

Long Property  
CE-1052  
Near Port Herman  
Private

C. 1905-1914

The abundance of accessible Cecil County recreational water front property inticed many urban and non-~~resident~~ investors from the mid 19th century onwards. The Philadelphia Long Family were a group of such investors seeking access and property on the Elk River. According to a 1914 plat of ~~this~~ property John Long reserved 32 acres out of Whiteoak Farm which contained the four story wood shingle beach tower, tea house, and carriage house. ~~The plat locates the tower along with the accompanying wharf and bridge from the adjacent cliffs.~~ The unusual shingled tower form is not unlike the popular shingled shapes one finds in Queen Anne architecture of the period. The tea house strengthens the period group with its semi-circular art nouveau entrance sidelights. The eccentricities of late 19th century fashion and the flexibility of late 19th century architecture have joined to produce a fascinating example of turn of century recreational buildings.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Long Property  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN nr Port Herman

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Cecil

**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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME X Multiple owners (see attached list) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #: see list  
Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

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**

The Long Property c. 1905 consists of three frame structures along the shore of the Elk River near Port Herman, Md. The three buildings represent early recreational structures along the tidal Elk River. The most unusual of the three is the combination boat house and residence located at sealevel. The other buildings include a tea house farther up the steep slope and a carriage house on the highest grade.

The boathouse/residence, otherwise known as the "Tower", is a four story one bay by one room shingled frame structure with pyramidal roof. The building faces west. The tall tapering square frame rests on a fieldstone footing. The boathouse is a single story structure with flat deck that is attached to the front of the tower. It is also sheathed with wood shingles and has a large double door entrance through the west wall. The double doors consist of a basic frame with two narrow beaded board flat panels and a X stick bracing. Eight pane lights pierce the top panels and illuminate the interior space. A slightly projecting deck is supported by extended and decorative floor joists.

The west facade of the tower has a different type of window. The second floor has a bracketed hood that projects a six pane light with segmental header. The third floor fenestration consists of three 6/6 sash windows set next to each other while the fourth floor is filled with 6/6 sash with a bracketed cornice molding below the window so as to emphasize the fourth floor. The roof projects out with decorative rafter ends. A small dormer lights the attic on both the west and east sides.

Access to the tower is permitted by a second floor door on the south side of the tower by a catwalk from the steep bank. The entrance like the second floor west window is emphasized by a slightly pedimented hood. The door is flanked by sidelights. The third and fourth floor windows are the same as described for the west facade, as are the north and east sides.

The interior is unfinished in that it has exposed ~~wall~~ studs and ceiling joists. A stair rises from the first floor kitchen to the fourth floor along the east and south walls. Plumbing fixtures, built-in cupboards, and what woodwork is found all date from the turn of the century.

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The tea house is built on the westward slope towards the river and is exposed a full two stories on that side. The entrance facade is the east side. The 1½ story frame structure also rests on fieldstone and is covered with wood shingles. A massive exterior stone chimney rises against the south wall. The main entrance is the most unusual feature with its decorative colored glass transom and sidelights that are incorporated into a semi-circle with the door in the center. The colored glass decoration has art novel motifs and character.

The carriage house is a 1½ story three bay by one room shingled frame with hipped roof and cross gables on each roof slope. A porte cochere projects off the south side with a lighted cross gable above. The medium pitched roof has a composition tile shingle covering. The structure rests on a fieldstone foundation. The carriage house has been converted to a single family dwelling which necessitates an eastern single story addition, also with a hip roof. The large entrances have been enclosed on the south side. Two 6/6 sash windows are found on the west side. A small roof projection from the cross gable once held a fully to raise objects to the second floor. Detailing remains basically the same on the other sides of the house. A new block chimney stack has been attached to the north wall.

The interior has been remodeled to suit a living space but a central stair with square newel and balusters does remain as does the horizontal board wainscoting in the kitchen.

A one room square pyramidal roof structure of similar date and construction stands to the east of the house. A pyramidal roofed ventilator tops the structure. 6/6 sash windows light the interior and a four panel door lends access on the west side.

The three buildings are connected by a series of steps from the shore to the tea house with a single bay shed roofed privy along the way. Novelty siding, cast iron decorative grills, and a glass transom liven up the structure.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			<u>RECREATIONAL</u>	

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Long Property contains some of the most unusual recreational structures from the turn of the century. The unusual shingled tower form is not unlike the shingled shapes one finds in Queen Anne architecture of the period. The structure is slightly different since it has such an unusual location. The teahouse and carriage house are less of a surprise but also supply interest to this complex.

