

**Levi Rogers, Junior House**  
**202 S. Water Street**  
**Chestertown, Maryland Mid-18th century**

**K-6**

Levi Rogers, Junior, a free African-American, purchased this house from Thomas Cuff in 1857, but it is possibly an 18th century house, one of the four bequeathed by Dr. William Murray to his then spinster daughters in 1768, and described in his will as the "house at Front and Cannon Streets wherein Edward Scanlon now lives." 65/ Dr. Murray's daughters sold to the Ringgolds, who sold to Richard Snowden Thomas in 1808. He gave Lot 5 to his daughter, Deborah Wright, who died while her son was still a minor. His trustees then sold part of the property to Isaac Cannell, who had also bought the Hynson-Ringgold house, as well as part of Lot Number 5. Cannell sold the western half of the lot, on part of which this house is located, to Thomas Cuff, a free African-American in 1820.

The house is a story and a half frame house with lap siding and a brick foundation. Three bays front directly on the street, with a central doorway, a 2/2 sash window on each side, and two 2/2 sash dormer windows above. The house possibly had chimneys at each end, but both are gone. That on the east side has been replaced by a small chimney for use with a stove. There are two rooms across the front, divided by the staircase, which rises from the back of the house with an entry from the triangular lowest step to both first floor rooms.

One large room stretches across the rear, probably added or converted from a porch. A wall of unpainted, wide, beaded boards, laid horizontally and flush to each other separates the rear from the front rooms. This treatment is sometimes found on

the inside walls of porches. Very little interior trim remains, except a closet door on the second floor, which is mortised and pinned with wood pegs.

The house has been vacant for several years and is in a deteriorated condition.

Levi Rogers Junior and Richard Jones, another free African-American bought part of Cuff's waterfront property 66/ which they sold in 1857 to Captain James F. Taylor, 67/ the President and Director of the Eastern Shore Steamboat Company. Capt. Taylor soon built the Italianate mansion with the belvedere that remains on the southwest corner of Cannon and Water.

Rogers operated a saloon on this corner in the late 1850's, possibly in this building or one nearer the corner of Cannon Street.

After selling to Captain Taylor, Rogers and Jones agreed to divide the remainder of the land they had held in common and bought from Thomas Cuff. 68/ They retained the right-of-way from Captain Taylor to bring their cattle and teams by way of the road by his property.

Levi Rogers, Jr. died in 1865 and left his property to his uncle Levi Rogers of Gloucester Co., NJ who sold it to Frederick Nichols in 1875. 69/ The Ringgolds had built a brick stable on this corner, which was torn down by Nichols. A Victorian House now stands on that corner. The former stable may have been Rogers' saloon, with his own house the remaining story and one half.

## HISTORIC CONTEXT

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### LEVI ROGERS, JUNIOR HOUSE

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

##### Geographic Organization

- 1) Eastern Shore

##### Chronological/Developmental Period

- 9) Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815
- 10) Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870

##### Historic Period Themes

- 2) Architecture
- 7) Social/Cultural

##### Resource Type

Category - Building, private, public acquisition - not applicable, unoccupied, not accessible, private residence

Historic Environment - Village

Historic Functions and Uses - dwelling/saloon

Unknown Design Source

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. K-6

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Levi Rogers, Junior

and/or common Same

## 2. Location

street & number 2025 Water Street  not for publication

city, town Chestertown  vicinity of First congressional district

state Maryland county Kent

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Vincent Ramond

street & number 700 Snuff Mill Road telephone no.: (302) 655-1111

city, town Centreville state and zip code DE 19807

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber JFG 4

street & number Cross Street folio 353

city, town Chestertown state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 story and a half, three-bay frame house belonged in the mid-19th century to Levi Rogers, Jr., who operated a saloon there. The house probably has 18th century origin, however.

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# 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input 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.

The Levi Rogers, Junior, house retains some traces of its 18th century origin. It is significant as the mid-19th century property of two free African-Americans who operated a saloon there.

