

Esdraelon Lodge #176
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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Esdraelon Lodge #176

2. Location

street & number WS Main StreetN/A not for publicationcity, town Cardiff

___ vicinity of

congressional district 5thstate Marylandcounty Harford

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | ___ agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | ___ unoccupied | ___ commercial |
| ___ structure | ___ both | ___ work in progress | ___ educational |
| ___ site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | ___ entertainment |
| ___ object | ___ in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | ___ government |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered | ___ yes: unrestricted | ___ industrial |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | ___ no | ___ military |
| | | | ___ museum |
| | | | ___ park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | ___ religious |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | ___ transportation |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <i>club building</i> |
| | | | <i>fraternity</i> |

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

name Esdraelon Lodge #176 (c/o John Kohlbus)street & number 3901 Prospect Roadtelephone no.: (410)452-5586city, town Streetstate and zip code MD, 21154

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouseliber WSF 113street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.folio 287city, town Bel Airstate 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input 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.

This two-story utilitarian building is located on the west side of Main Street in the village of Cardiff. Unique to the town, the building is an all brick structure as indicated by the relieving arches over all openings. Built as a Masonic Hall, the building's Greek Revival gable-front with and narrow wrap-around porch rest directly on Main Street. The symmetrical building is four bays by five on the first-story and three bays by four on the second with two small utility projections mirroring each other on the first-story westbays of the north and south walls. An internal chimney rises from the gable peak towards the west end of the ridge. The roof is covered by a broad expanse of slate shingles and the foundation is of coursed slate, as common in this slate region.

The first-story accommodates two identical side-by-side apartments running the length of the building. A marble cornerstone is in place at the front corner of the north side apartment. The apartments' two entrances are side-by-side simple doors with transoms and relieving arches in the lower story front middle bays. Additional access is achieved through the north and south sides at the middle bay. The west bays on either side have small projections, as mentioned previously. All other bays on the first-story have 2/2 sash windows with thick sills, relieving arches, and working shutters. A veranda-style porch wraps around the front and sides of the structure. The ground falls away from the front of the porch where it meets Main Street leaving the north and south sides supported by straight posts which match those of the porch, creating a two-tiered effect and exposing the beautiful slate foundation. This southern veranda effect is enhanced by a cut-out balustrade and brackets and stairs at the west end of both sides which follow the utility projection lines.

The second story is said to be one large meeting hall for the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The main facade and north and south sides have windows with relieving arches and closed shutters articulating each of the bays, three on the main facade and four each on the sides. Above the second story, the gable is made decorative with fish scale siding and supporting scroll-shaped brackets for the roof overhang.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input 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: 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.

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Originally, the lot on which this hall is built was one of several parcels in the immediate area owned by Richard Roberts. Richard Roberts, co-founder of Roberts and Wilhelm which evolved to Richard Roberts and Son, operated the metal foundry and machine shop on the land below and adjoining this Main Street lot. He sold the town lot to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in 1904 for \$250.00. The location of the earlier meeting hall was nearby at the southeast corner of Church and Main Streets and is now a vacant lot.

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. The parcel of 17 acres that created this lot was sold to the South Delta Land Company in 1896 through an Equity Case on behalf of Parry's great niece. As with Esdraelon Lodge #176, most of the structures at the north end of Cardiff were built around the turn of the century, after this subdivision took place.

ESDRAELON LODGE NO. 176,
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Title Search

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|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| WSF 113/287 | June 14, 1904 | Grantor: Richard Roberts et al. Grantee: Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Granted: town lot for \$250.00, no improvements mentioned |
| WSF 95/224 | January 21, 1899 | Grantor: South Delta Land Company Grantee: Richard Roberts Granted: Several lots fronting Main Street, abutting foundry site/lots. |
| WSF 88/282 | May 26, 1896 | Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams (trustee, as appointed in Equity Case WSF 41/351 Elizabeth J. Parry v. Margaret Parry et al.) Grantee: South Delta Land Company (via James Poff, agent) Granted: a part of the 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) |

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| 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 36/212 | 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. |

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Delta Centennial, A souvenir book from the 1953 centennial celebration which was organized by the Delta-Cardiff Fire Company.

Land Records, Harford County Courthouse.

Conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Thompson, May 2, 1995.

Conversation with Mrs. Darcy Lloyd, April 11, 1995.

Conversation with Ms. Dorothy Cox, August 31, 1995.

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

Harford County Historical Society Archives.