The present owners of the carriage house are in possession of turn of the century photographs of people at the complex.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/24/80

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200 ext. 150

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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

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1. Beach Tower House

I. Lee and Eleanor DeWitt  
RD 5 Box 74  
Elkton, Maryland 21921

WAS 211/485

2. Carriage House

James Higgins  
RD 1 Box 174 B  
Chesapeake City, Maryland

WAS 342/316

885-2192



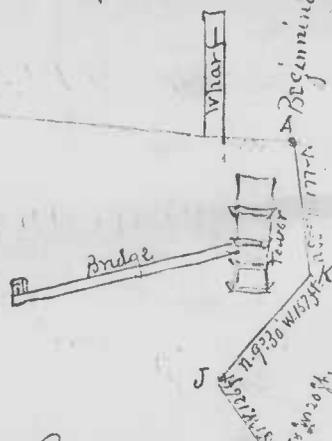
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 OCT. 19, 1914

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ELK RIVER

S. 50° 30' W. 726 ft

Beach



3d Side of John H McClosky's Land

Scale 8 Pels to the inch

Tract reserved by John Song  
 out of the Whiteoak Farm  
 Containing  
 32.25 1/2 Acres  
 Exclusive of 20 ft Roadway  
 between Turner & McClosky

20 ft Roadway between Turner & McClosky  
 Land of A. B. Turner

S. 56° 15' - 54 1/4 P.

Table of Contents

Sta	Bearing	Distance
A	S. 50° 30' W	726 ft
B	S. 44° 50' E	0.2 Pels
C	S. 50° 45' E	20.18 "
D	N. 62° E	86 "
E	N. 32° W	52.7 "
F	S. 56° 15' W	54.25 "
G	N. 32° W	16 "
H	S. 58° W	20 feet
I	N. 81° W	126 "
J	N. 9° 30' W	157 "
K	N. 25° W	177 "
		32.25 1/2 acres of land

