

Austin Jones Stone House  
HA 945

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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 Austin Jones Stone House

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 1601 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N/A not for publication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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" 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 S. Austin and Mary R. Jones

street &amp; number PO Box 55

telephone no.: (410)452-8491

city, town Cardiff

state and zip code MD, 21024

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber GCB 297

street &amp; number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 403

city, town Bel Air

state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Williams-Jones House

date circa 1972

 federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville

state Maryland

## 7. Description

Survey No. HA 945

### 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 two story stone house is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Slate Ridge/Green Marble Road and Main Street in the village of Cardiff, Maryland. The house is three bays wide, of moderated depth, and has a shallow gable roof. A two story, gable roof T-projection at the rear elevation is probably not original to the house<sup>1</sup> and a separate two-car garage has been built towards the northeast corner. Despite its exterior having been altered considerably with stucco and a shed roof, double porch on the main facade, its Welsh "Coulson town cottage" building form is easily recognized, as it is proportionally and structurally the same as other documented examples of this Welsh vernacular form in the region.

The house is of a simple center hall plan, with main entrance and second story porch access located in the middle bays of the first and second stories of the southwesterly, main facade. Windows of 6/6 sash are located in upper and lower outer bays. Two internal flues with substantial chimneys are at either gable end. Endwall windows in these structures seem to be an afterthought for these Welsh cottages. The left endwall contains a window towards the upper back and a small four-light forward of the chimney, whereas the right has one upper and one lower windows in the forward portion with a smaller (possibly added) window in the upper rear portion. Due to its two-level porch addition, the roof has been re-covered in modern asphalt shingles.

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<sup>1</sup>1888 Delta Map, which is a birdseye view of all existing structures in the area towns, does not show a T-projection from the representation of this building.

# 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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Most likely built in the mid-nineteenth century, this house is an example of a vernacular Welsh building form brought by immigrating quarrymen, a representative structure indigenous to the Snowdonia Region in northwest Wales. Squat stone houses such as these are referred to as "Coulstown cottages" due to the nearby, historically documented Welsh settlement just over the Mason-Dixon line on Ridge Road, south of the slate ridge. Cardiff contains four Welsh stone structures within its village boundaries.

This house is a simple two story structure built of the region's Cardiff conglomerate. Proportionally, these example Welsh houses remain constant, with a rectangular three bay center hall plan with central entrance and outer windows, and either two or three aligned windows in the second story. The shallow gable roofs are generally shingled in the region's renowned slate. Common to these structures are also massive quoins and single block lintels, features which could not be examined on this particular house.

According to Vera Ingool, the first road in the settlement of Cardiff is today's Slate Ridge/Green Marble Road and was originally known as "Stone Row". Supplementary evidence of this settlement pattern is made apparent from Martenet's 1878 map, which does not show Delta's Main Street extending through Cardiff, and the 1888 Delta map, which shows the later linear development occurring along Main Street from the intersection at Slate Ridge/Green Marble Road. Interestingly, and possibly indicative of this development pattern is the awkward way in which this house addresses the intersection of Slate Ridge Road and Main Street. The house fronts Slate Ridge Road far more than Main Street and does not conform to the rigid Main Street turn-of-the-century subdivision. Apparently, Cardiff was originally established as an insular Welsh enclave at the base of the slate ridge, like Coulstown, with a single path to the slate quarries.

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.



AUSTIN JONES STONE HOUSE  
Title Search

GCB 297/403	July 6, 1946	Grantor: Emma N. and Charles M. Elderdice Grantee: (Samuel) Austin and Mary B. Jones Granted: parcel of 47 perches with improvements
GCB 290/236	August 30, 1945	Grantor: William S. James Grantee: Charles M. and Emma N. Elderdice Granted: same, being known as the "Stone House Property" at the southeast corner of Main Street and the public road leading from Proctor's Slate Quarry to Slate Ridge cemetery (Slate Ridge Road/ Green Marble Road).
GCB 290/235	August 3, 1945	Grantor: Emma N. and Charles M. Elderdice Grantee: William S. James Granted: "Stone House Property"
GCB 276/223	February 20, 1943	Grantor: Walter W. Preston, widower Grantee: Malinda C. Norris and Emma N. Elderdice Granted: same, with description as above.
GCB 276/223	February 20, 1943	Grantor: Malinda C. Norris Grantee: Walter W. Preston Granted: same
GCB 257/403	October 21, 1939	Grantor: Walter and Margaret Proctor Grantee: James T. and Malinda Norris Granted: "Stone House Property", same description
SWC 223/137	April 5, 1932	Grantor: Samuel W. and Edith M. Deaver Grantee: Walter and Margaret Proctor Granted: same parcel of 47 perches and described as adjoining other lands of Walter and Margaret Proctor.
DGW 198/223	May 1, 1926	Grantor: Walter and Margaret Proctor Grantee: Samuel W. and Edith Deaver Granted: same parcel of 47 perches with improvements, along with the right to pump water from stream flowing through the above property.

