



**8,800 Plats**

**and one steam shovel**



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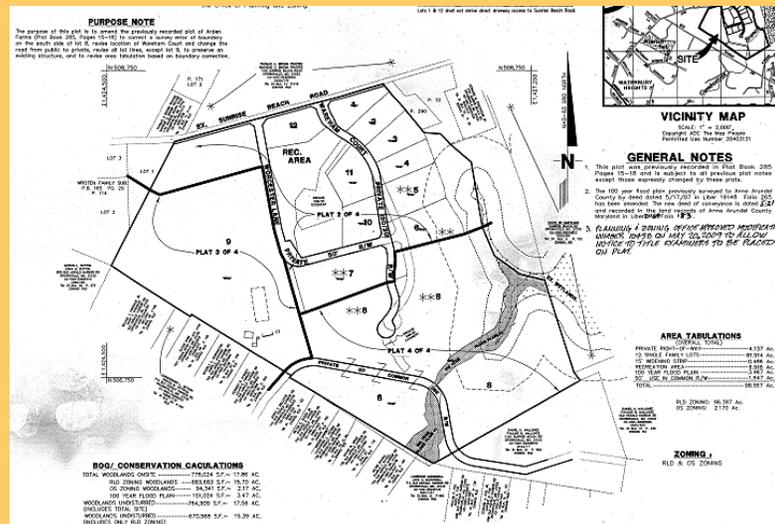
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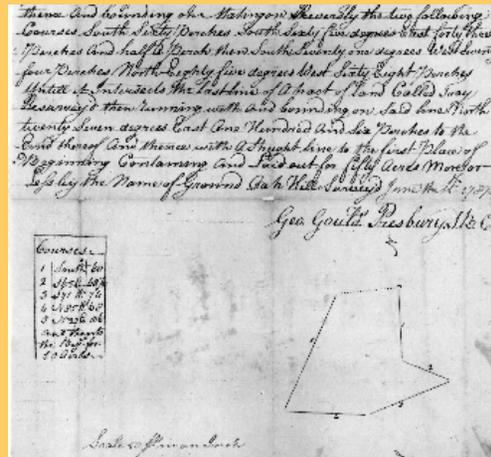
# What is a plat?

- Plats represent in graphic terms the metes and bounds of properties.
- They are crucial to documenting the conveyance of land title.
- Attorneys, realtors, surveyors, title searchers, and private citizens need to consult recorded plats to establish clear title and property boundaries.



# What is Plats.net?

- A system to preserve and make accessible online all plats filed with the Land Office and the Circuit Courts of Maryland
- A joint digitization project developed by
  - the Administrative Office of the Courts
  - the Maryland Circuit Court Clerks
  - the Maryland State Archives



# How were plats digitized?



- Options
  - Scanning from originals often provides better image quality than scanning from microfilm.
  - Scanning from microfilm is often more efficient and doesn't require the handling of fragile originals.
- Solution
  - Scan from microfilm for greater efficiency, then scan from the original whenever necessary for better image quality.
  - This solution required additional review of images by people like Ashley.



# What was Ashley's mission?

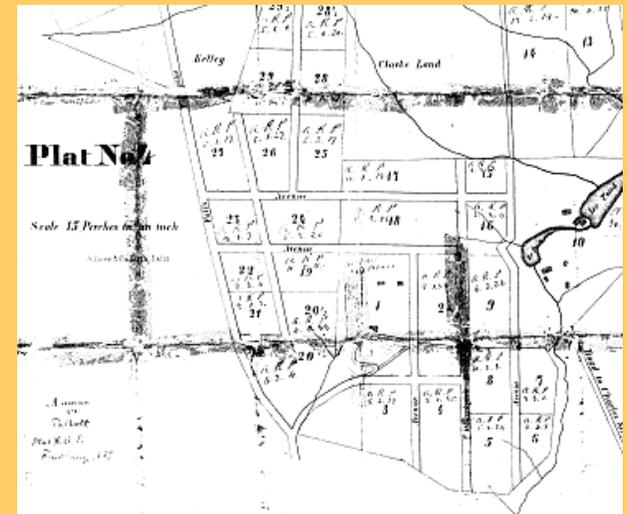
- Review the images of 8,800 plats and note any problems
  - Confirm the correctness of Web site entries
  - Check image quality