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

| | |
|------------------|------|
| STATE: | |
| COUNTY: | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
| | |

1. NAME

COMMON: ESD REALON LODGE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: North side of Old Pylesville Road

CITY OR TOWN: Cardell

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|--|--|--|
| District <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building</u> <input type="checkbox"/> | Public <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Occupied</u> | <u>Yes:</u> |
| Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Private</u> <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Restricted</u> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/> | In Process <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Both <input type="checkbox"/> | | No: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> | Government <input type="checkbox"/> | Park <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | Comments <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> | Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> | Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Educational <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> | Museum <input type="checkbox"/> | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> | | <u>Rental House wip</u> |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Edsrealon Lodge of the Masons.

STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Whiteford STATE: Md 21160 CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: HARFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Good</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fair <input type="checkbox"/> | Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> | Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INTEGRITY | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <u>Altered</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> | Moved <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Original Site</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Brick building, 2 stories, 3 bays by 4, facing south with the ~~to~~ roof/ridgeline running north-south. A one-story porch laps around three sides of the building. Windows have 2 lights over 2 under arched brick openings.

Partly converted into apartments.
There are two doors on the street side.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> | 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 18th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 17th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 19th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1904 dateston

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Masonry</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Built as the fellowship hall of
 the Esdrealon Lodge in 1904
 They formerly met in Lloyd's Entertainment
 Hall.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Phil Williams in September 1972
at Cordill. 88.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
| | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | |
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: JEAN S EWING DATE: _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 RIVA ROAD

CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS STATE: MARYLAND CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

