

Dr. Wilhelm's House
HA 1926

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. HA 1926

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Dr. Wilhelm's House

2. Location

street & number 1615 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~~N/A~~ Not for publication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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 Richard L. and Lynn A. Nelson

street & number same

telephone no.: (410)836-0450

city, town Cardiff

state and zip code MD, 21024

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber CGH 2081

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.

folio 16

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

This one and a half story cottage bungalow is located on the uphill, east side of Chestnut Street in the village of Cardiff, Maryland, and is the only example of a bungalow style house in town. The house is a square, low slung brick structure with a deep front porch running the length of the main, west facade, the brick facade is carried through to the high basement. The porch has a shed roof as opposed to an incised porch, and a large, central dormer finished in red Shaker shingles projects from the north-south gable roof of the house. A shallow, squared shed-roofed window projection is centered on the south endwall. A prominent chimney extends through the slate-shingled roof nearby, to the west. The slate roof attests to the region's dependence on the slate quarrying industry.

The house has an informal arrangement of windows. With the entrance located at the north bay of the first-story main facade, two wide windows occupy the center and south bays. All windows are five vertical lights over one sash variety. A triple window with a fixed awning fills the upper central dormer. The south endwall has triple windows centered on the second-story gable and shallow projection. Two small windows flank the chimney on the first-story and a double window is located at the east. The north endwall has a standard window flanked by two smaller windows centered on the gable of the second-story and a raised, double window flanked by single windows offset to the east on the second story.

Massive porch columns with curved facia supporting the porch shed roof, heavy cement sills and rail capping, and 5/1 sash windows provide limited decoration to this simple bungalow house. The low silhouette and the use of natural materials of brick and cedar shingles give this house an earth-bound quality. The large porch and numerous windows blend the indoor and outdoor spaces.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

This simple, cottage bungalow was the height of modernity when it was built in the late 1920's. As compared to the irregularly massed, late Victorian structures so common in Cardiff, this house is a restrained and informal, representational of a change in lifestyle and philosophy. Utility and convenience became forefront over extravagant detailing, complicated shapes, and massive structures due to increased costs of heating, building materials, construction labor, and domestic help. This house is one of the most modern which utilizes the region's world famous slate. At the time when this house was built, the vast slate industry of the region and, specifically, the use of hand-split slate shingles was waning.

This house was built for Dr. Paul Wilhelm, who was a well-respected dentist in town. Despite the simplicity of form, this modern house of the times was most-likely indicative of the doctor's status. Situated on high side of Chestnut Street overlooking the town, this house is among the grand, late Victorian structures of the prosperous quarry owners and businessmen of the area.

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, passing mostly through the hands of Parry's relatives and countrymen in various forms. The parcel of 17 acres that created this lot was sold to the South Delta Land Company in 1896 through an Equity Case on behalf of Parry's great niece.

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Title Search

CGH 2081/16	January 19, 1994	Grantor: Richard L. Nelson Grantee: Richard L. and Lynn Anne Nelson Granted: two town lots of east side of Chestnut St., with improvements
CGH 1359/316	October 31, 1986	Grantor: Paul and Ruth C. Wilhelm Grantee: Richard L. Nelson Granted: same
GRG 602/620	September 19, 1962	Grantor: John W. and Helen H. Bailey et al Grantee: Paul and Ruth C. Wilhelm Granted: same, fronting 54.1' on Chestnut St.
RLW 23/135 Will Record		Adele Bailey Rees (d. 1953) devises this property to husband, Richard Rees, with remainder to Jane Frampton and John W. Bailey.
GCB 294/84	February 7, 1946	Grantor: Grace Mason and Evelyn Newman Grantee: Hugh B. Bailey and Adele Bailey Rees ?
DGW 208/70	March 15, 1928	Grantor: South Delta Land Company Grantee: Paul and Ruth C. Wilhelm
WSF 88/282	May 26, 1896	Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams (trustee, as appointed in Equity Case WSF 41/351 Elizabeth J. Parry v. Margaret Parry et al.) Grantee: South Delta Land Company (via James Poff, agent) Granted: a part of the lands described in equity case (less than 19 acres) to be subdivided into town building lots
Plat book DGW 2/64	1891	Survey plat of lots to be subdivided, South Delta Land Company
Will Records WS 10/440	September 12, 1888	John Parry, quarryman, bequeaths: To his daughter, Elizabeth, the house in which he resides and the 84' by 400' lot on which it stands. To his son, Richard Parry, all his remaining lands, approximately 17 acres To each of his children, Mary Williams, John, Richard, Jacob, and Elizabeth Parry 1/6 of his shares in the Welsh Slate Company of Harford County.