**Baltimore County Circuit Court  
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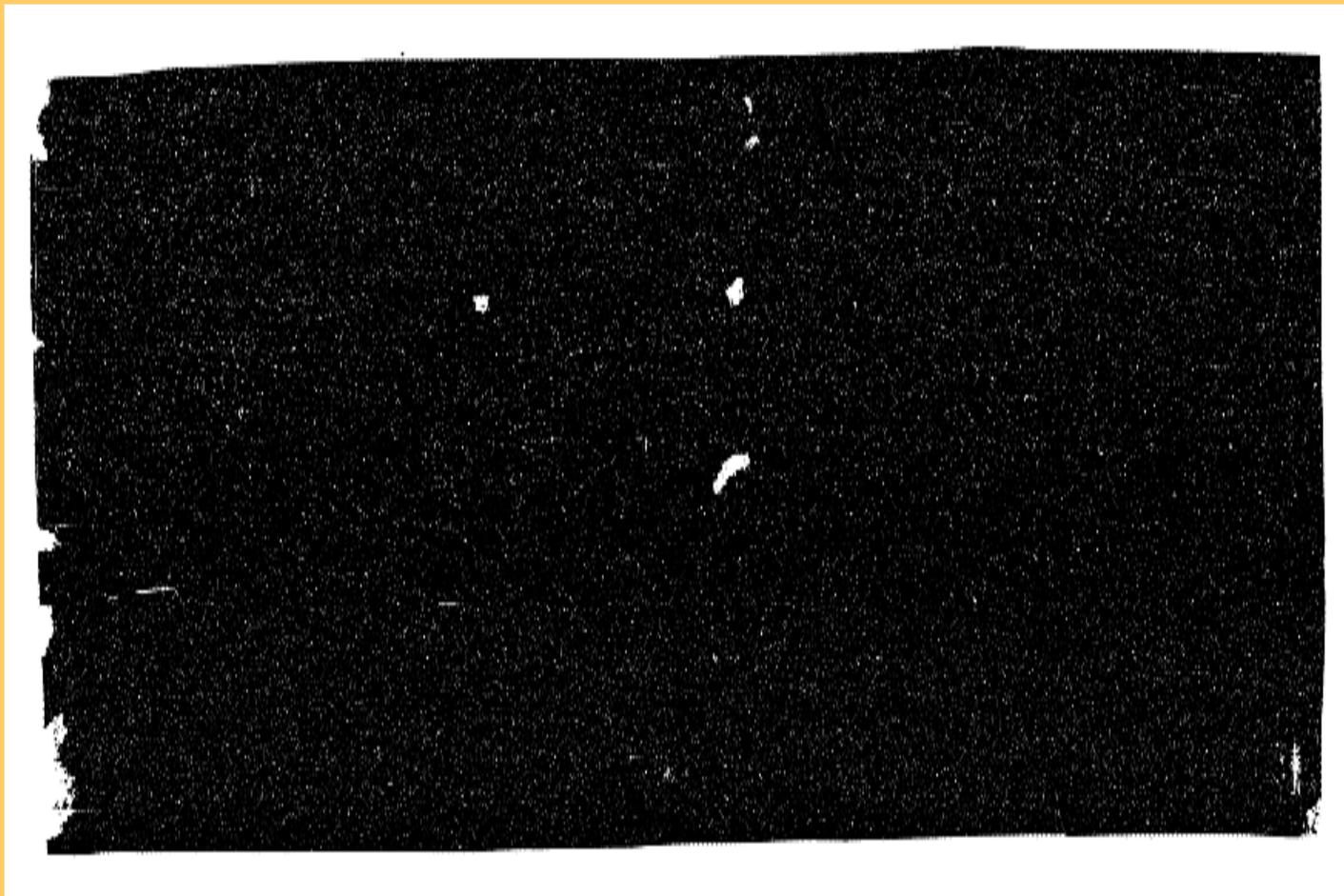
