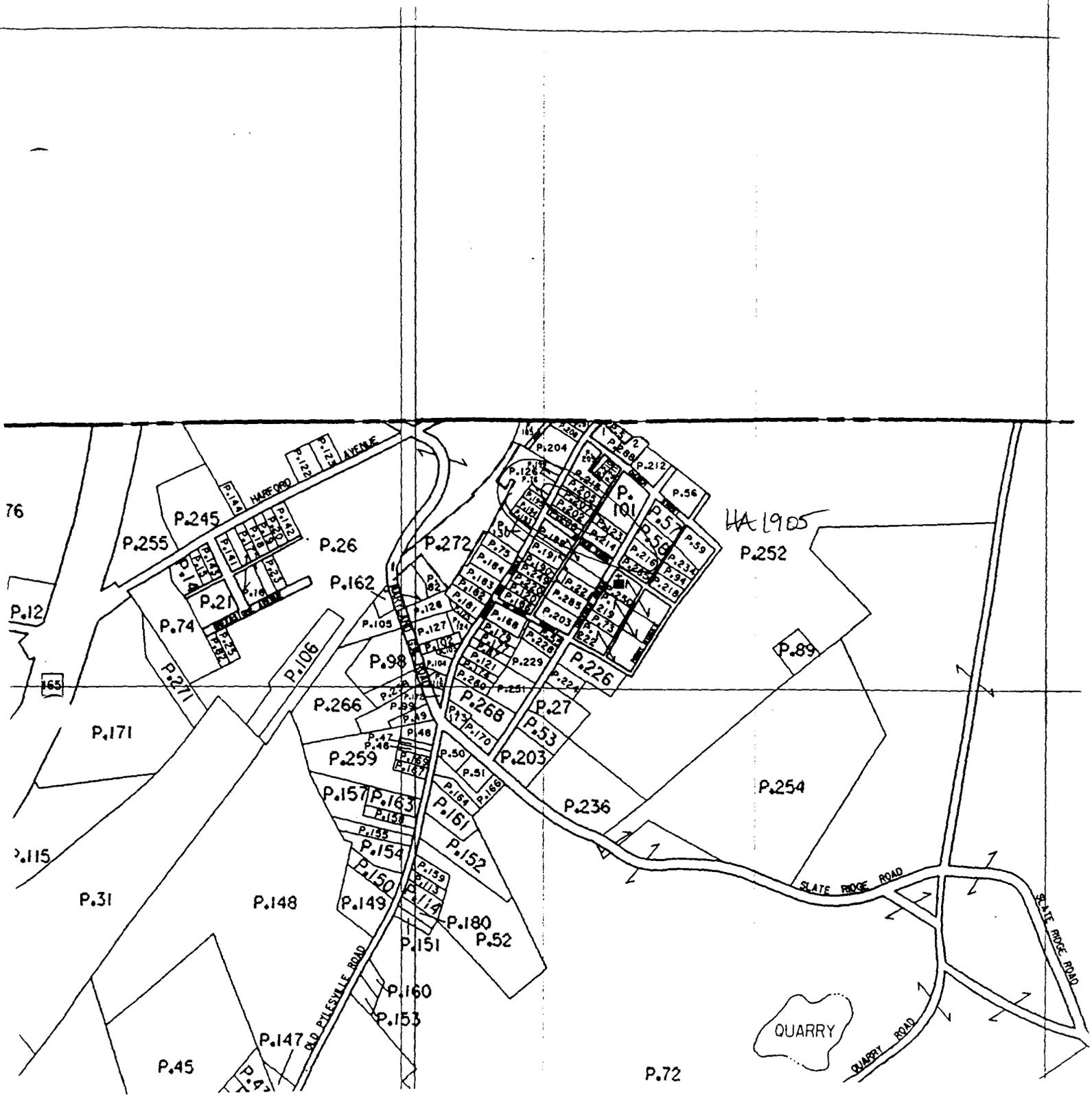
Conversation with Mrs. Darcy Lloyd, April 11, 1995.

Conversations with Mrs. Marion Scarborough, June 20, June 22, July 25, and August 1, 1995 regarding Parry family history.

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Harford County Historical Society Archives.

Various conversations with area residents for a contextual history of the inventory structures.



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Webster-Proctor House
Parcel 202, Tax Map 5

150 000 FEET
(PA.)

P E A C H B O

4399
4398

33 PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND 32 YORK CO HARFORD CO

FIVE FORKS 3 MI
UN-AGE 10N 0.6 MI.