This building probably dates from the mid-18th century, judging from the remaining architectural traces and the land records. It is one of the four remaining houses on original town Lot Number 5 with a style that could date from the eighteenth century. Dr. William Murray, the owner of the Hynson-Ringgoid House, bequeathed each of his four unmarried daughters a house on Lot 5 in his will of 1768 and this is probably one of them. Murray's daughters sold to the Ringgolds, who sold to Richard Snowden Thomas in 1808. He gave Lot 5 to his daughter, Deborah Wright, who died while her son was still a minor. His trustees then sold part of the property to Isaac Connell, who had also bought the Hynson-Ringgoid house, as well as part of Lot Number 5. Connell sold the western half of the lot, on part of which this house is located, to Thomas Cuff, a free African-American in 1820, Cuff subsequently owned the southwest side of Cannon Street and Water Street along the river.

Levi Rogers Junior and Richard Jones, free African-Americans, bought part of Cuff's property including the waterfront in front of this house, and in 1857 sold the waterfront portion to Captain James F. Taylor, the President and Director of the Eastern Shore Steamboat Company. Capt. Taylor soon thereafter built the Italianate mansion with the belvedere that remains on the southwest corner of Cannon and Water.

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Levi Rodgers House  
Water Street, Chestertown  
c.1740

The Levi Rodgers House is located at 202 Front Street on Lot No. 5 of the plat of Chestertown. While it appears to have been remodeled around 1830-40 and enlarged around the turn of the century, its original 18th century form remains evident. Its origins were confirmed when whitewashed shiplap siding secured with rosehead wrought nails was revealed when a portion of the back wall was exposed. Also, the roof structure had been found to be constructed of common rafters laid on the flat sides, similar to Carvill Hall (c. 1695) and the Reward (c. 1740). Its current plan with addition consists primarily of four rooms on each floor with an enclosed stair between the two front rooms and a vestibule directly beneath. The front portion of the Levi Rodgers House may indeed be the tenement which was bequeathed by Dr. William Murray to his daughter Ann in 1768 and which was described as the house "wherein Charles Brunningin now lives."<sup>1</sup>

Perhaps most interestingly, the house was apparently used as a gathering place for 19th century oyster lovers. As owner and occupant in the 2nd quarter of the 19th Century, Levi Rodgers, a free black man, advertised his business in the Kent News several times.

1 Tab "OYSTERS!!

The subscriber respectfully informed the public generally that he has the

1 T CAPE MAY SALOON

neatly fitted up, just below the residence of James E. Baroll, Esq., and is prepared to serve up OYSTERS in the best manner. Also Terrapins, in season; oysters by the gallon, & c. Gentlemen wishing to partake of these delectacies, will have every attention paid them by

∩ the public's ob't serv't

∩ LEVI RODGERS

March 9, '49 -

N. B. He is also prepared to BROIL OYSTERS—this is a superior way of cooking them.”

After Rodgers' death, his widow and daughter continued to advertise in the Kent News at the same location.

- 1. Wills, Lib. 4, fol. 352.

K-6 Levi Rogers' House

early 19th century ?

Chestertown

private

This building is a handsome representative of late 18th and early 19th century taste in moderate frame residential buildings. It is a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-story ~~castle~~ which makes an interesting comparison with two houses of similar overall conception, the Church Alley Store (K-28) and the dwelling at 200 Calvert Street (K-63). The record of its ownership disappears at about the time of the Civil War.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Levi Rogers House (One-and-One Half Story Dwelling)

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 202 Front Street \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Chestertown \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Kent

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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name

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street &amp; number folio

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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This building appears to date from the early 19th century, and contains important interior architectural features, such as 4 and 6 raised-panel doors, original flooring and tightunder stair (with communication to the two principal downstairs rooms. While the interior shows some water damage due, in all probability, to roof and flashing problems, it appears to be in good condition structurally.

# 8. Significance

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		<input type="checkbox"/> 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.



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Levi Rogers' House K-6

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
202 Front Street

CITY, TOWN Chestertown VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First

STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRESENT USE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Charles W. Capel Telephone #: none

STREET & NUMBER  
202 Front Street

CITY, TOWN Chestertown VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk Liber #: WHG 55

STREET & NUMBER Kent County Court House Folio #: 237

CITY, TOWN Chestertown STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE none

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

202 Front Street is located on the northeast side of Front Street, one house below the intersection of Front and Cannon Streets in Chestertown. It is situated on a part of Town Lot 5 on the Original Plot of Chestertown, 1730.

