

- Gailey-Moxley House  
HA 1924

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Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA 1924

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Gailey-Moxley House

**2. Location**

street & number 1627 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N/A not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> district	<input 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 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 Lucille Lanus and Lefferage B. Moxley (may have recently changed hands)

street & number same telephone no.: (410)452-8408

city, town Cardiff

state and zip code Md, 21024

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber HDC 1162

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 280

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

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

This massive, multi-faceted frame house is located on the uphill, east side of Chestnut Street overlooking the town of Cardiff, Maryland. The main house structure is a large four bays by three with a service T-extension centered at the rear of the building. Both angles are occupied by porches and enclosures and one long wrap-around porch encircles the north, west, and south sides. The gable roof with a north-south ridge is of the region's renowned slate. A projecting cross gable with returns is centered on the west, main facade; the T-extension perpendicular gable roof carries the cross gable ridge height through the main gable roof. Three internal chimneys are located at the north and south endwalls of the main house and one at the end of the service extension. It is difficult to know what the foundation material is because of the encircling porch. The roof is of the hand-split shingles of this region's world-renowned slate.

The wrap-around porch is entered at the diagonal southwest corner with a complimenting gable, addressing the corner of Chestnut Street and a small access road. The main entrance, however, is at the north bay of the main, west facade. The entrance is decorated by a three-light transom and two-light sidelights. Two long 1/1 sash windows delineate the southern and south-middle bays of the first-story and four 1/1 standard windows are evenly spaced across the upper story. A small 1/1 sash is centered on the gable.

Windows occur at every available space in the remainder of the house. The south side has a two-story three-panel bay window, with windows in all panels. The west lower and upper bays have a long and a standard window, respectively. Two small 1/1 flank the chimney at the gable. An additional entrance from the large porch is located at the middle bay of this side. The north side has a first-story three-paneled bay in the eastern bay and standard windows in the remaining east and west bays. A small square window in the middle upper bay delineates the staircase. Two small windows flank the internal chimney at the gable of this endwall as well.

The south side of the service T-extension has an open porch in the lower story of the angle with a sunroom completely open to the outdoors by seven windows. The north side angle has a first-story enclosure and a balcony/porch in the second. The endwall of the extension contains four standard windows in the two upper and lower bays. Again, small windows flank the chimney.

The lines of the structure make it a complicated and elaborate one, with bay windows and numerous porches and rooflines. The house is further decorated by interesting gable finishes and at the porch gable, inset detailing, cut-out scrollwork at the lintels, turned porch posts and balusters, scroll brackets at the roofs of the main house, porch and bay window, and beautiful cut-out brackets at all porch posts. The building's overall impression is one of opulence and wealth.

# 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
<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 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 grand circa 1905 house was built for J. Thomas Gailey who, with his brother Charles, owned a grain mill on Main Street just below this house. (The property on which the mill was located is described in the site inventory title searches for the Marstellar House and Roberts Garage Building.) A more elaborate structure than most in the town of Cardiff, the house is a wonderful late Victorian structure replete with porches, windows, lacy decoration, and multiple rooflines. The owners obviously had considerable wealth as manifest in the size and delicate detailing of the house. As with the most of the structures in the area, the large, steep roof makes use of the region's slate.

The adjacent towns of Whiteford, Cardiff, and Delta (PA) developed primarily from the region's tremendous slate industry, which attracted workers and their families from the slate quarries of Wales. The three linear, connecting towns developed rapidly during the of the late nineteenth century "boom era", resulting in the construction of Chestnut Street in 1890 and its subsequent development. The subdivided lots on the eastern, high side of Chestnut Street appear to have been the prime real estate of the times as evidenced by the quality and stature of the houses along here.

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 was found.



**GAILEY-MOXLEY HOUSE**  
**Title Search**

HDC 1162/280	April 21, 1982	Grantor: Lucille Moxley Lanius Grantor: Lucille Moxley Lanius and Lefferage B. Moxley Granted: town lot with improvements with adjoining parcel to the rear
GCB 282/341	March 31, 1944	Grantor: Pattie P. Wilson et al. Grantee: Lucille Moxley Lanius Granted: same, town lot fronts Chestnut 54', 32 1/2 perches. Title search for rear unimproved parcel discontinued.
JAR 169/302	April 23, 1920	Grantor: J. Thomas and Lydia H. Gailey et al. Grantee: Edward A. Wilson Granted: same, for \$5500.00
JAR 169/301	October 31, 1904 (recorded with JAR 169/302)	Grantor: Walter and Maggie Proctor Grantee: J. Thomas Gailey Granted: town lot of 32 1/2 perches for \$287.00
WSF 95/227	January 28, 1899	Grantor: Humphrey R. and Jane H. Lloyd Grantee: Walter Proctor Granted: town lot of 32 1/2 perches, being part of a larger tract.
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	<p>Grantor: Edward Proctor et al.          Grantee: Archabald A. Hawkins          Granted: "Hawkins Chance", being part of Thomas Hawkins landholdings; 74 acres 5 perches</p>
HD 14/336	August 3, 1831	<p>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.</p>
Land Tract, Patented	After March 1774, when Harford est.	<p>"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.</p>