WHITEFORD

HA-1905
Cardiff

42'30"
4396

Whiteford

Fire Observation Station No. 77
Whitelord

WHEELER

SCHOOL RAIL ROAD

GRADE ROAD

QUARRY

RED ROAD

155

Pylesville

BM 358

RIDGE

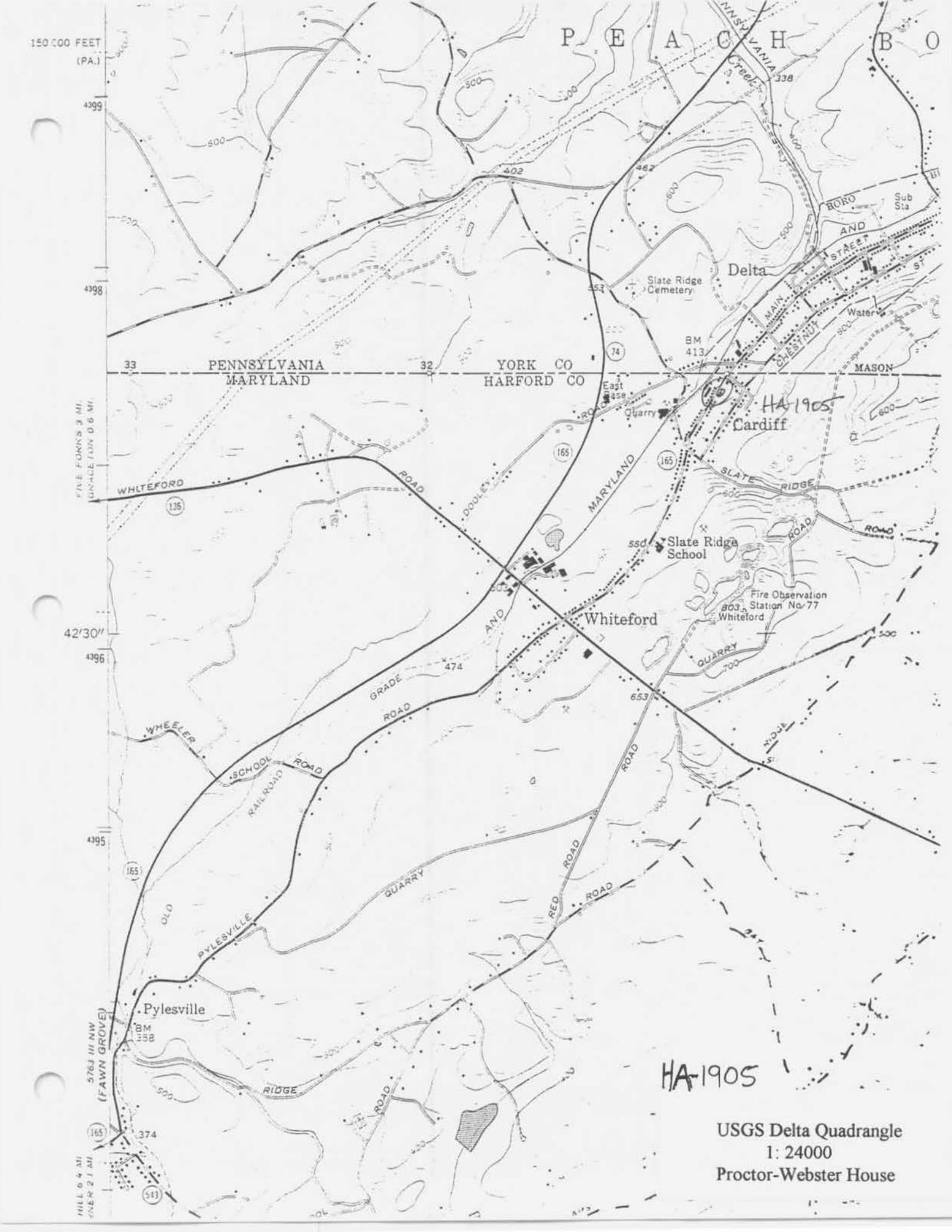
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USGS Delta Quadrangle
1:24000
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HILL 6.4 MI
SNER 2.1 MI

374

513





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Froster - Webster House
Hartford County, Maryland
Dianne Klein

3/95

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Hartford County Dept. of Planning & Zoning~~

View east from Main Street

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Troxon - Webster House
Harford County, Maryland

Dianne Klein

3/95

Maryland SHPE

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View Southeast from Main Street

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