It is a 3-bay, 1½-story frame dwelling with a 2-story leanto addition. The house is sided with wood clapboard and sits on a very low brick foundation. The entrance is in the southwest (left) bay. All four windows on the facade are 2/2 double hung sash, those on the first floor have louvered shutters. Both the door and window frames are beaded.

There is a plain box cornice. There are two gabled dormers on the roof, which is covered with composition shingles. There is one chimney within the northeast (right) gable end. The leanto begins slightly below the peak of the ~~main roof~~ roof. There is a 1-story shed attached to the rear of the leanto.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

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SPECIFIC DATES early 19th century ?      BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a handsome representative of late 18th and early 19th century taste in modest residential buildings and makes an interesting comparison with two houses of similar overall conception, the restored store/dwelling at 106 Court Street in Chestertown and the dwelling at 200 Calvert, also in Chestertown. The records of its ownership disappear at about the time of the Civil War. Its earliest known owners were Rogers, a black family who may have been free before the war. They held it through several generations until their last owner, Levi Rogers, moved to Gloucester County, New Jersey and sold it through an attorney to Susan Coleman, a white woman, in 1875. It remained in the Coleman family until 1946, when Annie M. Coleman sold it ~~off~~ to James E. Batchelor whose widow, Louise V. Batchelor sold it to its present owner in 1958.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .07 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning on the northwest side of Front Street and south of Cannon Street at a point where the southeast corner of the lot and the southwest corner of the lot now owned by Edna C. Powell corners on the northwesterly side of Front Street, there running by and with the land of Edna Powell and the lands now of Norma F. Tomlinson in a northeasterly direction 90 feet more or less to the lands now of John B. Cotton; thence by and with the said Cotton lands in a southwesterly direction 30 feet more or less to the lands now of Helen E. Dwyer; thence by and with the said Dwyer lands in a southeasterly direction 90 feet more or less to the northwesterly side of Front St; thence in a north-

easterly direction 30 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/ Town of Chestertown

STREET & NUMBER

DATE

February, 1976

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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

