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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 Emory Jones House

2. Location

street & number 1701 Chestnut Street N/A not for publication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	
✓ district	✓ public	✓ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
✓ building(s)	✓ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	✓ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	✓ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	✓ being considered	✓ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	✓ not applicable	✓ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Eugene L. Coulter

street & number 2215 Conowingo Road telephone no.: (410)838-9374 (business)

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD, 21015

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber HDC 1078

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl. folio 453

city, town Bel Air state 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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	✓ unaltered	✓ original site
✓ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located on the northeast corner of Chestnut and Church Streets, this large two-story frame house is the northern-most of four houses of similar plan on the uphill side of Chestnut Street in Cardiff, Maryland. The main house is a three bays wide by a deep two bays with a north service ell and south double porch off the rear. A large cross gable with returns bisects the north-south ridged, gable roof of the main house. Shrouded by large evergreens, the front porch of the west, main facade wraps around the building to the center of the south side, where it meets a two-story three-paneled bay window in the east bay of the south side. The porch has its entrance on the diagonal with a gable, addressing the street corner. Two interior chimneys rise from slate roof, one centrally located in the main section of the house, the other at the eastern end of the service ell. The foundation is finished in concrete over coursed slate. Exterior walls are covered in white aluminum siding.

On the main part of the house, the entrance is located at the north bay of the main facade with a single window between bays on the first-story. Windows articulate the upper three bays and cross gable of the main facade. The south side of the main house has windows at every opportunity; at the gable, the three panels of the two-story east bay window, and the west bay. The north side of the house has windows in the upper and lower east bay and gable.

The service ell is two bays long with a gable roof that is perpendicular to the main roof. A single and double window are in the eastern-most upper and lower bays of the north side respectively. The south side lower door and window and two upper windows of the ell are shaded by the two-story porch and porch roof in the angle.

The house is modestly decorated with simple scroll-work at the lintels, decorative porch brackets, and unusual gable finishes at each gable, including the porch gable. The porch gable is further embellished by returns and detailing which is inset from the overhang. The house's porch lines and two-story bay window add to the overall detailing.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
1500–1599	✓ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	✓ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
✓ 1800–1899	___ commerce	✓ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
✓ 1900–	___ communications	✓ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

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 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. This piece apparently was 25 acres in size and contained a quarry which was owned at one time by the West Bangor Slate Mining Company. The parcel was platted and subdivided following the Equity Case of William H. Harlan v. Annie H. Whitaker in 1889.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See additional sheets

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .40 acres

Quadrangle name Delta

Quadrangle scale 24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 56 on tax map 5, as provided in accompanying map

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	none	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dianne Klair

organization Harford County Planning and Zoning **date** September 1995

street & number 220 S. Main Street **telephone** (410)638-3103

city or town Bel Air **state** MD

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.

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EMORY JONES HOUSE
Title Search

HDC 1078/453	November 1, 1978	Grantor: William A. Crowther, Jr., widower Grantee: Eugene L. Coulter Granted: two town lots with improvements fronting Chestnut St. 100'. Shown as lots 10 and 11 on plat submitted in Equity Case in WSF 60/483.
GRG 376/450	July 14, 1952	Grantor: Edith Jones Turner and husband, Ernest Grantee: William A., Jr. and Belva L. Crowther Granted: same
GRG 311/426	December 16, 1947	Grantor: Ethel and Harris Perkins Grantee: Edith Turner Granted: her share of the same property
GCB 282/11	January 17, 1944	Grantor: Charles H. McNabb, Trustee, et al. Grantee: Edith Jones Turner Granted: For Grace Daugherty's share of property when she died.
SWC 230/309 (mense deed)	May 24, 1934	Grantor: Emory Jones (widower) Grantee: his three daughters, Ethel Perkins, Grace Jones Daugherty, and Edith Turner Granted: two town lots with improvements fronting Chestnut St.
JAR 160/419	October 12, 1918	Grantor: Ethel M. Jones Grantee: Emory and Addie F. Jones Granted: same
JAR 160/418	October 12, 1918	Grantor: Emory and Addie F. Jones Grantee: Ethel M. Jones Granted: same
WSF 109/440	September 1, 1903	Grantor: Rachel A. McComas et al. Grantee: Emory Jones Granted: two town lots for $175.00
WSF 89/454	December 12, 1896	Grantor: William H. Harlan, Trustee (in Equity Case WSF 60/475, William H. Harlan v. Annie H. (Whitaker) McConkey et al., January 1889) Grantee: Rachel A. McComas and G. Jordan McComas Granted: remaining lands after some lots purchased of the 25 acres sold to Annie Whitaker, for $2000.00. Lots platted for and included in the equity case.

