

**John Parry House
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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA 1912

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common John Parry House

2. Location

street & number 1621 Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Cardiff

___ vicinity of

congressional district

5th

state Maryland

county Harford

3. Classification

Category

district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

public
 private
 both
Public Acquisition
 in process
 being considered
 not applicable

Status

occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress
Accessible
 yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military
 museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

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

name Charles W. and Jeanne A. Watters (III)

street & number same

telephone no.: (410)836-1588

city, town Cardiff

state and zip code Maryland, 21024

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber CGH 1938

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 835

city, town Bel Air

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date

___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 modest two story frame house is located on the east side of Main Street, just north of MacNabb Avenue, in the village of Cardiff, Maryland. Built on a raised coursed slate foundation, the house is of a small, simple design. Proportionally, this house is very similar to the nearby vernacular Welsh cottages, low slung stone structures with the identical shallow roofline, same fenestration pattern, and similar absence of a break between upper windows and eaves. This house may be one of the early frame structures built by nineteenth century Welsh immigrants. The roof is shingled in the region's world-renowned slate.

A central hall plan, the main entrance is located at the middle bay of the main facade, with 1/1 sash windows on either side and close to the door. Two upper story windows are aligned with those of the first story. Though not extraordinary out of the context of this town, it is the proportions of this bay configuration that is suggestive of the Welsh stone houses. An added raised, hip-roof porch at the first story main facade has been enclosed.

Gable endwalls have evenly spaced windows in the two upper and lower bays, with smaller 2-light windows at the gable. A double door cellar entrance at the forward edge of the right gable end provides access to the basement. The rear elevation has four windows evenly spaced across the upper and lower stories, mirroring the window spacing of the main facade. A short external flue and secondary entrance at the south edge of the rear side appear to have been added later.

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
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<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**

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 small two story house was most likely constructed by John Parry, Jr. between 1891 and 1893 on a town lot that was provided by his widowed aunt, Margaret Parry. After Margaret's husband, Richard, was killed, the seventeen acre farm that he acquired from his father, John Parry Sr., was subdivided, supplying lots for the growing town of Cardiff. Most of the land was sold to the South Delta Land Company for subdivision, however, Margaret Parry kept a 200' by 159' parcel that she herself divided into three town lots. This house is on the southernmost lot and was later used by Charles MacNabb as his law office.

The house is of similar proportions as the nearby Welsh "Coulson town cottages" along the early road that is now Green Marble Road. Upon first settling in the area, the Welsh immigrants built in their familiar material of stone (see HA 945, 946, 947, 948, 1919, and 1925). With the abundance of lumber in this country, they began to build frame houses while still maintaining the same proportions as their characteristically Welsh homes. This house may be one of the early frame "transition" houses still built along Welsh designs. More research is necessary however to confirm this conjecture in regard to this house.

The village of Cardiff developed on the patented land tract of Thomas Hawkins called "Hawkins Chance". The 74 acre parcel was divided and sold by the Hawkins family to Welsh immigrants in the mid-eighteen hundreds for the purpose of slate quarrying and settlement.

JOHN PARRY HOUSE
Title Search

CGH 1938/835	March 31, 1993	Grantor: David M. and Christina L. Wallis Grantee: Charles W., III and Jeanne A. Watters Granted: town lot fronting Main Street on the east side with improvements.
CGH 1653/888	August 14, 1990	Grantor: Carrie H. Smith Grantee: David M. and Christine L. Wallis Granted: same
GRG 466/248	August 28, 1956	Grantor: Helen R. Harkins, Executrix of Estate of V. Catherine MacNabb Grantee: Carrie H. Smith Granted: same
GRG 466/246	August 28, 1956	Grantor: Carrie H. Smith Grantee: H. Glenn Smith Granted: same, parcel with improvements designated in life estate
SWC 246/116	May 7, 1937	Grantor: Mary E. Rolph, unmarried Grantee: Charles H. and V. Cathering MacNabb Granted: seven lots, six of which are in fifth election district, this lot described as the Office lot on Main Street purchased by Edgar P. Mitzel.
SWC 246/114	May 27, 1937	Grantor: Charles H. and V. Catherine MacNabb Grantee: Mary E. Rolph Granted: same as SWC 246/116
DGW 193/62	April 6, 1925	Grantor: Edgar P. and Eva L. Mitzel Grantee: V. Catherine MacNabb Granted: town lot on east side of Main Street with improvements.
JAR 158/385	March 7, 1918	Grantor: Thomas A. and Beatrice Lloyd Grantee: Edgar P. and Eva L. Mitzel Granted: same, for \$575.00.
JAR 147/457	June 30, 1915	Grantor: Thomas E. Proctor, widower Grantee: Thomas A. Lloyd Granted: same, for \$400.00
WSF 75/269	April 22, 1893	Grantor: John Parry Grantee: Thomas Edward Proctor Granted: town lot with "appurtenances" for \$225.00.