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FOODS (NEW) FARM

CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

COUNTY

RAILROAD

KENT

PENNSYLVANIA

QUEEN

WATER CANNON

TWILLEY LANE

CROSS

MILL

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POPLAR RD

STREET

LYNCHBURG

PROSPECT ST

KENT STREET

CALVERT STREET

SPRING ST

ROW STREET

PARK COURT ST

CHURCH ST

MAPLE AVENUE

STREET

WASHINGTON AVENUE

COLLEGE

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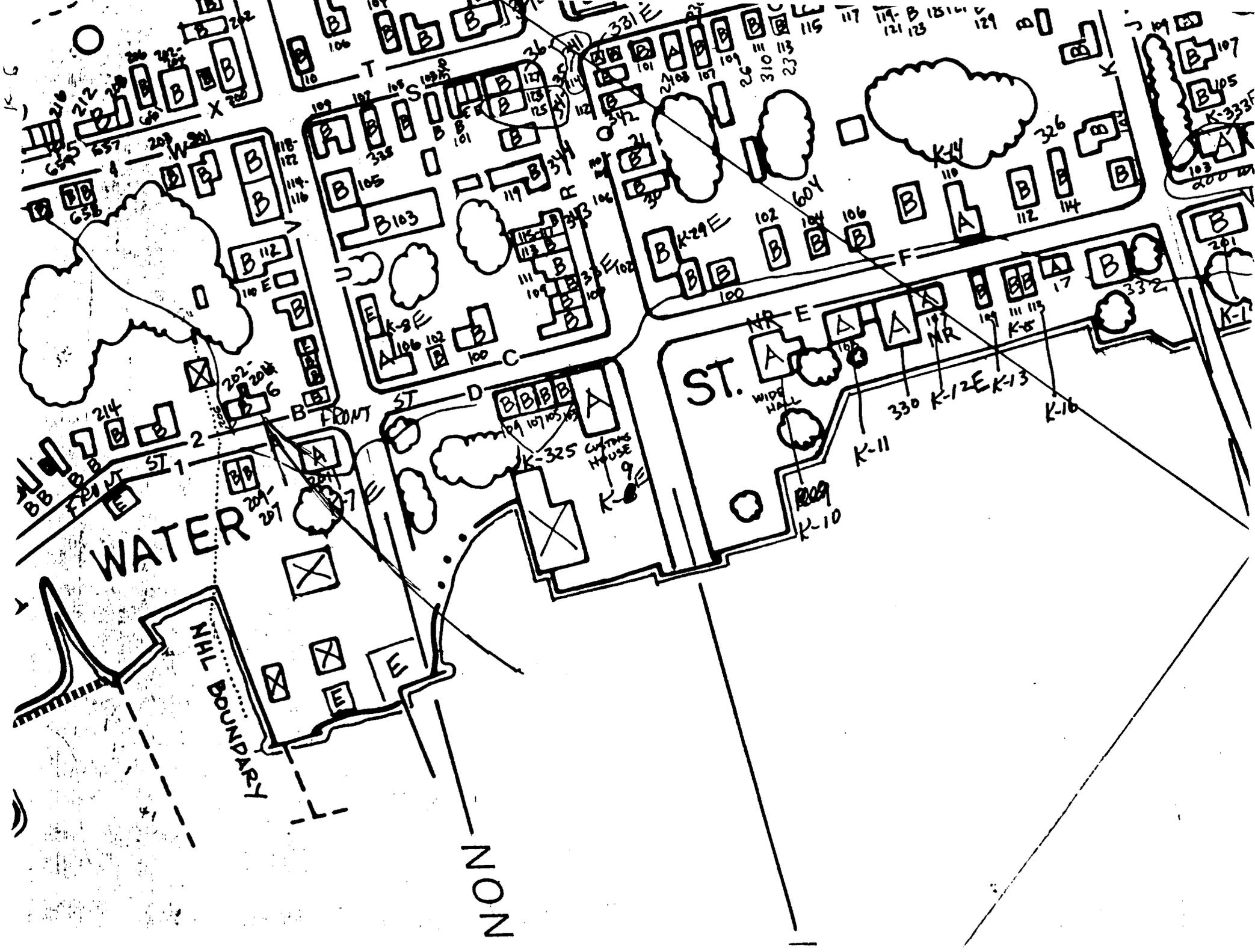
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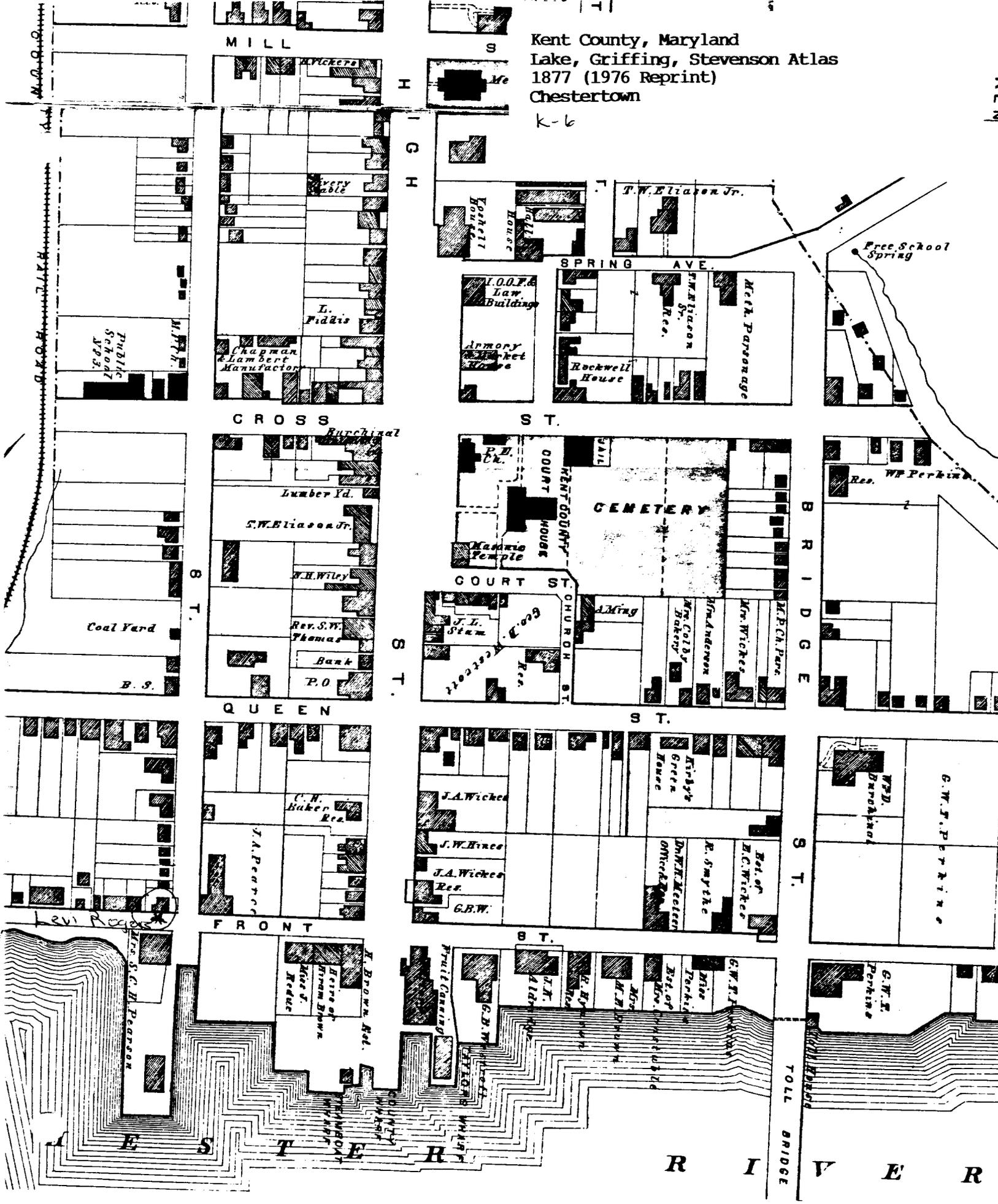
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1877 (1976 Reprint)  
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L.O.O.F. Law Building