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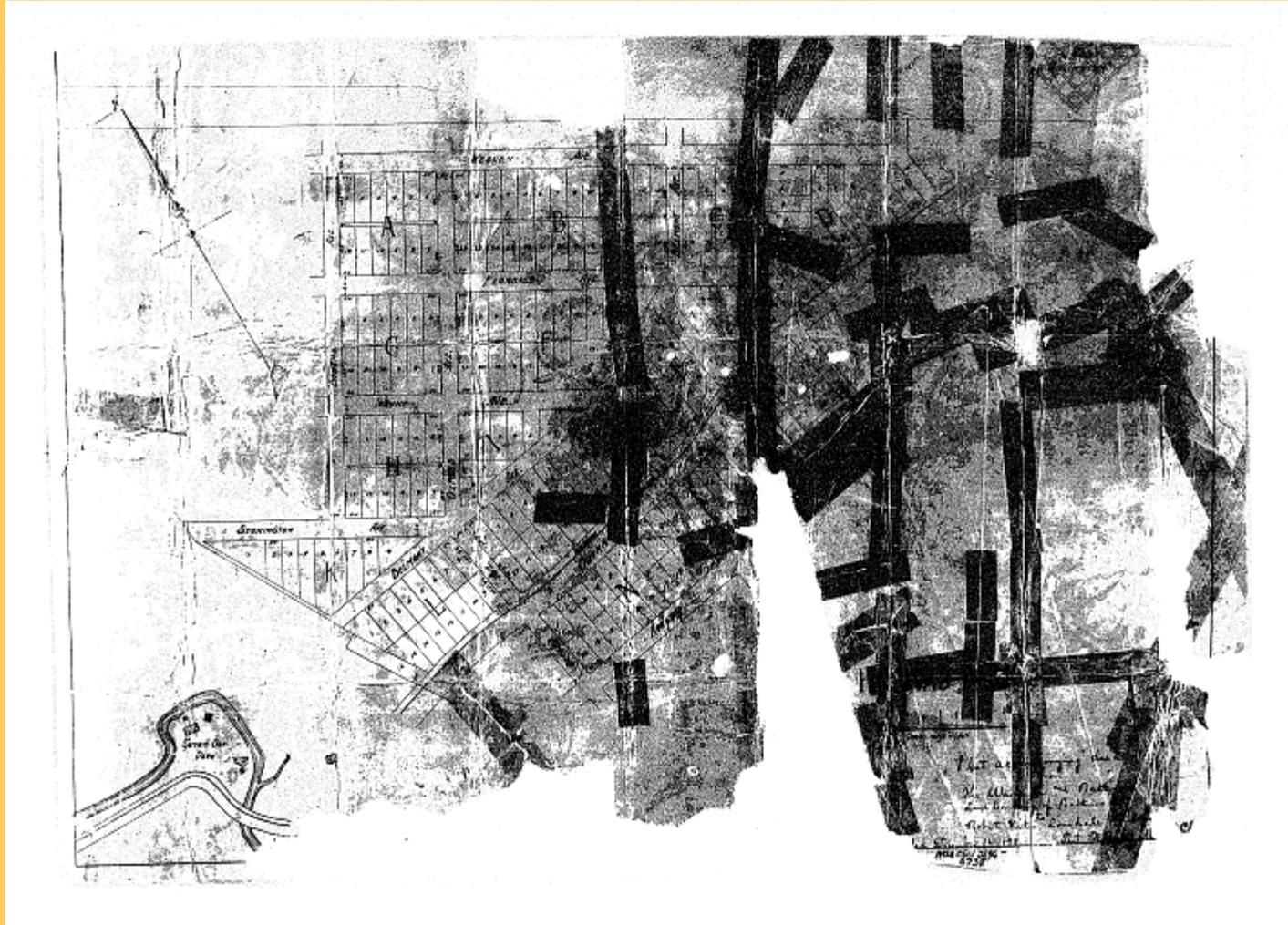