ALJ 71/103	May 16, 1891	Grantor: Margaret Parry, widow of Richard Parry Grantee: John Parry Granted: town lot fronting east side of Main Street 50'.
ALJ 71/104	May 9, 1891	Grantor: Stevenson A, Williams, (trustee, as appointed in Equity Case WSF 41/351 Elizabeth J. Parry, daughter of Richard Parry v. Margaret Parry et al.) Grantee: Margaret Parry Granted: 200' by 159' parcel on east side of [Main Street], as part of lands described in equity case (less than 19 acres) to be subdivided into town building lots.
Plat book DGW 2/64	1891	Survey plat of lots to be subdivided, South Delta Land Company.
Will Records WS 10/440	September 12, 1888	John Parry, quarryman, bequeaths: To his daughter, Elizabeth, the house in which he resides and the 84' by 400' lot on which it stands. To his son, Richard Parry, all his remaining lands, approximately 17 acres To each of his children, Mary Williams, John, Richard, Jacob, and Elizabeth Parry 1/6 of his shares in the Welsh Slate Company of Harford County.
ALJ 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: 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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Conversations with Mrs. Marion Scarborough, June 20, June 22, July 25, and August 1, 1995 regarding Parry family history.

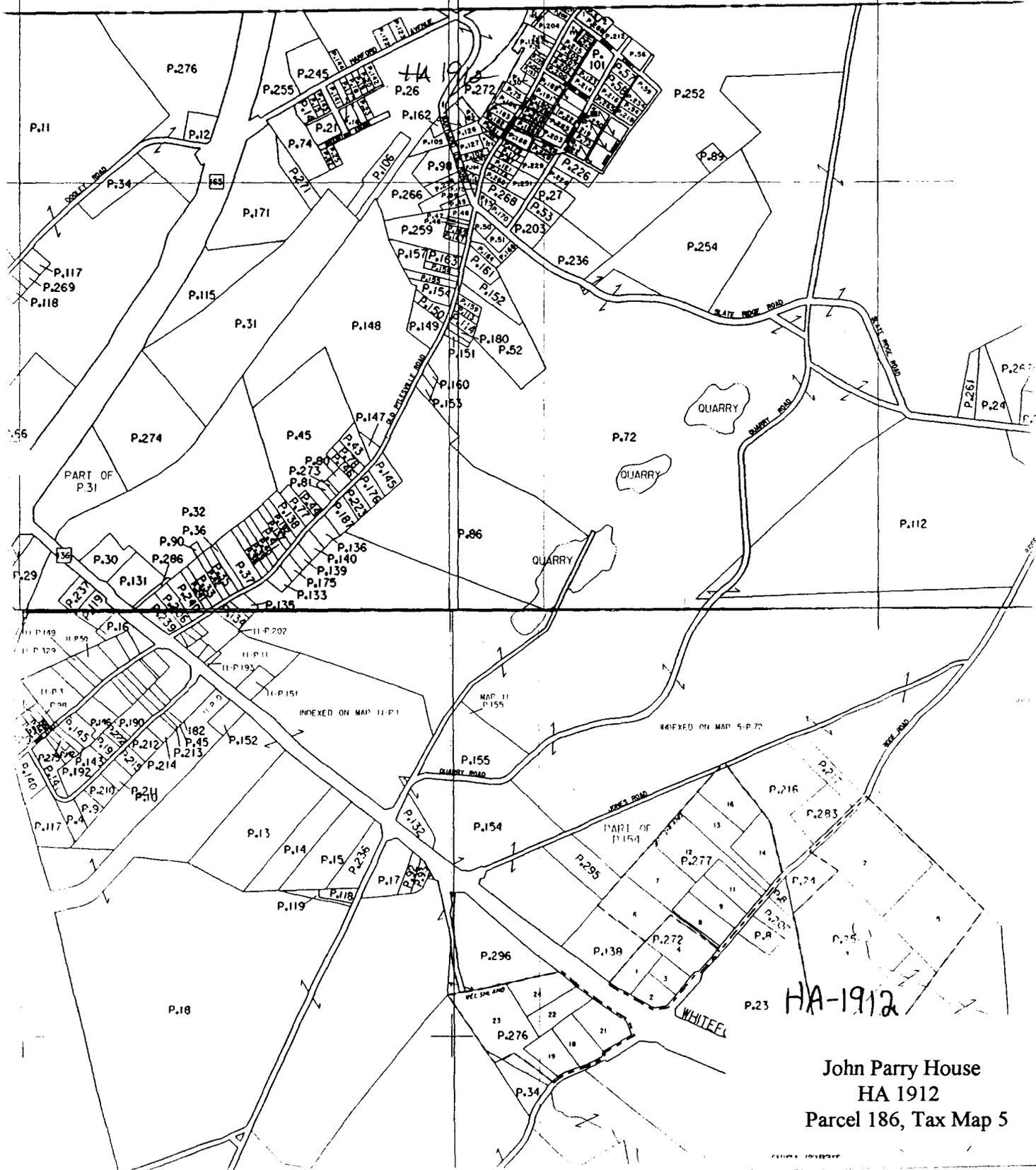
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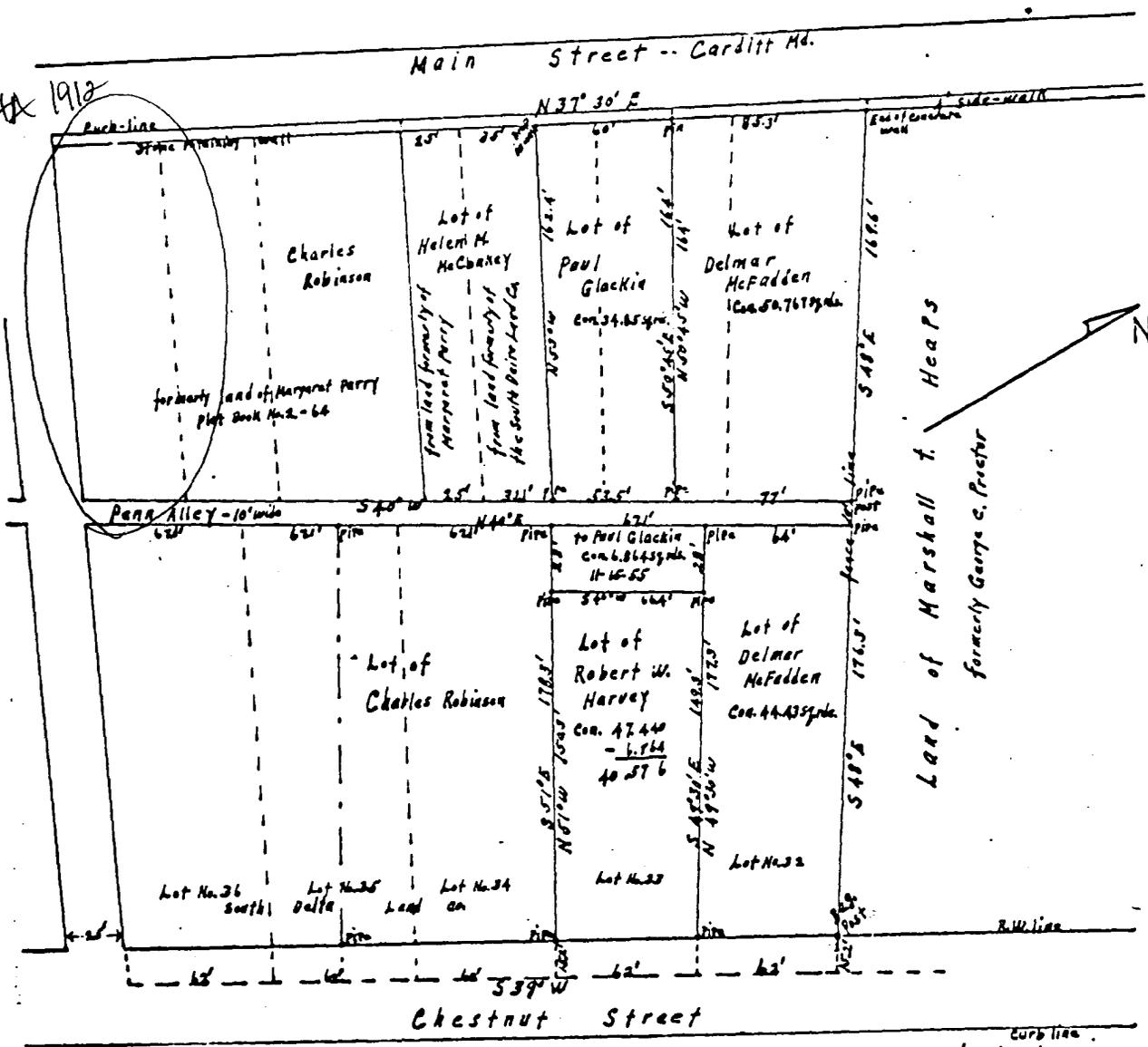
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Various conversations with area residents for a contextual history of the inventory structures.