ALJ 28/407	May 14, 1873	Grantor: Hugh E. Hughes Grantee: John Parry Granted: 10 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$1050.00
ALJ 28/407	May 14, 1873	Grantor: Humphrey R. and Jane H. Lloyd Grantee: John Parry Granted: 2 acres of "Hawkins Chance" with improvements, on west side of Main St. (same as ALJ 25/346) for \$1200.00
ALJ 25/346	April 11, 1871	Grantor: Richard Hughes and wife Grantee: Jane H. Lloyd (daughter) Granted: 2 parcels of "Hawkins Chance", 1). 5 acres 105 perches and 2). 2 acres 1 perch (see ALJ 9/29)
ALJ 9/30	May 29, 1857	Grantor: Richard Hughes et al. Grantee: John and Ellin Parry Granted: 8 acres 35 perches of "Hawkins Chance" for \$500.00
ALJ 9/29	May 29, 1857	Grantor: John Parry Grantee: Richard Hughes Granted: 2 parcels of "Hawkins Chance", 1). 5 acres 105 perches and 2). 2 acres 1 perch
HDG 36/424	July 27, 1850	Grantor: Ro(w)land and Anne Parry Grantee: John Parry and Richard Hughes Granted: 3 1/2 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$350.00
HDG 36/215	February 5, 1850	Grantor: Rowland Perry Grantee: John Perry and Richard Hughes Granted: 12 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$600.00
HDG 36/214 (indenture)	February 5, 1850	Grantor: Benjamin Williams Grantee: John Perry et al. Granted: 12 acres of "Hawkins Chance" for \$200.00
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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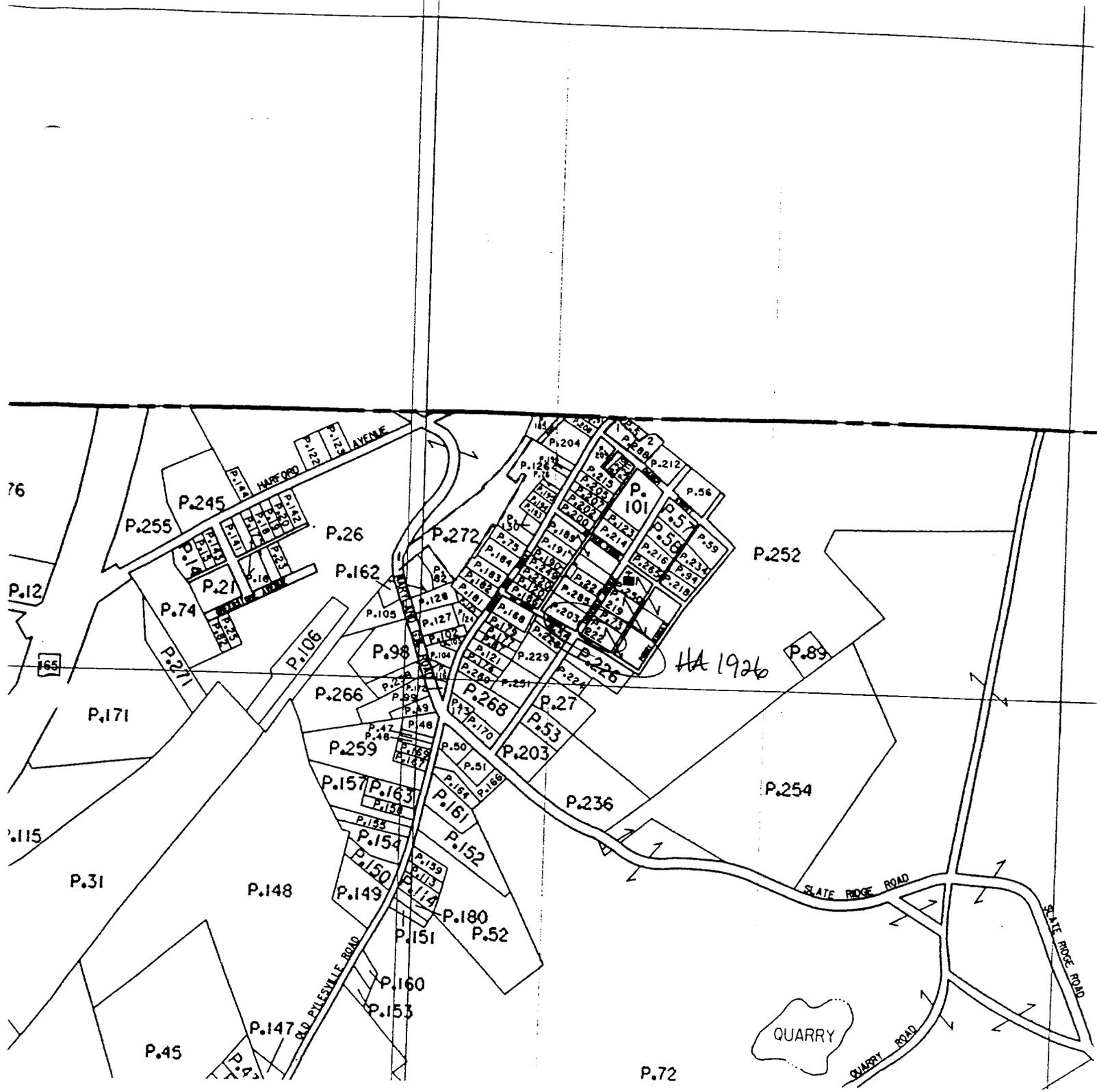
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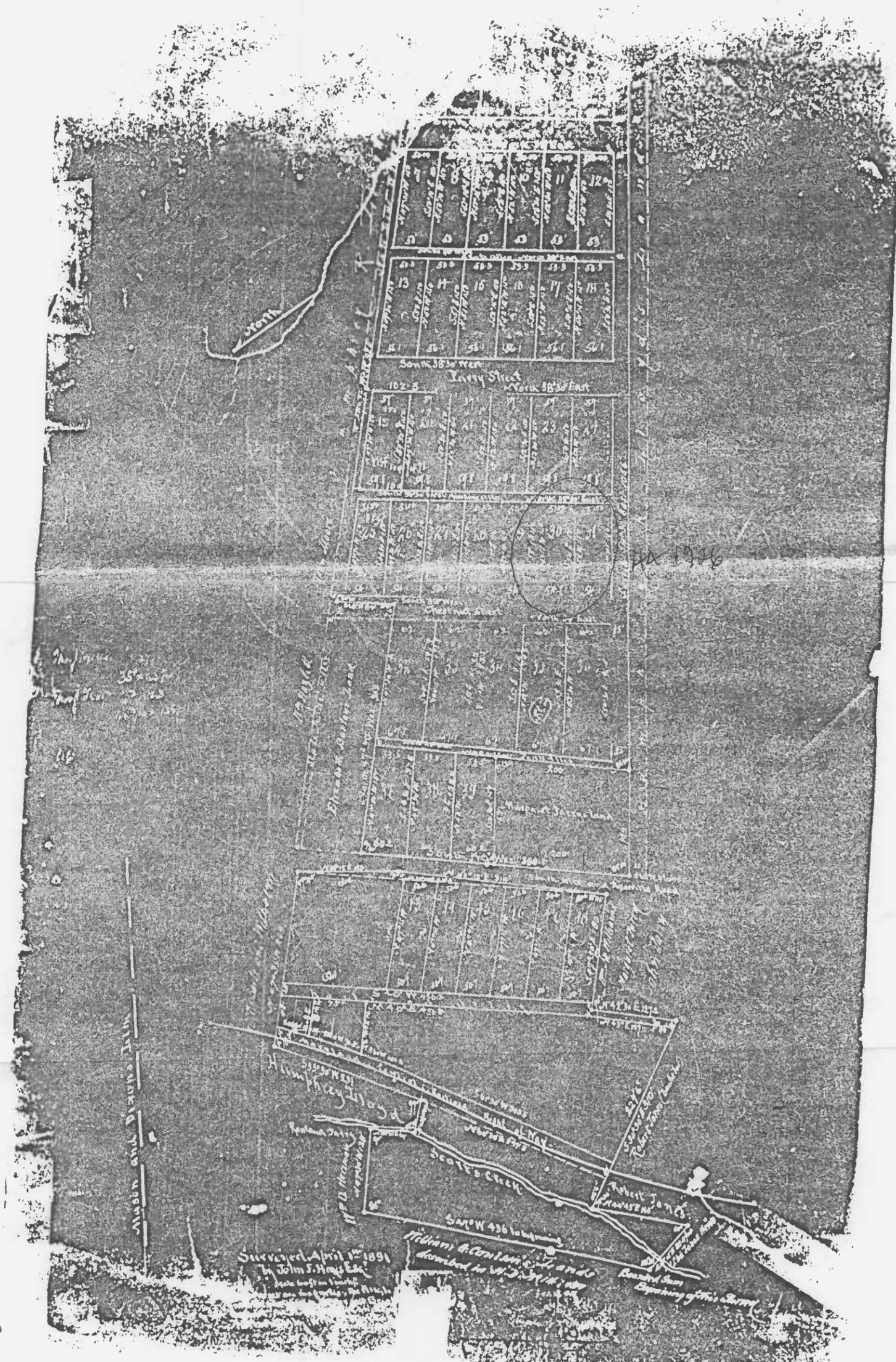
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Parcel 222, Tax Map 5