ALJ 50/343	May 28, 1884	Grantor: William H. Harlan et al Grantee: Annie H. Whitaker Granted: 25 acres, of "Hawkins Chance"
ALJ 32/84 (mortgage)	May 26, 1875	Mortgagor: John Feruley, Executor of Estate of James Whitaker Mortgagee: Oliver and Mary E. Whitaker Granted: 25 acres, of "Hawkins Chance" Oliver Whitaker indebted to estate of James Whitaker for $6400.00.
ALJ 23/474	April 6, 1870	Grantor: David Swope et al. Grantee: Oliver Whitaker Granted: 25 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for $12,000.00
WHD 15/362	September 14, 1864	Grantor: Alexander Garrett et al. Grantee: West Bangor Mining Company (Alexander Garrett, David Swope part of this company) Granted: same
WHD 15/361	September 14, 1864	Grantor: I. Holmes Grover Grantee: Alexander Garrett and David Swope Granted: same
WHD 15/261	May 31, 1864	Grantor: Rowland Parry Grantee: I. Holmes Grover Granted: same
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.

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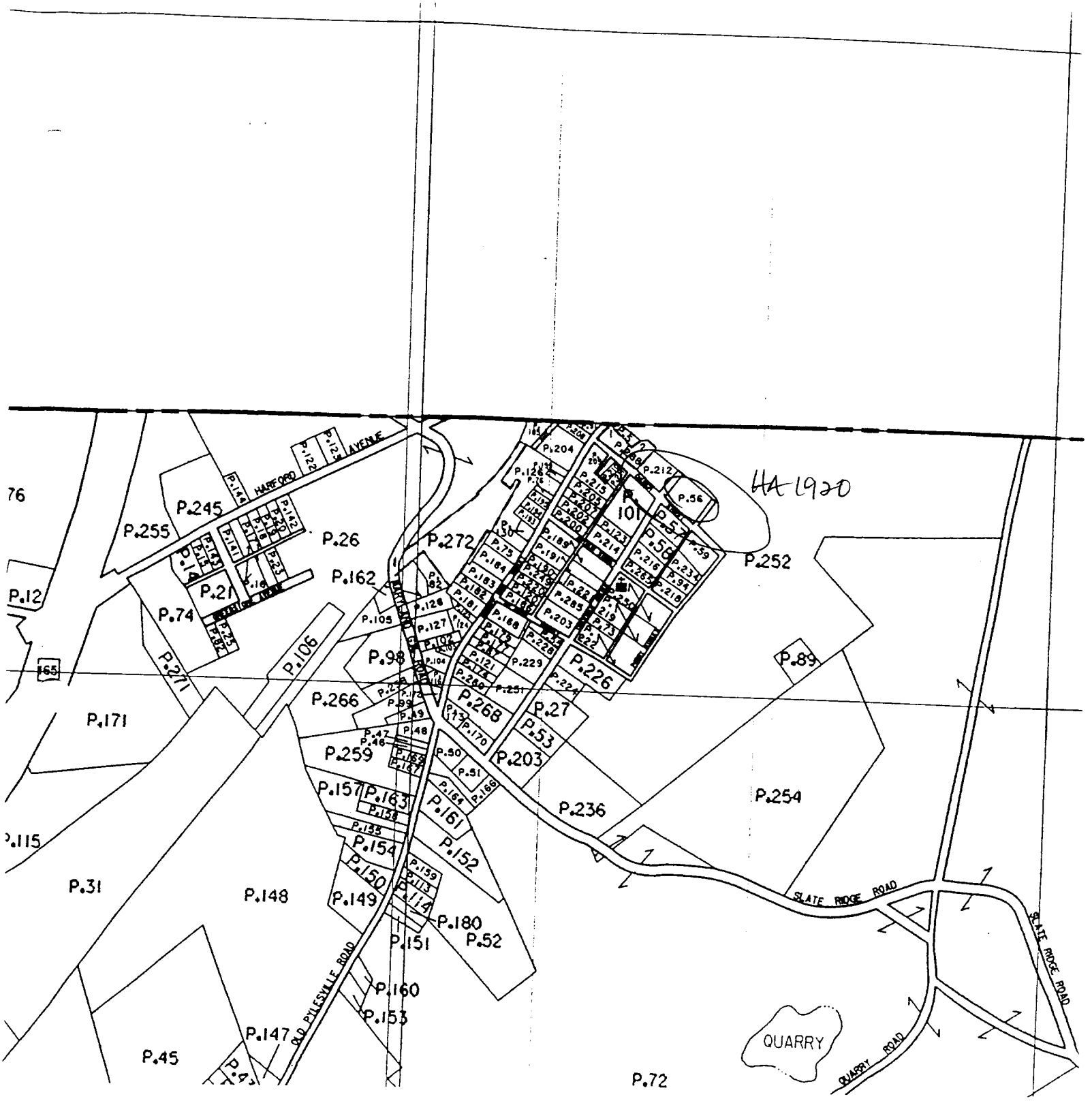

