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113 Court St.
115 Court St.
117 Court St.

Chestertown, Md.

privately owned law offices

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

113, 115, 117 Court St. (Lawyers Row)

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

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

NAME 113-David H. Williams
 115-Stefan R. Skipp
 117-Anthony & Caroline Libersky

Telephone #: 778-0912
 778-3400
 778-2520

STREET & NUMBER

all 3 addresses simply listed as

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Clerk

Liber #: EHP 44/791
 Folio #: OC 34 - 27
 WHG 77/165

STREET & NUMBER

Kent Clunty Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE
 Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none known

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

113 Court St. (or Lawyers Row) is a single story, 3 bay wide brick office sitting directly on the sidewalk. Its facade extends beyond the side walls and is of newer brick in an all stretcher bond whereas the side walls are of older brick in American bond. The roof, of seamed tin, rises slightly from all four walls to a center peak. There is a stuccoed chimney with pot and the NE corner of the building. The Court St. facade, from l to r, contains two elongated 6/6 double hung and shuttered windows with hoods with supporting brackets, and a recessed door with 4 light transom and hood with supporting brackets. The cornice is elaborate with modillions with drops. The southern and northern sides each contain two 6/6 double hung windows with cantilevered bricks and the cornices are plain. The rear of the building is not accessible.

115 Court St. is a three bay wide brick office sitting directly on the sidewalk. The front extends beyond the side walls and is of pressed brick in all stretcher bond while the side walls are of an older brick in American bond. The roof is of seamed tin rising only very slightly to a center peak with a stuccoed chimney at the NE rear. The Court St. facade, l to r, contains a large 6/6 double hung and shuttered window with wooden lintel, a central door with wooden lintel, and another 6/6 shuttered window with wooden lintel. The cornice contains widely spaced modillions. The southern side is without windows. The northern side has two 6/6 double hung shuttered windows with cantilevered bricks. Both sides have plain cornices. The rear is not accessible.

117 Court St. is a two bay brick office sitting directly on the sidewalk. Again, the front wall extends beyond the side walls and is of pressed brick in an all stretcher bond while the side walls are of older brick in American bond. The roof is of seamed tin rising to a center peak with a small central chimney just to the rear of the peak. Below the bracketed and decorated cornice, with rope type work on the topmost molding, are two rows of extruded bricks. From l to r the Court St. facade contains a large 2/2 double hung shuttered window with cantilevered bricks, and a door with two light transom and cantilevered bricks. There are columns without capitals or base at each corner of this facade. Both north and south sides have a plain cornice however, the rope work detail is continued around these sides. On each side are two 4/4 windows with cantilevered bricks, with only the SE one being unshuttered. The rear of the building is not accessible.

There is only a very small alleyway between these offices.

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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES after 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

All three of these central Court St. law offices, seem, by deed, to have been erected sometime after 1850. A deed of 1862 for 113 Court St., refers to appurtenances and a will of 1879 mentions leasehold property. For 115 Court St. a deed of 1867 refers to a lease with the property being owned by George B. Westcott. 117 Court St. was also held by George Westcott and deed in 1885 to Charles T. Westcott. There are no actual references to leases or appurtenances but is of the same general period as the other two. It is common in small rural Maryland towns to find such Lawyers' Rows in the county seat, and near the Court House, and these three offices are examples of those earliest buildings extant for that purpose on Court St. in Chestertown.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

- 113-Parcel #1 parallelogram 22/40
- Parcel #2 parallelogram 6/22
- 115-lot 23' wide by 41' deep
- 117-25' wide by 41' deep

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

113-latest deed parcel #1 parallelogram 22x40, parcel #2 parallelogram 6x

115-latest transfer all that law office lot 23' wide and 41' deep.

117-begin on Court St. at intersection of this lot with lot of R. Hynson Rogers and NE of the corner of the brick office on Roger's lot and running NE with Court St. 25' to a point 5' NE of corner of brick office on lot, thence at right angles to Court St. SE 41', thence at right angles SW 25' to line of Rogers' office lot, and thence at right angles, NW with line of Rogers office lot 41' to beginning.

1807 transfer for 113 also lists-begin on High St. on divisional line between lot 26 & 35 & running north on High all of #35 towards Church, thence right angles toward Church Alley, 135', thence with line drawn at right angles 47', thence with a line drawn at right angles 11'26", thence with a line drawn at right angles to line of lot #26, & thence to beginning.