DGW 195/146      October 27, 1925      Grantor: William W. Roberts, widower from New Castle, DE  
 formerly of Cardiff  
 Grantee: Walter and Margaret Proctor  
 Granted: parcel of 1.48 acres with improvements, which was  
 bounded by Chestnut Street and adjacent to St.  
 Paul's Church property and lands of Ellen Jane  
 Roberts and described in two deeds.

(1)

ALJ 71/45      March 14, 1891      Grantor: Margaret Jones  
 Grantee: William W. Roberts  
 Granted: parcel of 67 perches for \$600.00, part of a larger  
 tract conveyed to Margaret Jones from Thomas  
 Jones et al.

ALJ 71/44      March 14, 1891      Grantor: Thomas W. Jones et al. (children of Thomas W.  
 Jones, Sr. and only devisees)  
 Grantee: Margaret Jones (widow of Thomas Jones, Sr.,  
 mother of devisees)  
 Granted: parcel of 8.5 acres, on which Thomas W. Jones, Sr.  
 resided at time of death, three small parcels having  
 been sold from original 11 acres 63 perches.

(2)

WSF 109/76      January 15, 1903      Grantor: Margaret Jones  
 Grantee: William W. Roberts  
 Granted: same as (1) deed reference ALJ 71/44

(1)(2) resumed

HDG 37/402      November 14, 1851      Grantor: William P. Edwards et al.  
 Grantee: Thomas W. Jones, Sr.  
 Granted: parcel of 11 acres 63 perches of "Hawkins Chance"  
 for \$324.00. No improvements mentioned.

HDG 36/151      January 22, 1850      Grantor: Archibald and Nancy Hawkins  
 Grantee: William P. Edwards  
 Granted: parcel of 11 acres 63 perches of "Hawkins Chance"  
 for \$113.93.

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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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: Williams - Jones house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Southeast corner of Quarry Road and Old Pylesville

CITY OR TOWN: Cardell Road

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> <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <u>Restricted</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Private</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Both <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"/>	<u>Private Residence</u> <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"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Caley Williams

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Pylesville Road

CITY OR TOWN: Cardell STATE: Md. CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE: 40 S. MAIN ST.

ACREAGE

**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

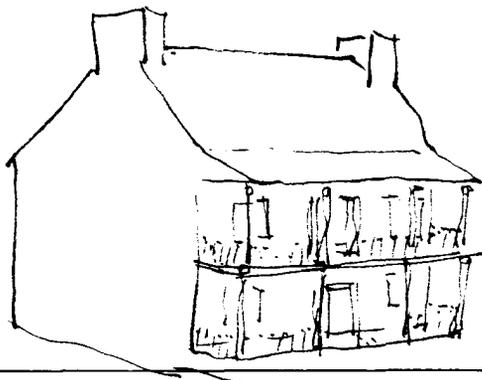
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <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)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	<del>Unaltered</del> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Added <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2-story field-stone stucco house has a two story porch under a two-angled slate roof (see sketch below). Three bays by two, ~~with porch~~ it faces west, not parallel to either road on the corner. The roof ridge line runs north-south between large inside flush chimneys with flues from heated fireplaces on both floors. windows have 6 lights over 6.



**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>18th Century</u> <input checked="" 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) 1735

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"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Social/Humanitarian</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<u>Architecture</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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

Thought to have been built in 1735  
 this is one of the ~~the~~ earliest houses in this  
 part of Harford County.

A check with early maps is needed to see  
 why it is off angle with both Main Street  
 (Old Pylesville Road) and the road  
 leading uphill to the slate mines.