PLAT of SOUTH DELTA LAND COMPANY!
1891



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150 000 FEET
(PA.)

P E A C H B O

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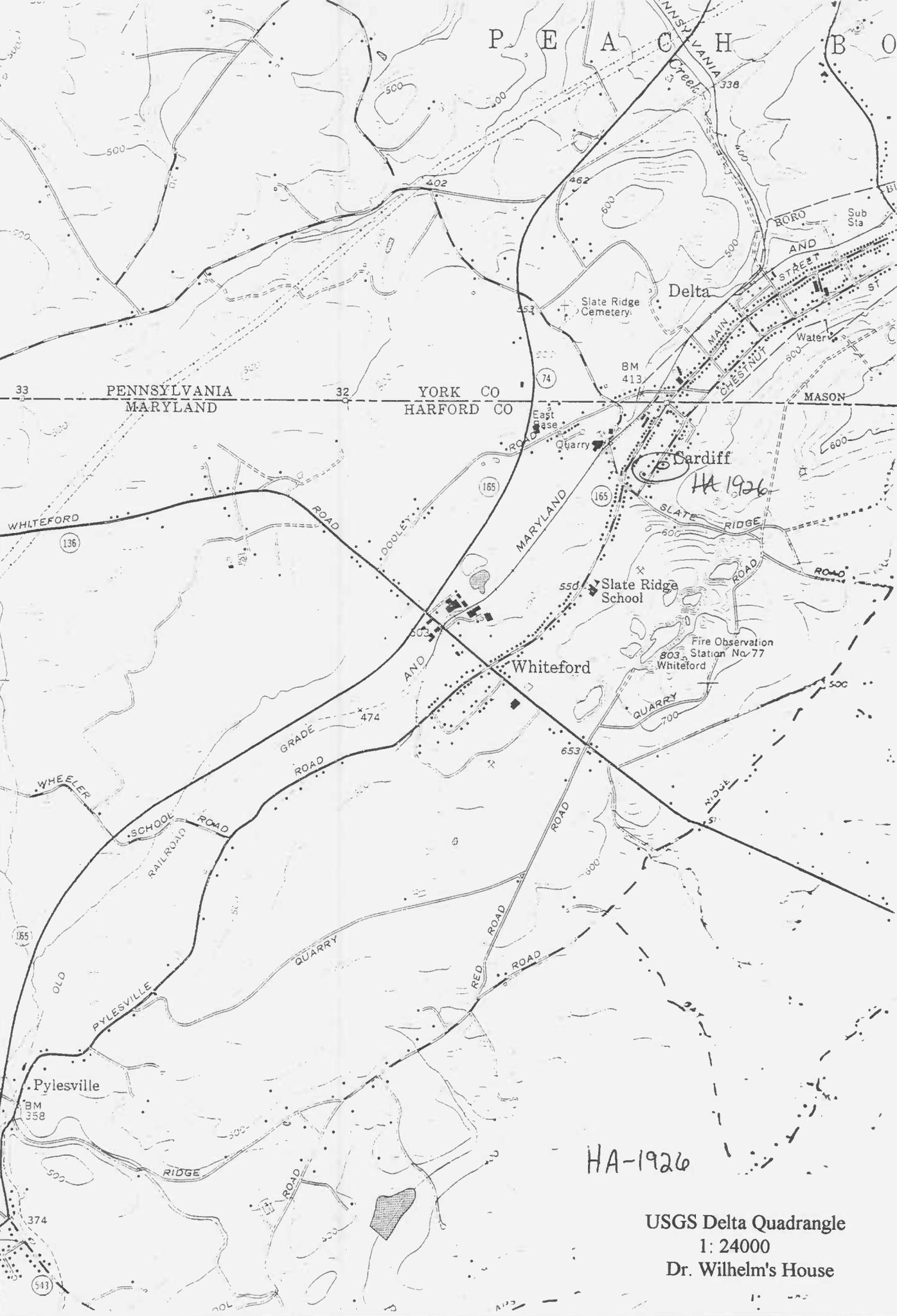
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4395

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(FAWN GROVE)

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USGS Delta Quadrangle
1: 24000
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View east from Chestnut Street

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View Southeast from Chestnut Street~~

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