

Morris-Adams House
HA 1913

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. HA 1913

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Morris-Adams House

2. Location

street & number 1624 Chestnut Street N/A not for publication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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 checked="" 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 Michael J. and Margaret Chavis

street & number 1 Bunker Court telephone no.: unlisted

city, town Grasonville state and zip code MD, 21638

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber HDC 1104

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl. folio 665

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 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.

Located at the west side of Chestnut Street in the village of Cardiff, Maryland, this two-story frame house is unusual in that it is the only gable-front residence in the town. The house is a narrow three bays wide by five first-story bays and three second-story bays with a long, one-story L porch on the north and east sides. The western-most bay of the first-story north side has a small, enclosed utility projection. A single internal chimney is located centered at the rear endwall. The gable roof and porch shed roof are covered in the region's renowned slate. The house has been re-covered in light gray vinyl siding.

The main entrance is located at the south bay of the east, main facade with a multi-light door, transom, and sidelights providing the only decorative detailing to this house. The two remaining first-story bays and the three upper bays are delineated by the building's 1/1 sash windows, and two small windows are evenly spaced at the gable. The north side of the house which has the long portion of the L porch is replete with windows, occurring in the three upper bays and remaining four lower bays. Windows on these two sides are accented by black shutters. In the long south side of the house, single windows occur in the lower two western-most bays with a double window in the middle bay. The upper story has single windows in the west and middle bays.

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.

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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 lot was received from Humphrey R. Lloyd, a wealthy and prominent quarry operator and land owner who was heavily involved with the development of north Cardiff in late 1800's. Unlike the adjacent tracts of land, no plat was found of this subdivided lot and its context.