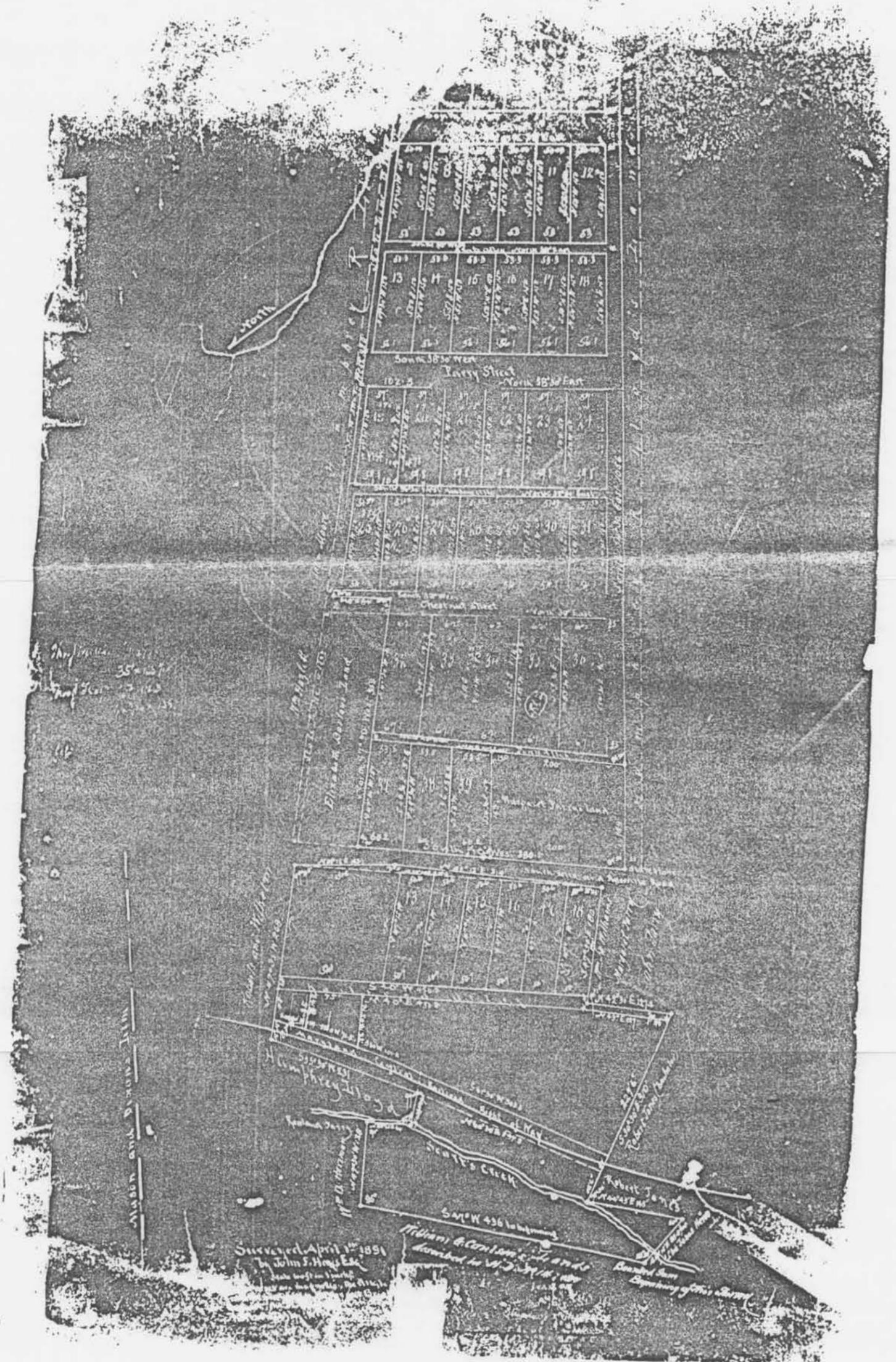
Date _____

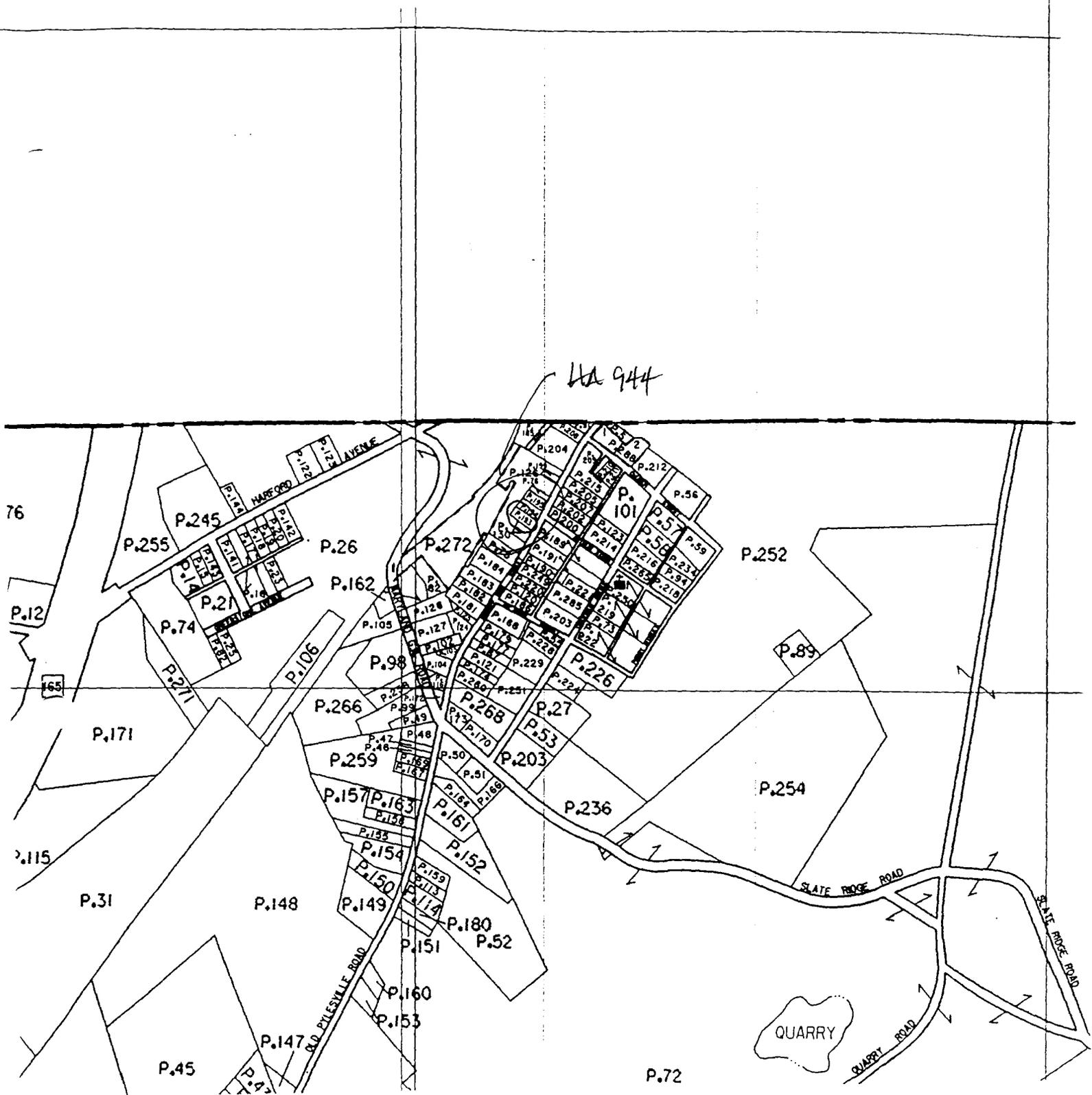
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

PLAT of SOUTH DELTA LAND COMPANY!
1891





Esdraelon Lodge #176
Parcel 193, Tax Map 5



Hk 944

Chas. Wells, Harford County, Maryland

1995

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~~Chas. Wells, Harford County Dept. of Planning & Zoning~~

View Southwest from Main Street

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