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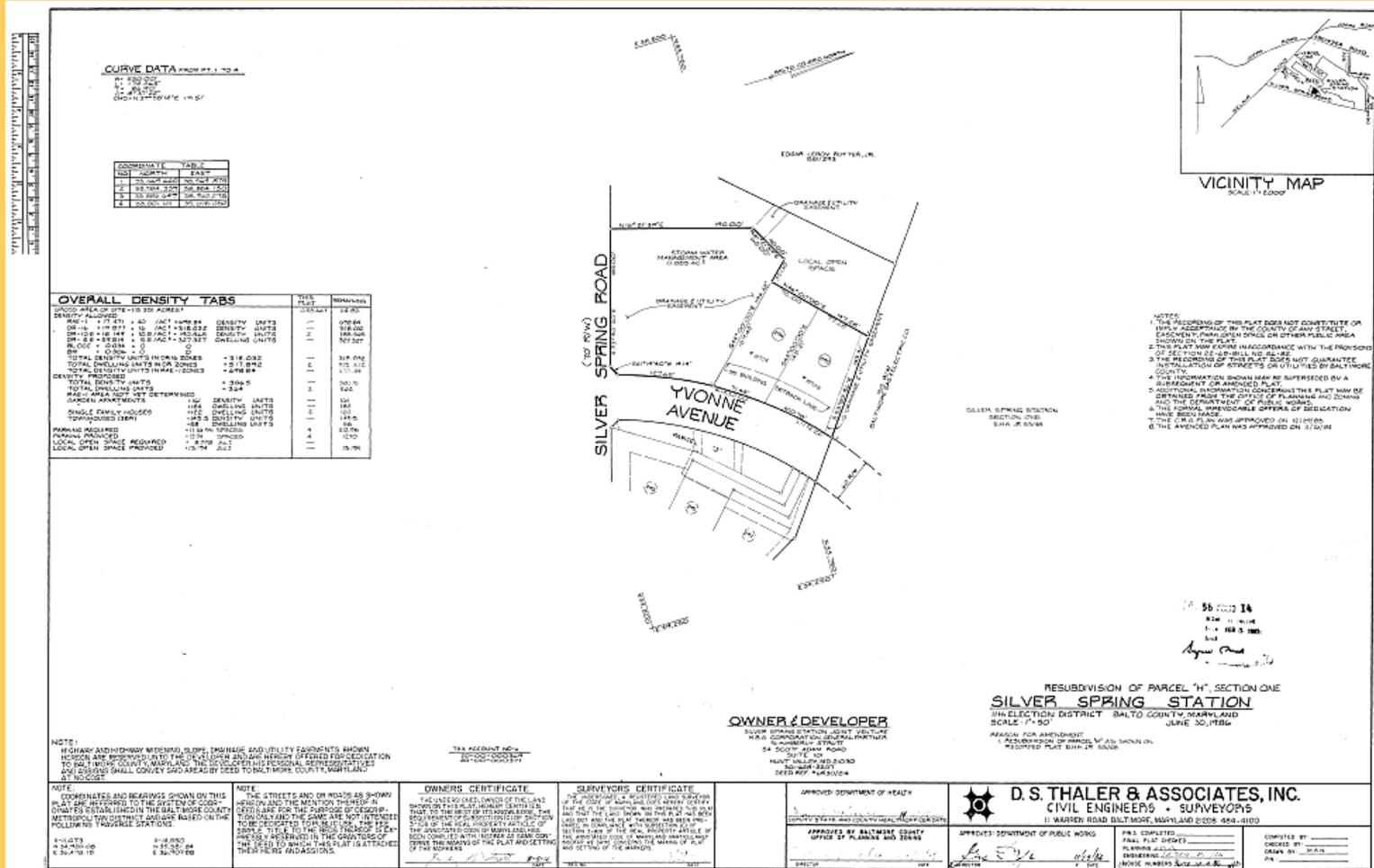
## Example of a poor plat image



# Example of a poor plat image



# Example of a good plat image



# Other unique issues