John Parry House
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Parcel 186, Tax Map 5

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Scale 50 1"=10' 1"=50'

David R. Wilson
 Surveyor
 Bridgeton Pa.

Plat showing lots of the (old) South Delta land Co.
 as surveyed in 1894 recd. in Harford Co. land records
 Plat Book No. 2, Br. 4, and specifically showing the lots
 owned by Delmar McFadden & wife. Located between
 Main St. and Chestnut St. Cardiff - Fifth Election Dist.
 of Harford Co. Md. Surveyed Nov. 16, 1955 D.R.W.

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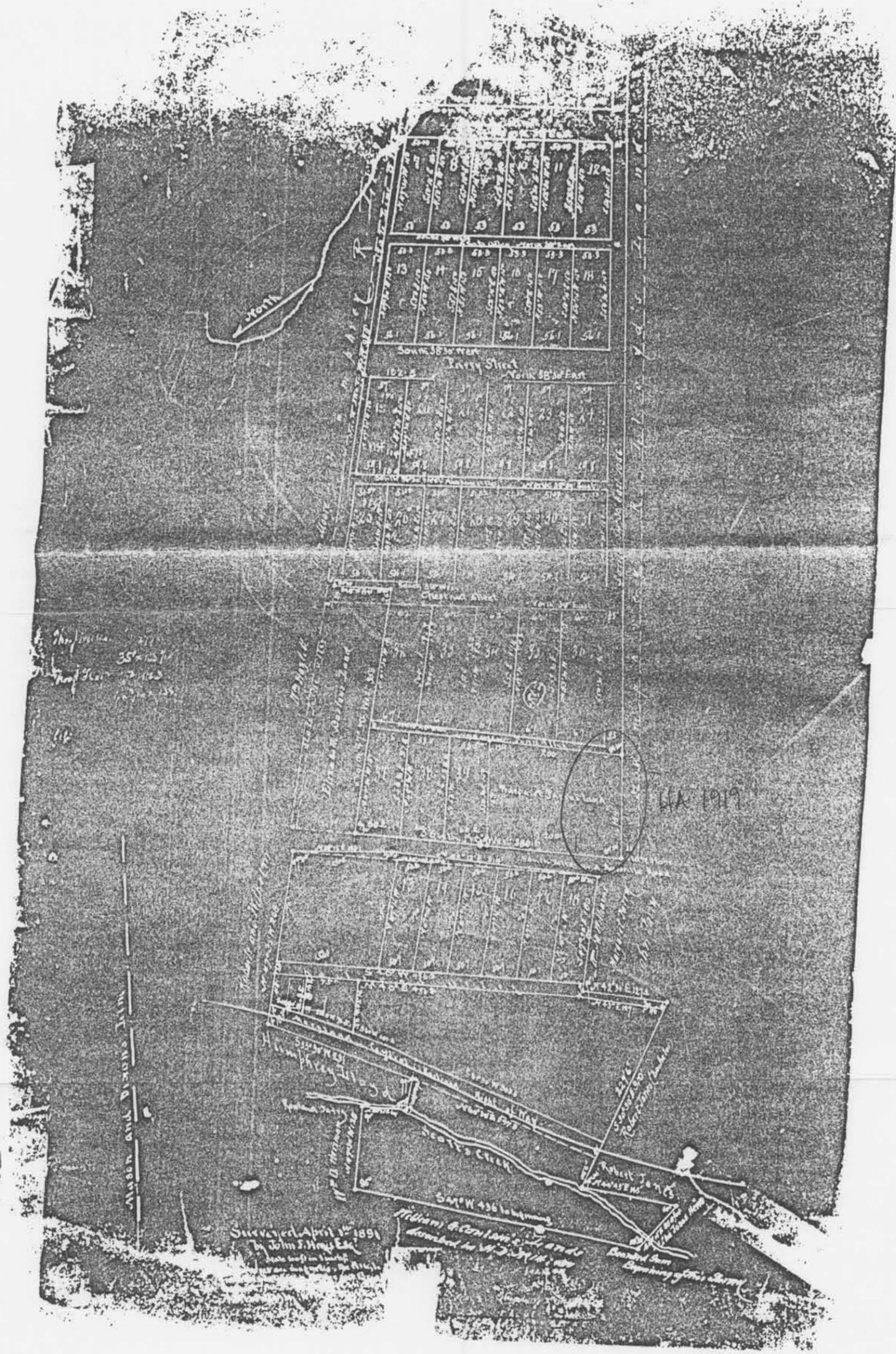
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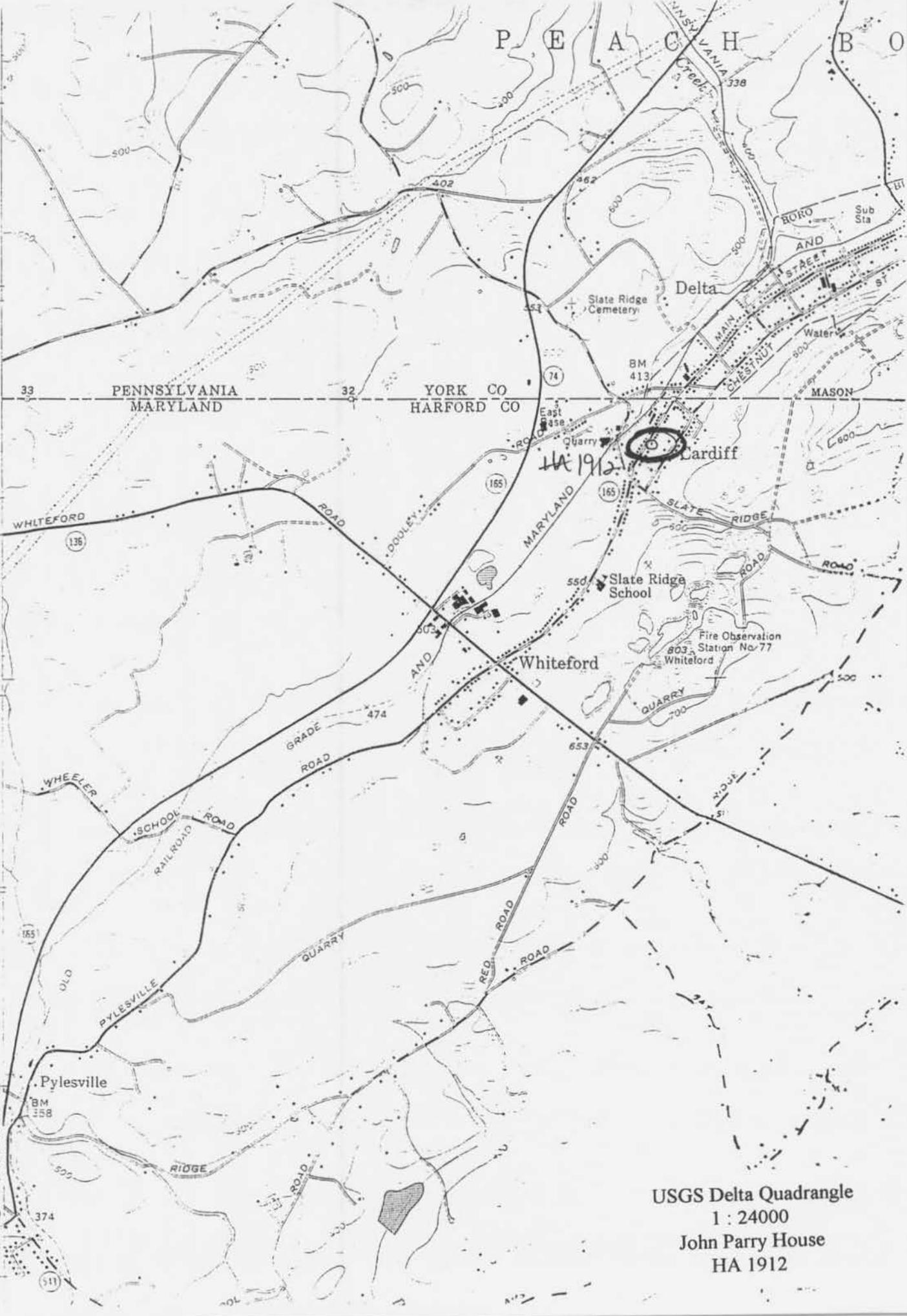
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USGS Delta Quadrangle
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 John Parry House
 HA 1912



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John Paul House

Hatfield Co., Maryland

Drawing Klein

April 1996

Maryland State

View east from Main Street

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