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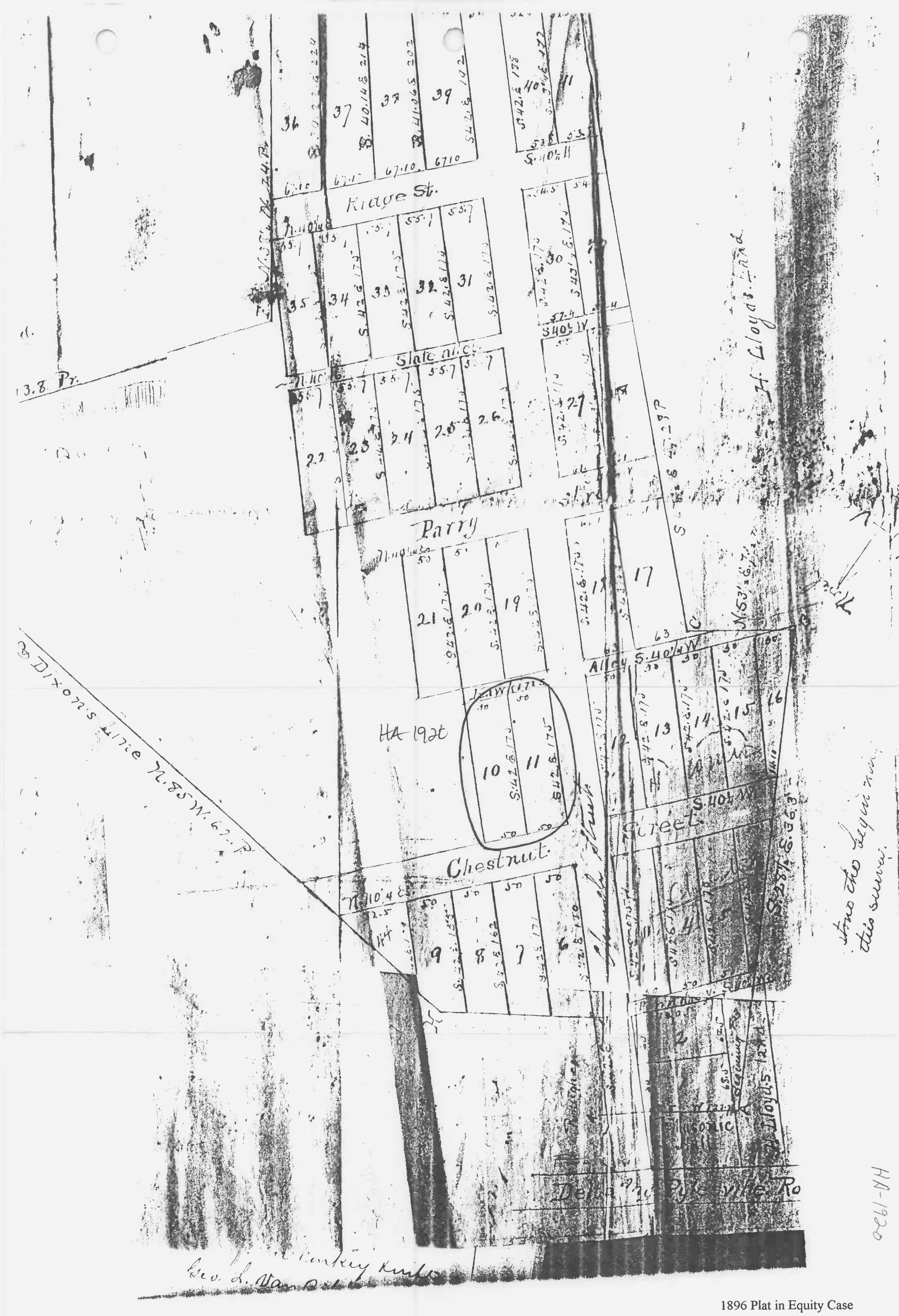
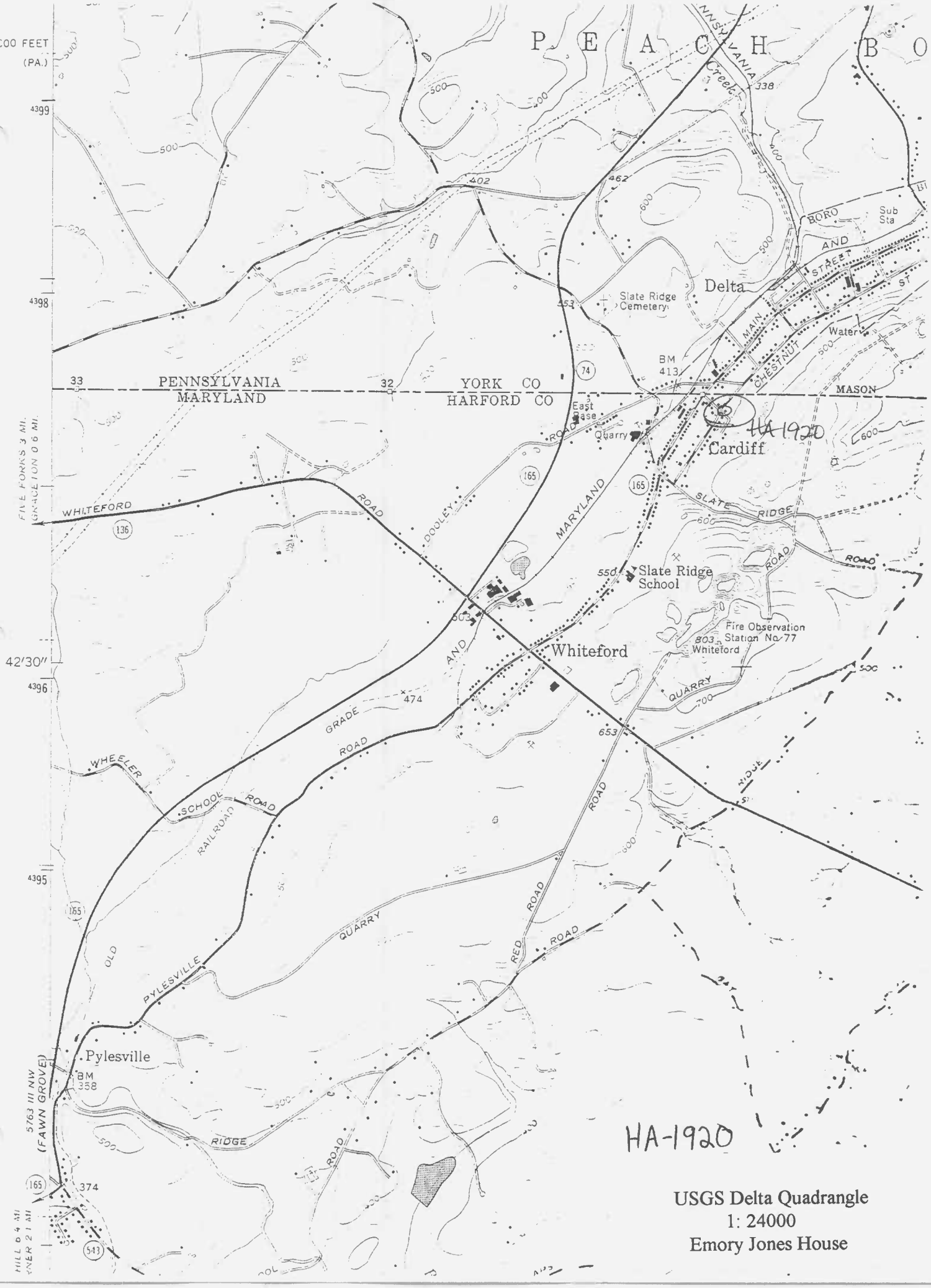
Emory Jones House
Parcel 56, Tax Map 5



1896 Plat in Equity Case
WSF 60/475
Emory Jones House



USGS Delta Quadrangle
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View northeast from Chestnut Street

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View east from Chestnut Street
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