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

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen B. White, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Historical Trust, City of Chestertown

STREET & NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN

DATE

October 1976

TELEPHONE

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

- EHP 44/791 4/14/72 A. Parks Jr. and Henrietta B. Rasin to David H. Williams, part #35, parcel #1 and #2.
- EHP 43/147 12/13/71 quit claim to A.P. and H. Rasin, merging leasehold interest from Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Co. on the following:
JKH 3/22 lease dated 7/16/1862 for \$25.50 per year for 99 yrs. Elizabeth Walker to George Vickers.
JKH 4/647 lease dated 2/9/1865 for \$3.68 per year for 99 years, Elizabeth Walker to George Vickers.
- WHG 33/31 4/2/54 George B. and Eleanor B. Rasin to A Parks and Henrietta Rasin.
- WHG 22/160 2/1/52 Dorothy V. Anthony and James T. Anthony, III, and Harrison W. III and Thelma W. Vickers to George B. and Eleanor Rasin.
- WHG 18/40 2/20/51 Joseph N. Wheatley to Dorothy V. Anthony and Harrison W. Vickers, III.
- WHG 18/37 2/20/51 Dorothy V. Anthony and Harrison W. Vickers, III to Joseph N. Wheatley.
- WHG 18/34 2/20/51 Harrison W. Vickers, III, Administrator and Harrison and Rebecca E. Vickers to Dorothy V. Vickers, III and Harrison W. Vickers, III.
- Will EC 1/329 8/14/1879 of George Vickers devise leasehold property to Mary Ann Vickers
- Will TRS 1/300 7/1/1895 of Mary Ann Vickers devise leasehold property to Harrison W. Vickers.
- Will JEM 1/306 5/24/1911 of Harrison W. Vickers devise leasehold property to Jennie Bruce Y. Vickers.
- RAS 9/528 12/23/32 Jennie Bruce Y. Vickers to son, Harrison W. Vickers.
- RAS 17/378 3/6/37 Harrison W. Vickers and Rebecca E. to Dorothy B. Vickers and Harrison W. Vickers III.
- JKH 3/222 7/16/62 Elizabeth Walker to George Vickers, Part 1. and appurtenances.
- JKH 4/647 2/9/65 Elizabeth Walker to George Vickers, Part 2 alleyway.
I can find no record of how Elizabeth received this property specifically other than JKH 1/277 9/23/1858 Anna Walker to Elizabeth Walker giving all her real estate as she, Anna, is marrying.
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- BC 5/92 7/22/07 John Carville Hynson Jr. to Hugh Wallis, \$2,000 am. High St. half broken off here.
- TW 3/189 7/31/04 Stephen Stephens and Mary Cosden Stephens, wife, to John Carville Hynson, Jr. \$1,000 cm. farm "Chance" in Kent County and also lot #35 which descended to Mary, as co-heiress with her sister, Ann Cosden Hynson, now deceased, from their mother, Mary Cosden, now deceased.
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Orphans Ct. 10/10/69
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115 Court St. transferred to Stefan R. Skipp, grandson of R. Hynson Rogers, deceased, under item 2 of will.

R. Hynson Rogers owned this property as a result of two actions. Fidelity-Balto. National Bank, trustee of will of Harriet C. Hill (H. Wescott Hill) to R. H. Rogers 8/13/59, \$640.00. WHG 61/71.

R. H. Rogers, Administrator to R. H. Rogers, individual, 8/14/59, WHG 61/73.

Wm. Slay had sold the land at public sale on 7/24/19 to R. H. Rogers for \$1650 but the deed was never executed as Carolene L. Hynson never had it done from her husband's, Richard Hynson's will, TRS 1/40. From this will all Richard Hynson's property went to his wife, Carolene.

JKH 6/520 12/7/1867

George B. Wescott lease to Richard Hynson, begin 1/1/1866 for \$25.60 a year, 99 years.

JNG 4/453 3/11/37

Robert E. and E. H. Constable to George B. Wescott, \$700 cm.

JNG 1/285 4/9/28

Samuel Ringgold to Capt. Robert Constable, \$975 cm.

JNG 1/42 5/29/27

Edward and Matilda Anderson to Samuel Ringgold

WS 3/3 5/25/19

John C. Hynson, Jr. and Eliza Hynson, daughter, to Edward Anderson, \$350.00 cm.

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WHG 77/165 11/1/62 Margaret N. Barroll to Anthony & Caroline Libersky.

WHG 40/190 6/30/55 Wm. D. & Mary W. Gould to Morris K. Barroll, & Margaret N. Barroll

WHG 2/32 3/18/47 Clara Vickers Perkins, widow to Wm. D. and Mary W. Gould.

RAS 2/535 1/5/29 Mary E. Slay to Herbert E. Perkins, \$3,000. (Herbert wills it to wife Clara.)

JTD 3/59 8/1/99 Charles T. and Mary G. Westcott to Wm. M. Slay, \$1,050 cm. (Charles wills it to his sister, Mary E. Slay)

SB 6/590 6/10/85 George B. Westcott to Charles T. Westcott, part of lot #35.

JNG 4/453 3/11/37 Robert E. Constable and E. H. Constable, wife, to George B. Westcott, \$700 cm., part of #35. refers to it as being part from Church Alley down towards High St.

JNG 1/285 4/9/28 Samuel Ringgold to Capt. Robert Constable, \$975 cm.

JNG 1/42 5/29/27 Edward Anderson and Matilda to Samuel Ringgold, \$1,000 cm.