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Title Search

HDC 1104/665	September 17, 1979	Grantor: Donald L. and Joyce Y. Rugemer Grantee: Michael J. and Margaret J. Chavis Granted: town lot of 32 perches with improvements
HDC 911/233	October 27, 1972	Grantor: Paul L. and Dorothy Glackin Grantee: Donald L. and Joyce Y. Rugemer Granted: same, fronting Chestnut 50'
GRG 658/58	October 1, 1964	Grantor: Samuel J. and Ella Adams Grantee: Paul L. and Dorothy M. Glackin Granted: same
DGW 178/65	April 3, 1922	Grantor: Charles W. and M. Alice Lytle Grantee: Samuel J. and Ella Adams Granted: same, lot is 50' by 175'
WSF 108/207	March 26, 1903	Grantor: S. Walter and Ella V. Gladden Grantee: Charles W. and M. Alice Lytle Granted: same
WSF 104/55	January 25, 1902	Grantor: Jane H. and Humphrey R. Lloyd Grantee: Isaac E. Morris Granted: town lot of 32 perches, no improvements mentioned Confirmatory deed of earlier deed ALJ 70/326
WSF 104/54	January 13, 1902	Grantor: Charles Stewart Grantee: S. Walter Gladden Granted: same, for \$800.00
WSF 100/353	November 7, 1900	Grantor: Isaac E. and Lourena Morris Grantee: Martha Steward Granted: same, for \$700.00
ALJ 70/326	March 19, 1891	Grantor: Jane H. and Humphrey R. Lloyd Grantee: Isaac E. Morris Granted: town lot of 32 perches for \$125.00 Part of larger tract to Humphrey R. Lloyd
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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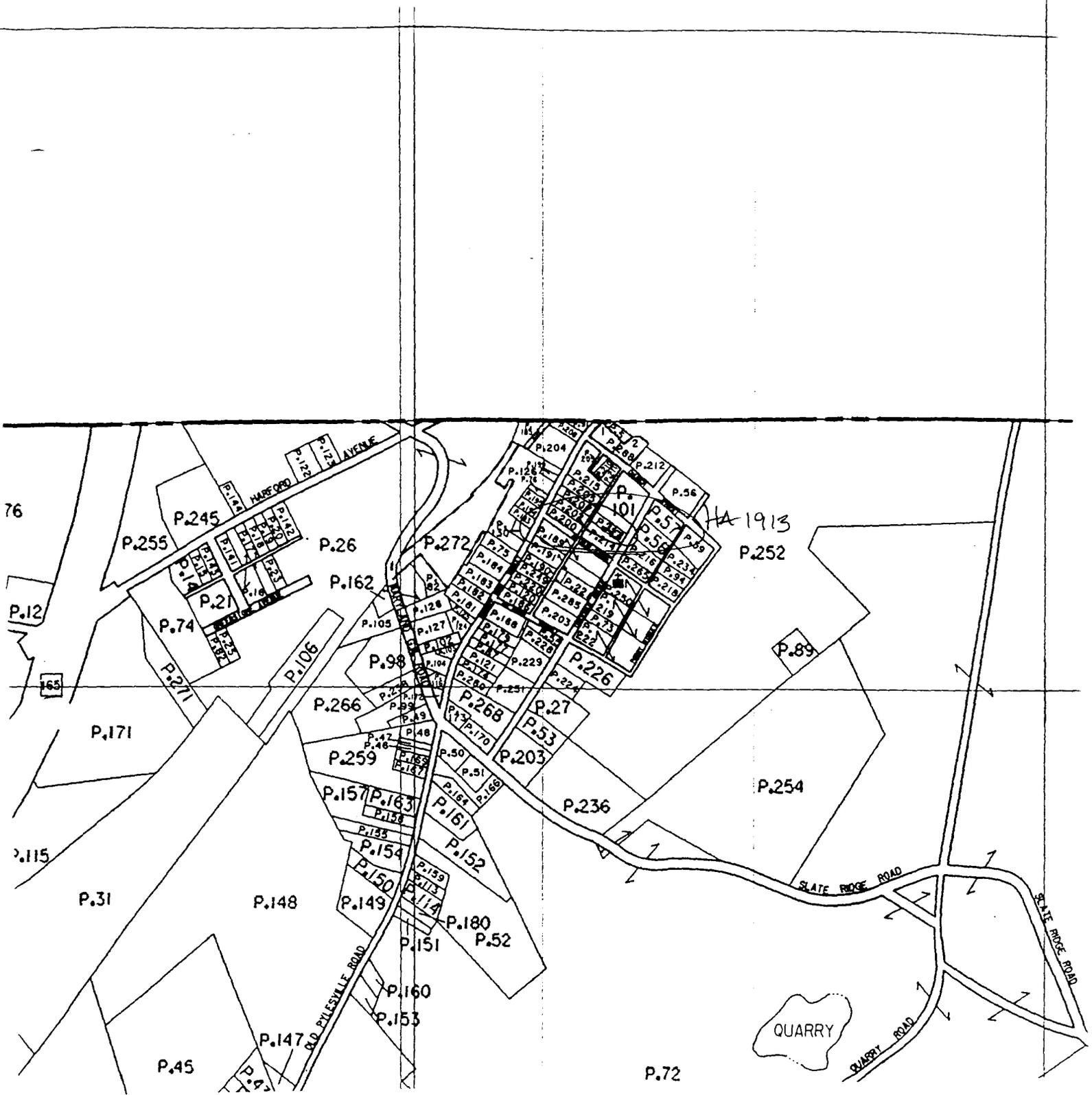
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Morris-Adams House
Parcel 213, Tax Map 5

150 000 FEET
(P.A.)

P E A C H B O

4399

4398

33 PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND 32

YORK CO HARFORD CO

FIVE FURKS E. MI.
UN-ACCESSION 0.5 MI.