Armory Market House

SPRING AVE.

Rockwell House

Wick Parsonage

Free School Spring

Res. W.P. Perkins

G.W.T. Perkins

G.W.T. Perkins

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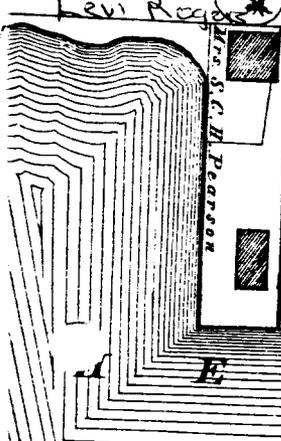
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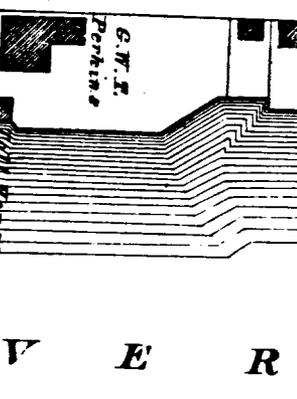
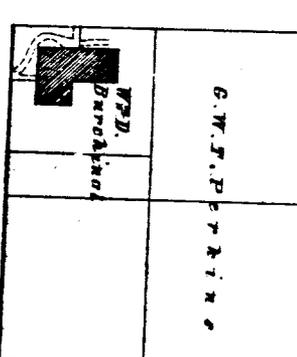
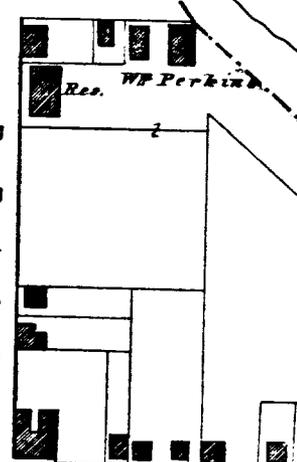
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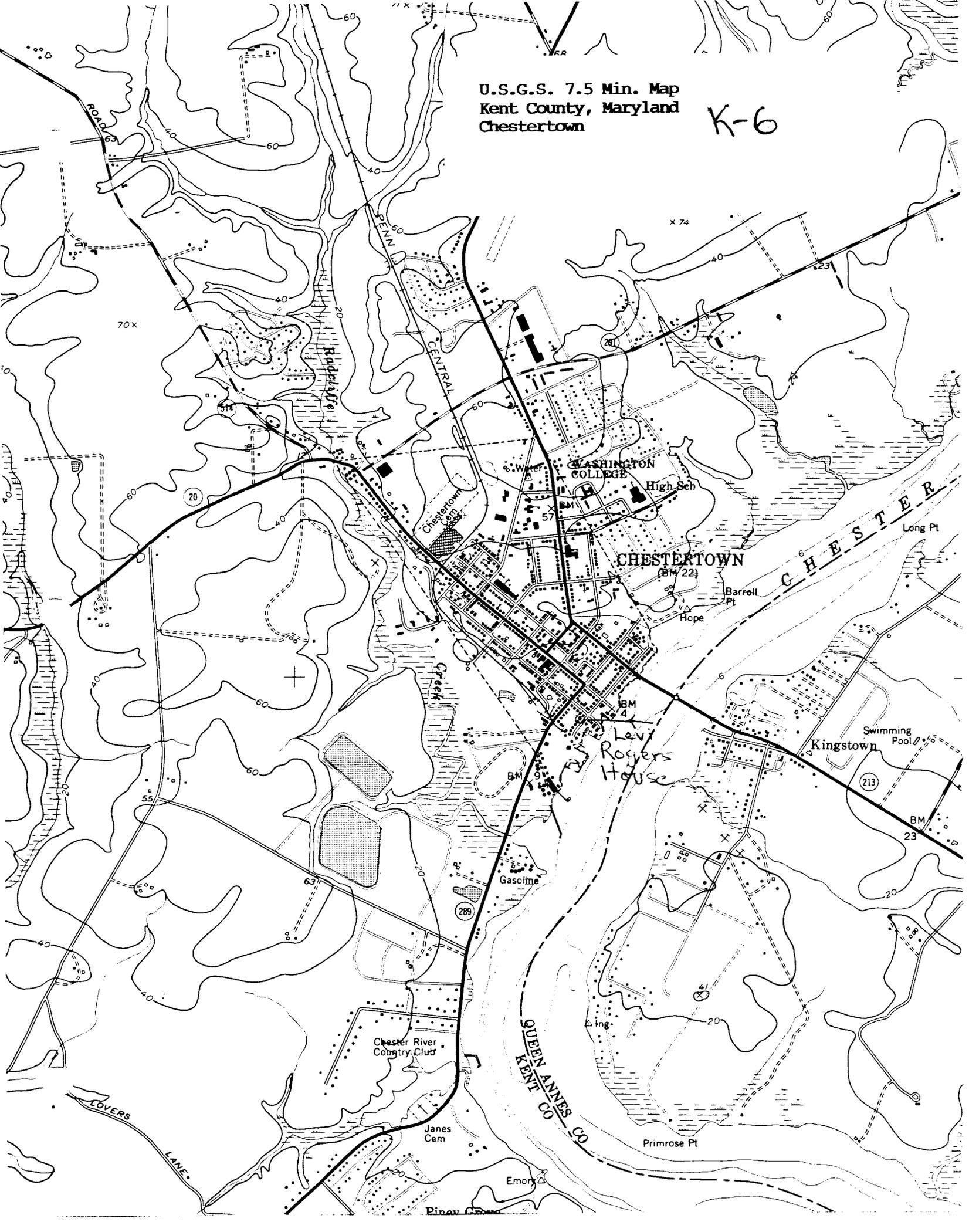
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SE facade

M. Bourne

Spring, 1905