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TW 3/423 3/24/03 court petition. Mother Mary Cosden died intestate, father, Jesse Cosden died intestate, property to two daughters Mary and Ann.

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CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

FOODS (EW) FARM

COUNTY

LYNCHBURG

WASHINGTON

AVENUE

MORGNEC

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD VALLEY STREET

SCHOOL

COLLEGE

COLLEGE

CAMPUS

STREET

STREET

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STREET

MT. VERNON

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

TERRACE

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

SCHOOL AVENUE

MILL

STREET

SPRING ST.

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

STREET

CROSS

ROW STREET

PARK COURT ST.

AVENUE

STREET

BYFORD COURT

TWILLEY LANE QUEEN

ST.

K-49

STREET

MAPLE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

WATER CANNON

HIGH

U.S. 213

Chester

River

KENT

PENNS

MORGNEC

ELM STREET

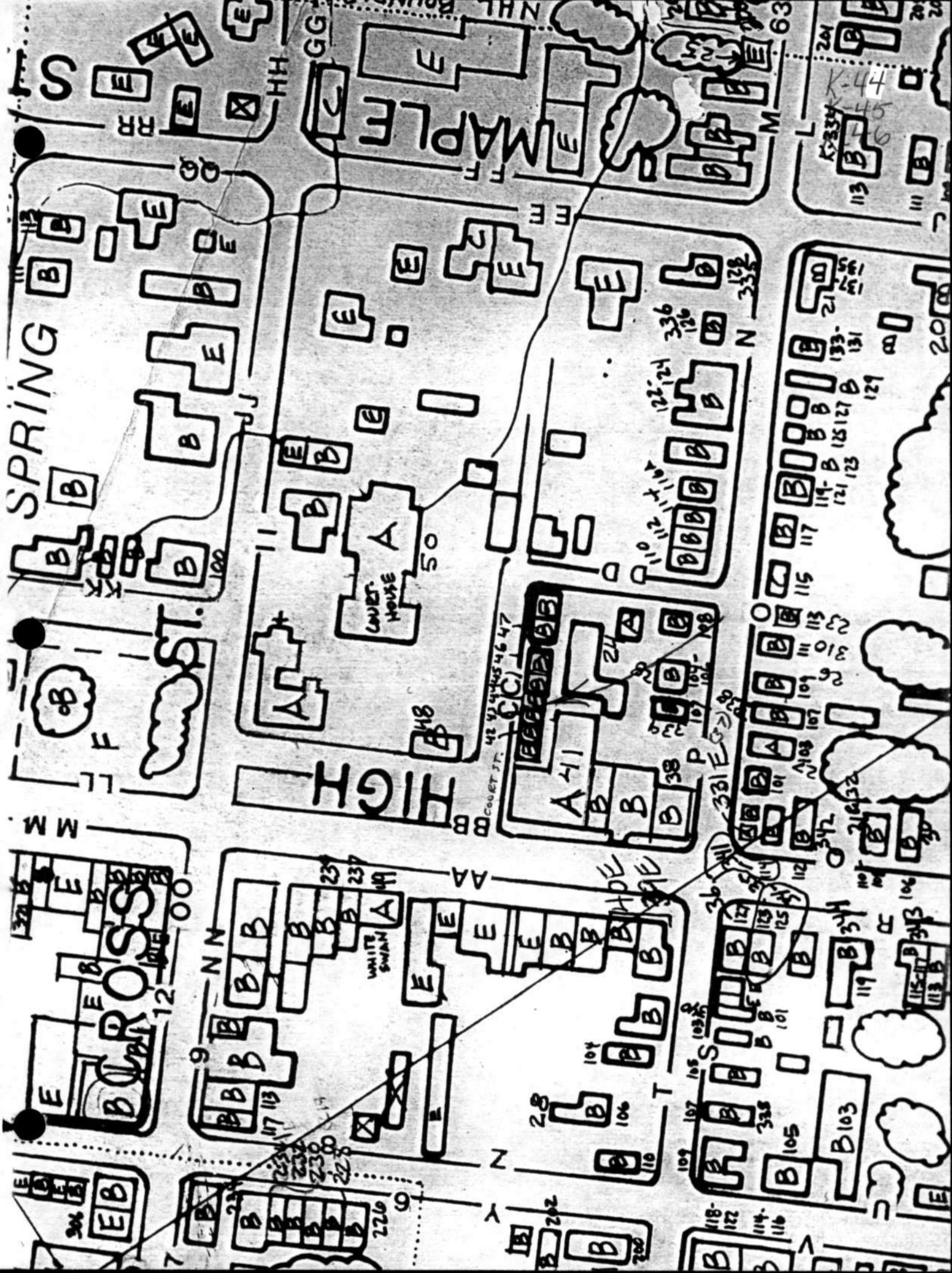
GREENWOOD VALLEY STREET

SCHOOL

SCHOOL AVENUE

STREET

MORRIS



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1/77 W

K-44 (right) 113 Court Street

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K-43 (right) 111 Court St.



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