Mr Williams is one of the Welsh  
 descendants of the first slate quarry  
 operations in America.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 in September 1972 by J.S.E.

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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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

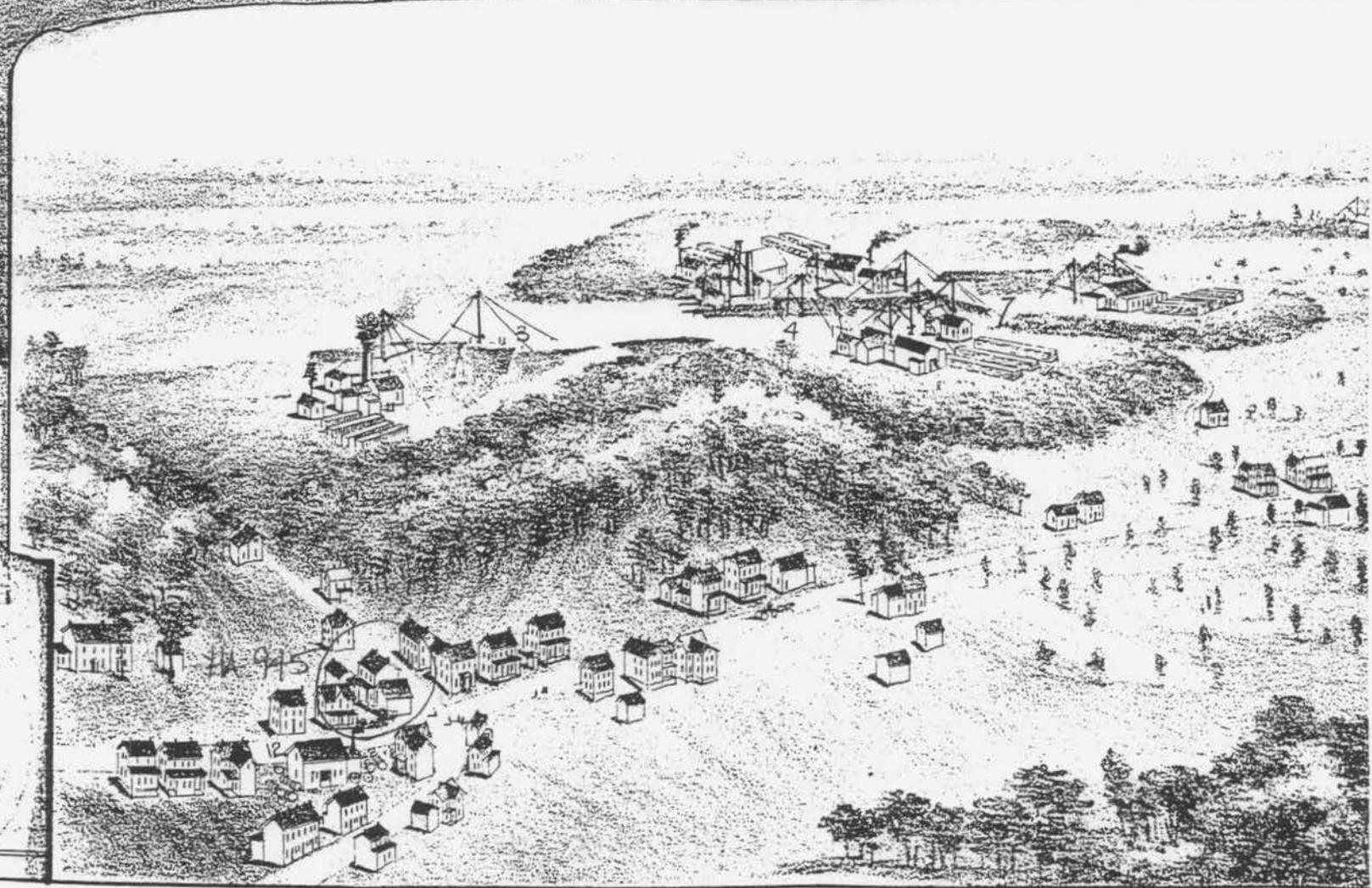
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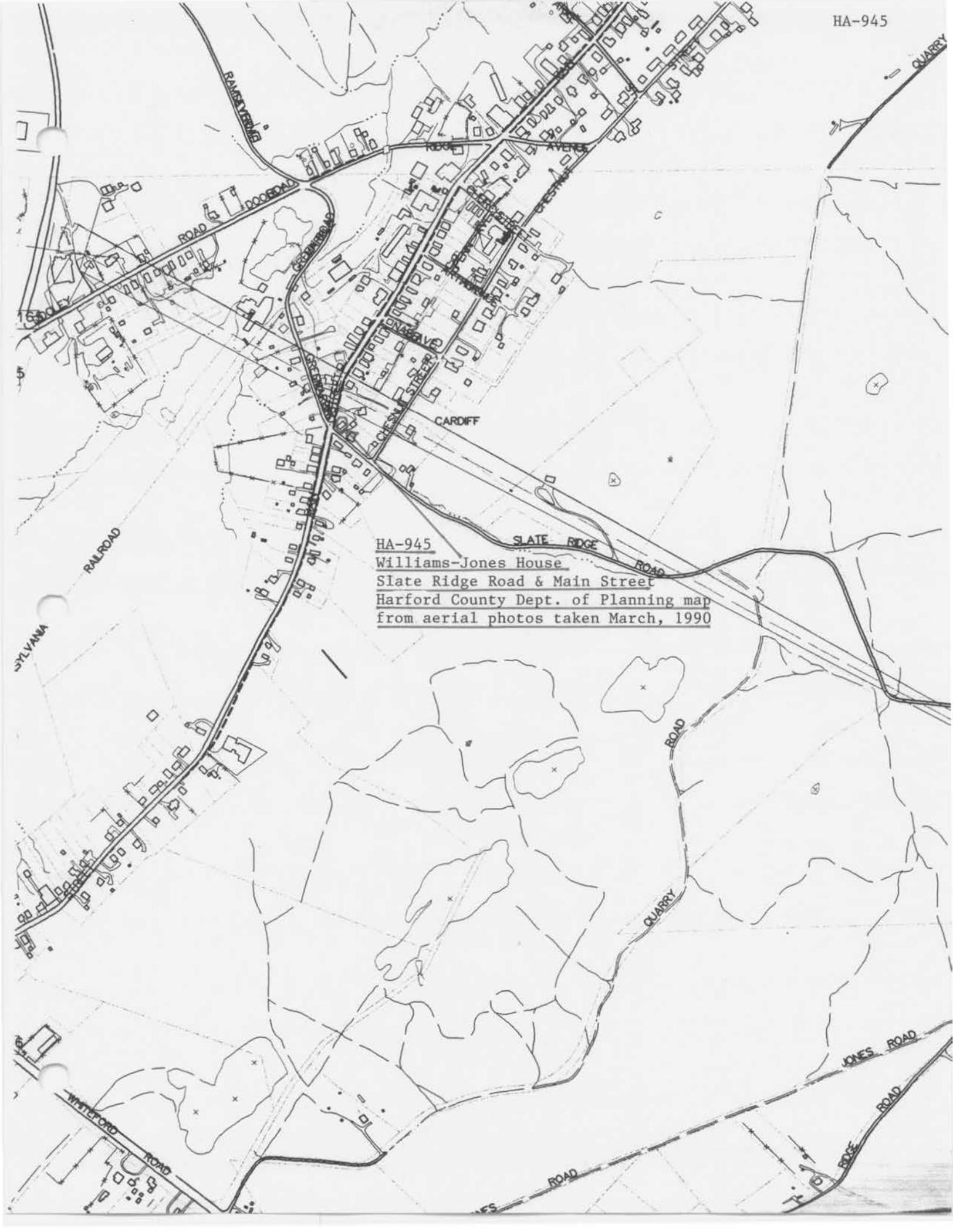
1888 Delta Map Detail of  
South Delta (Cardiff)  
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SOUTH DELTA & QUARRIES MARYLAND.



USGS Delta Quadrangle  
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Williams-Jones House  
Slate Ridge Road & Main Street  
Harford County Dept. of Planning map  
from aerial photos taken March, 1990



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Austrian Stone Church  
Largo de Cristo, Maryland

Dianne Klair

April 1995

Maryland SHPo

View east from Main Street

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W 945

Austine Jones Stone House  
Harford County, Maryland  
Dramatic Land

Apr. 1995

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View northeast from intersection of State Bridge Road  
and Main Street

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