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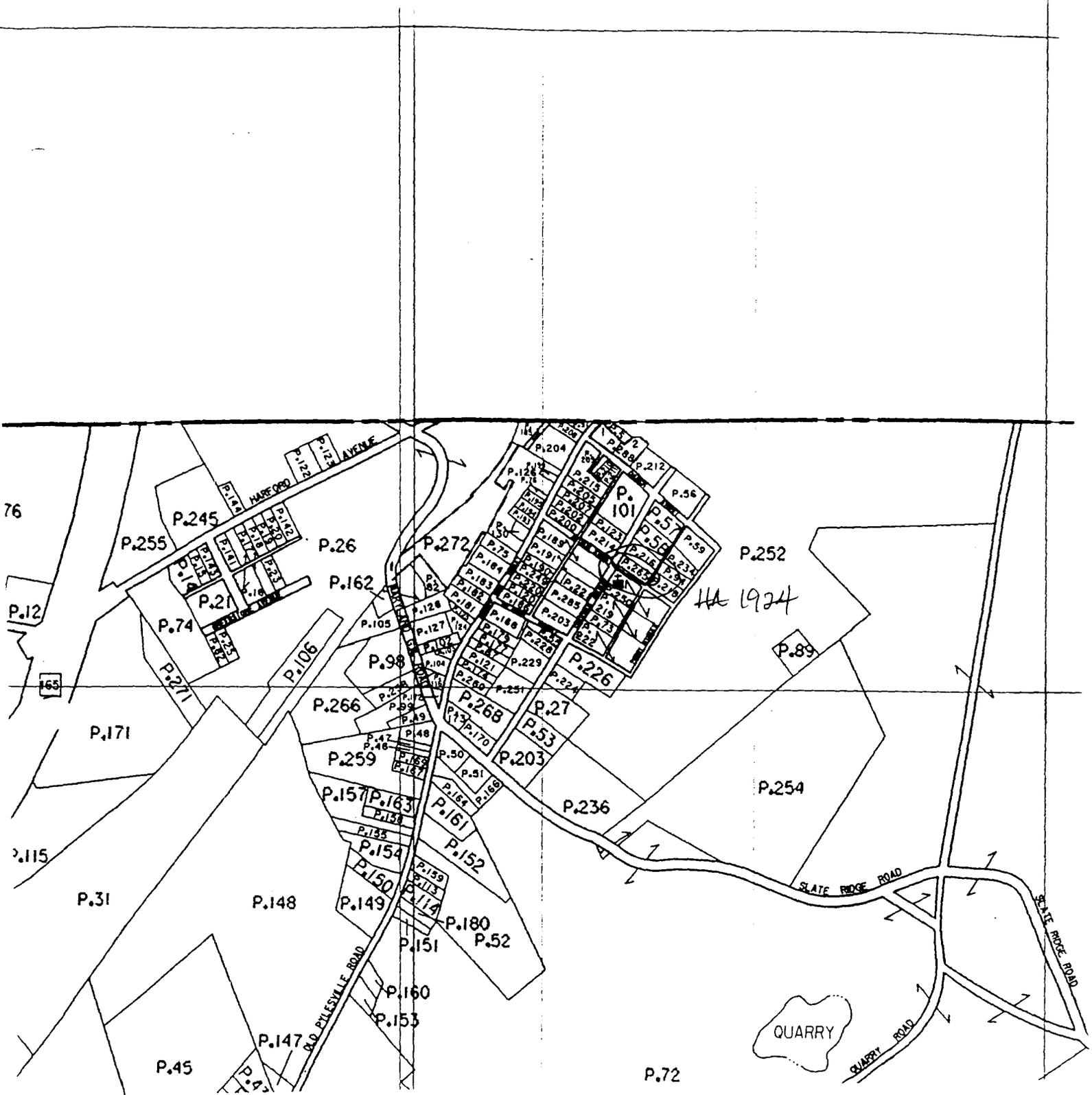
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HA-1924

Gailey-Moxley House  
Parcel 265, Tax Map 5

150 000 FEET  
(PA.)

4399

4398

FIVE FOLKIS 3 MI.  
GRAVEYARD 0.6 MI.

PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND

YORK CO  
HARFORD CO

P E A C H B O

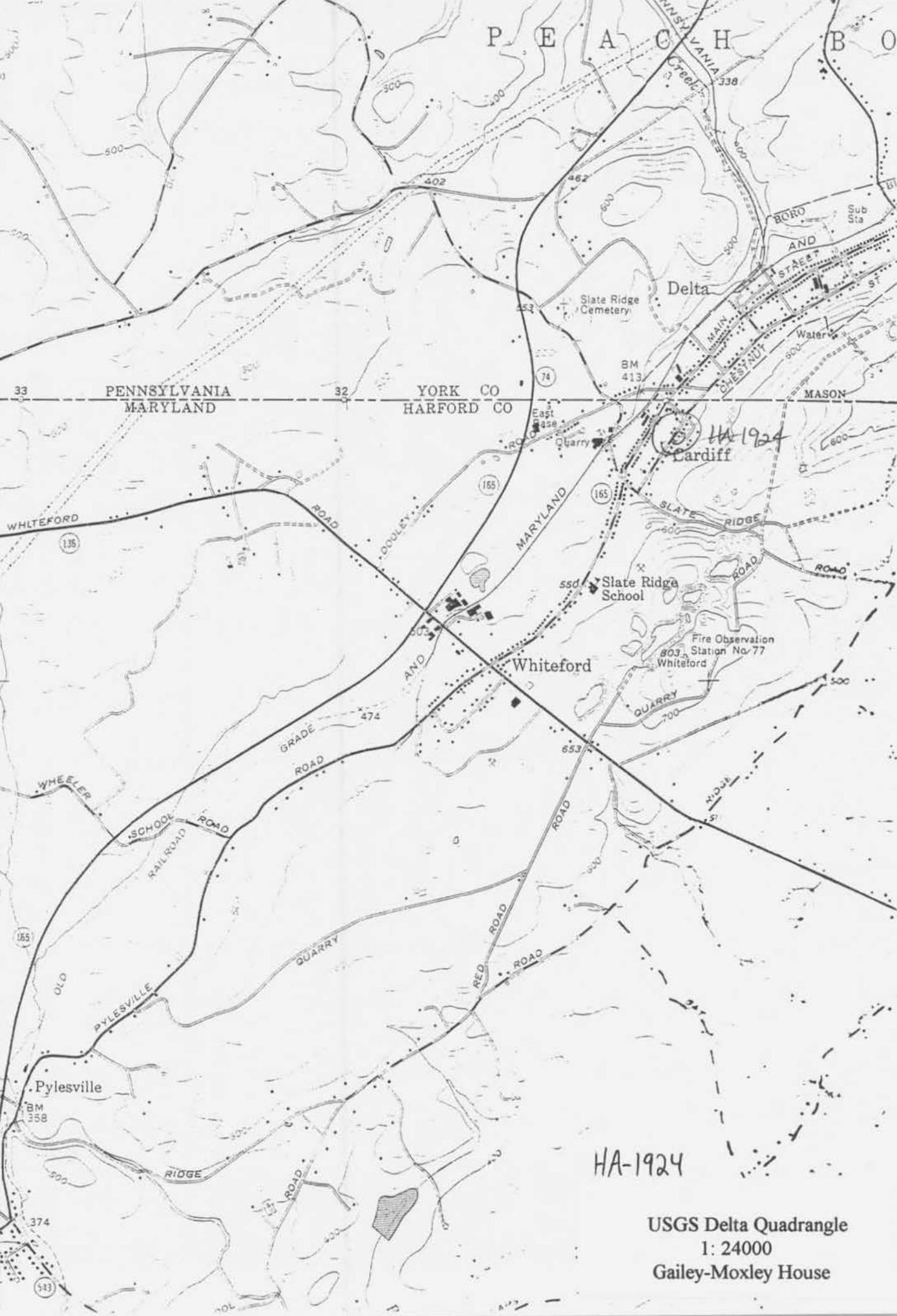
42'30"

4396

4395

5763 III NW  
(FAWN GROVE)

HILL 6.4 MI  
OVER 2.1 MI



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USGS Delta Quadrangle  
1: 24000  
Gailey-Moxley House



HA 1954

Garley - Morley House  
Harford County, Maryland  
Dianne Klau

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~~Chris Wickes, Harford County, Dept. of Planning + Zoning~~

View northwest from Arthur Avenue

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HA 1924

Garley - Morley House

Harford County, Maryland

Dianne Klen

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Maryland State

~~Chris Weeks, Harford County, Planning & Zoning~~

View Southeast from Chestnut Street

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HA 194

Garley - Morley House

Harford County, Maryland

Dianne Klein

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~~Chris Weeks, Harford County Planning and Zoning~~

~~View northeast from Chestnut street~~

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