WHITEFORD ROAD (135)

42'30"

4396

WHEELER ROAD

SCHOOL ROAD

RAILROAD

GRADE ROAD (474)

Whiteford

Fire Observation Station No. 77

OLD PYLESVILLE

Pylesville

BM 438

RIDGE ROAD

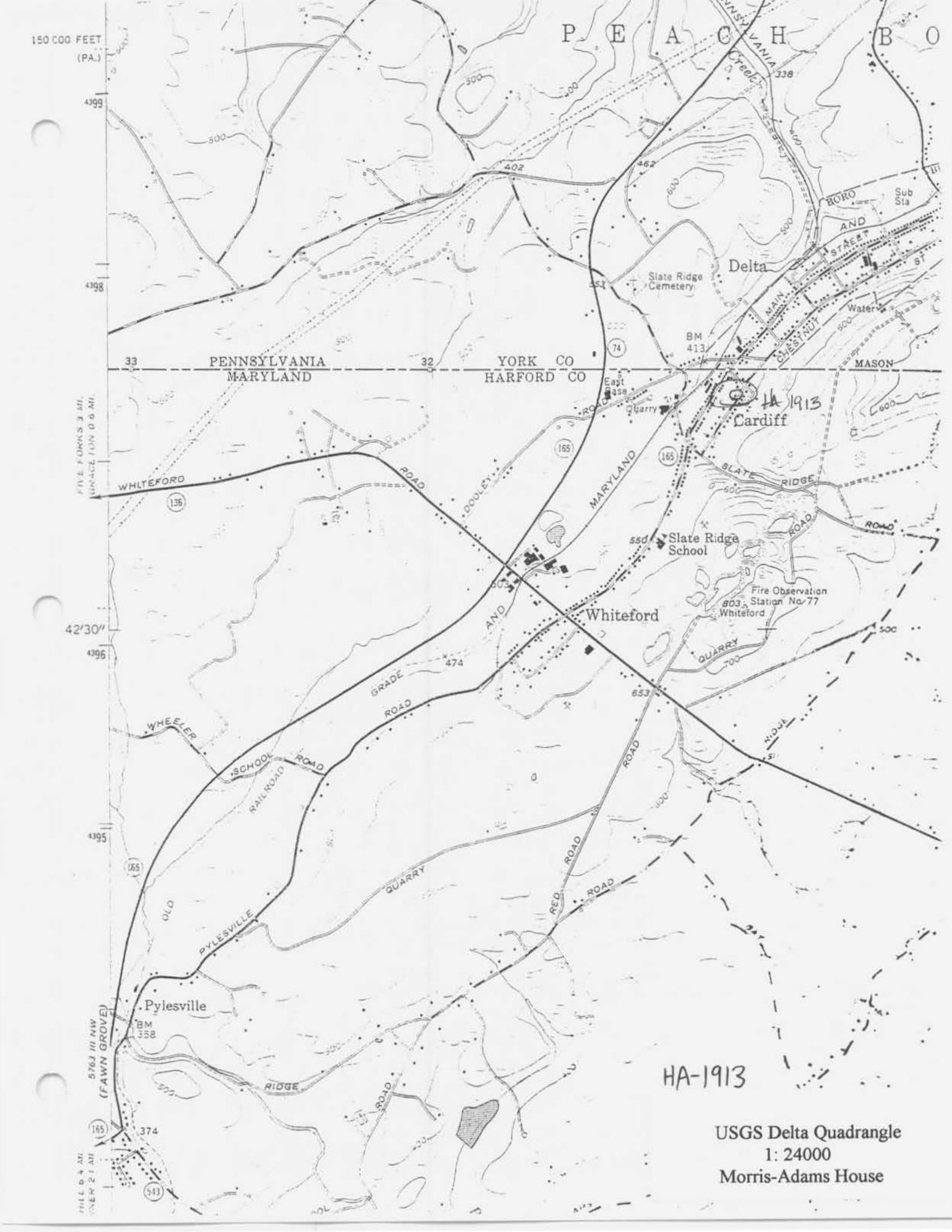
374

(51)

HILL 0.4 MI.
OVER 2.1 MI.

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USGS Delta Quadrangle
1: 24000
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View Southwest from Chestnut Street

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Thomas House
Hagerstown, Maryland
James Blair

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~~Center House, Hagerstown, Md. - Dept. of Pictorial Arts~~
View west from Chestnut Street

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View northwest from Chestnut street

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