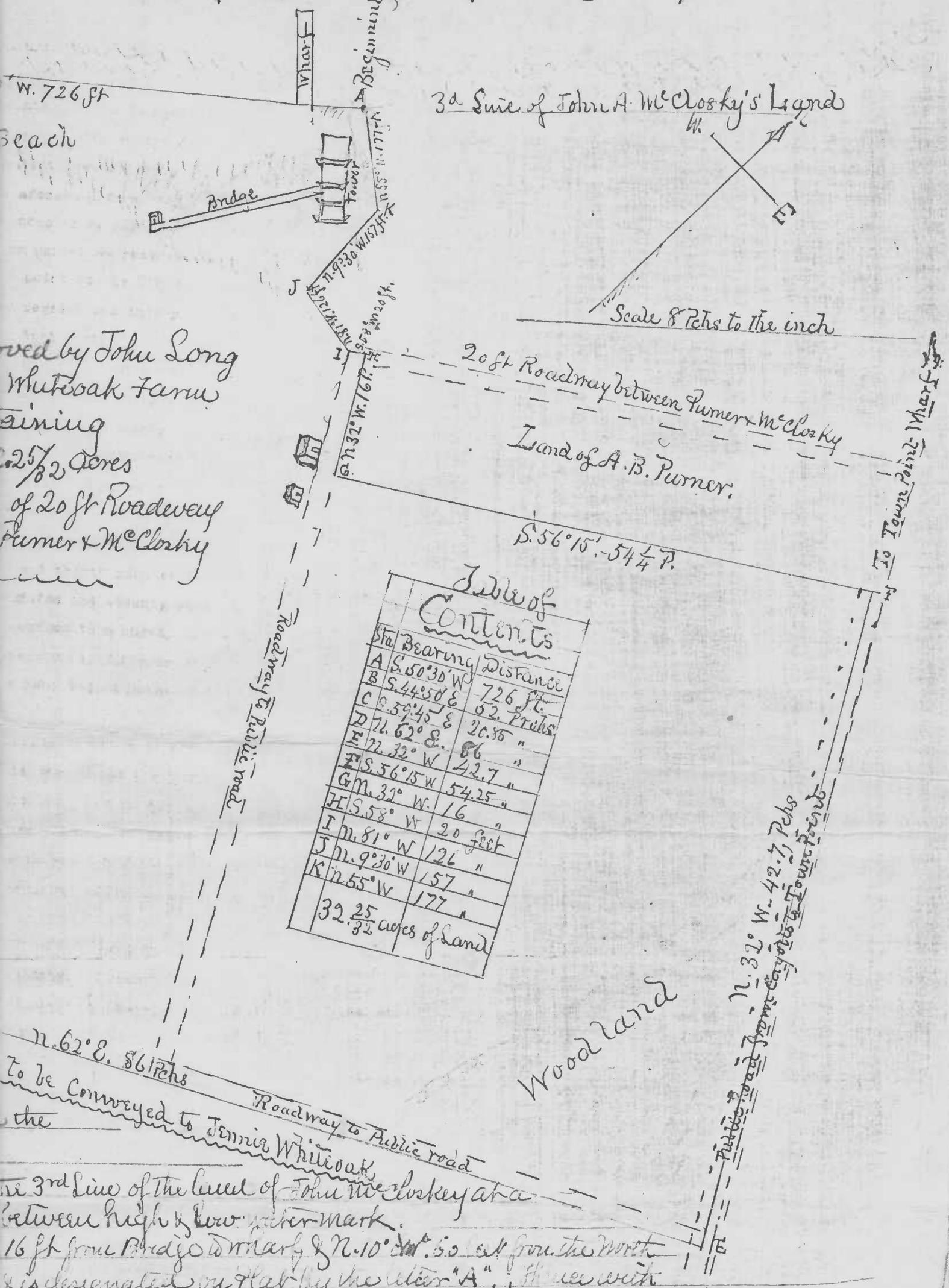
Woodland

Woodland

N. 31° W. 42.3 Pels  
 Public road from Elk River to Town Point

Tract or  
 situated adjoining Land to be conveyed to Jennie Whiteoak  
 in Dist. of Cecil Co. Md.  
 reserved by John Song from the  
 Elk Farm.  
 lying at the S.W. end of the 3rd line of the land of John McClosky at a  
 the Elk River halfway between high & low water mark  
 beginning is N. 50° 30' E. 16 ft from Bridge to mark & N. 10° W. 50 at from the north  
 of the lower house & is designated on plat by the letter "A", the line with  
 and is the same as the one in Town of Cotters  
 upon which the Elk River, other lines of the "Whiteoak Farm" & the Public road leading  
 north to John Song's wharf. The lines of A. B. Turner & John McClosky's land are  
 A-B, B-C, C-D, D-E, E-F, F-G, G-H, H-I, I-J, J-K, K-A. Containing 32.25 1/2 acres of land  
 to be conveyed to the 1st & 10th days of September 1914 by  
 P. F. Jones, County Surveyor of Cecil County  
 Cecil Co. Md.

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To be conveyed to Jennie Whiteoak  
the  
the 3rd Line of the land of John McClosky at a  
between high & low water mark.  
16 ft from Bridge to mark & N. 10° W. 50 ft from the north  
& is designated on plat by the letter "A", the use with  
is recited in Table of Contents!

to River, other lands of the "Whiteoak Farm" & the public road leading  
wharf. The lands of A. B. Turner & John A. McClosky & is enclosed by  
-E, E-F, F-G, G-H, H-I, I-J, J-K, K-A. Containing 32.25/32 acres of land  
up 12" - 16" days of September 1914. by  
P. F. Johns, County Surveyor of Cecil County  
Maryland.

EARLEVILLE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NW/4 CECILTON 15' QUADRANGLE

5863 USE  
ELECTRONIC



CADRE NUMBER U.S. 9-3115 M

02 M. TOURS 95



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LONG PROPERTY  
CARRIAGE HOUSE  
SOUTH ELEVATION

CE-1052

NK

CAYOTIS CORNER, MD CCIL

10/79 PBT NEG-MHT

DEV. BY

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~~WATERBURY HOUSE~~

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LONG HOUSE

CITICEN HOUSE

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

N<sup>R</sup> CAYOT'S CORNER, MD

CECIL

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LONG PROPERTY

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BEACH TOWER HOUSE

WEST ELEVATION

NW  
CAYOTS CORNER, MD.

10/29 PIST NEG - MITT

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10-1-29

DEV. BY  
Elizabeth E. Booth



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LONG - PROPERTY

CE-1052

CARRIAGE HOUSE

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

X12

CAYO'S CORNER MD CECIL

10/79 PBT NEG - MITT

2

Dev. By  
Elizabeth E. Booth

12/1/79