

ABSTRACT

WA-I-317

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 106(110)

Coseytown, Pennsylvania

Public/private

1767 (reset 1902)

Milestone No. 106(110) marks Mason and Dixon's 106th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is an original milestone of 1767, quarried and carved in England of oolitic limestone, is in good condition, unaltered, and firmly in place at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, monumented two years later and reset in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary, it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

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WA-I-317

Ca. 1768

106th Mason-Dixon Milestone

Hagerstown Vicinity

public

This 106th Mason-Dixon milestone is significant as one of the remaining original boundary markers planted by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon who began work on the division line between Maryland and Delaware and Pennsylvania in 1764.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Magi No.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE, 106th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 106 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 110)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off north side of Coseytown Road

CITY, TOWN

Coseytown VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Washington/PA: Franklin

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE.
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Washington County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE WA-I-317 entered 2/24/81 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

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

Milestone No. 106(110) marks Mason and Dixon's 106th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1767, in good condition, unaltered, and in place at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, monumented two years later and reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is ~~predominantly rural, sparsely settled,~~ ^{except for the string of houses along Shinham Road/T-344} mostly open farmland, but at the edge of a drop down to Conococheague Creek a short distance west. The site is within Election District 13 of Washington County, MD, and Antrim Township of Franklin County, PA; about 1/2 mile south of the small settlement of Coseytown, PA; at a point about 500 feet east of the north leg of Coseytown Road and about 200 feet north of the east-west stretch of Coseytown Road; on the north side (against) an east-west wire fence covered with a tangle of honeysuckle, in back of the Eschleman house and pig pasture. It cannot be seen from any road, any season, and almost impossible to find when closeby, unless on the north side of the fence in amongst the brambles, all of which is protective.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and said to have originally measured about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more long, cut to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing decorative features are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. Reset in 1902 to stand presumably about 1 1/2 feet high, it remains about that now, and measures about 12" square. The P and its circle panel are very clear, but the M ^{and whole south side} is chipped and weatherworn; most fluting and margins remain, though there are chips along all edges and top corners. The top planes and fluting are barely visible, and a U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey metal disk has been cemented into the apex (Reference Mark No. 1, 1935, VACANT).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (reset 1902) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 106(110) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and milestone set two years later, where it remains firmly in place where reset in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 milestones), No. 106(110) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Mason-Dixon (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1953 photorev. 1971, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 26121, northing 440034

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Washington
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STATE	Pennsylvania	COUNTY	Franklin
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/12/80(site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

106th Mason-Dixon Milestone

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North of Coseytown Road

CITY, TOWN

Northwest of Hagerstown — VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland - Pennsylvania

COUNTY

Washington - Franklin

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER **Boundary Marker**

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-I-317

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 106th Mason-Dixon milestone is located just north of Coseytown Road, northwest of Hagerstown where it marks the boundary between Washington County, Maryland and Antrim Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. It is situated at the edge of a pasture behind a fence.

The milestone, excepting the crownstones, which occur at five mile intervals, have reeded work on their east and west sides and an M and P incised on their south and north surface respectively.

This stone appears to be in good condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	Boundary Marker
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1768 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This 106th Mason-Dixon milestone is significant as one of the remaining original boundary markers planted by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon who began work on the division line between Maryland and Delaware and Pennsylvania in 1764. The line was completed in 1767. The team crossed South Mountain and began working on the portion of the line forming the northern boundary of Washington County on September 1, 1765. In 1768 the actual placing of stones was completed.

The running of the Mason-Dixon Line solved the boundary dispute which had plagued Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware. A temporary line had been run in 1739 which was approximately 225 perches north of the present line.¹ This line, however, apparently did not ease the dispute. The contested land between Maryland and Pennsylvania brought frequent clashes among residents in the area. One of the most famous leaders in the border fighting was Col. Thomas Cressap who was given the responsibility of holding the Maryland border by Lord Baltimore.

The Penns and Calvert, Lord Baltimore, employed Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon of London to lay the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland and Delaware. These men and their team used sophisticated scientific methods to determine the course of the boundary. At each mile a stone was planted with an M and P incised into the appropriate surfaces. Five mile intervals were marked with larger, more elaborate crownstones which carried the coats of arms of the proprietors. The stones are said to have been cut in England. Although enough stones were imported to complete the line, they were not used in the rough mountainous areas because of transportation difficulties. Instead, high piles of native stones marked the miles in the mountains. According to T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County, the unused English stones were left at Fort Frederick near Clear Spring in Washington County.²

¹ Herbert C. Bell, History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author (1908) p. 46.

² Thomas J.C. Williams', A History of Washington County, Maryland. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Company, (1906) p. 35.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert, C., History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author, 1908.

Williams', Thomas, J.C., A History of Washington County, Maryland. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

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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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

August 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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(WILLIAMSON)

MASON-DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE 106(110)

MASON-DIXON QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTO REV. 1971

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

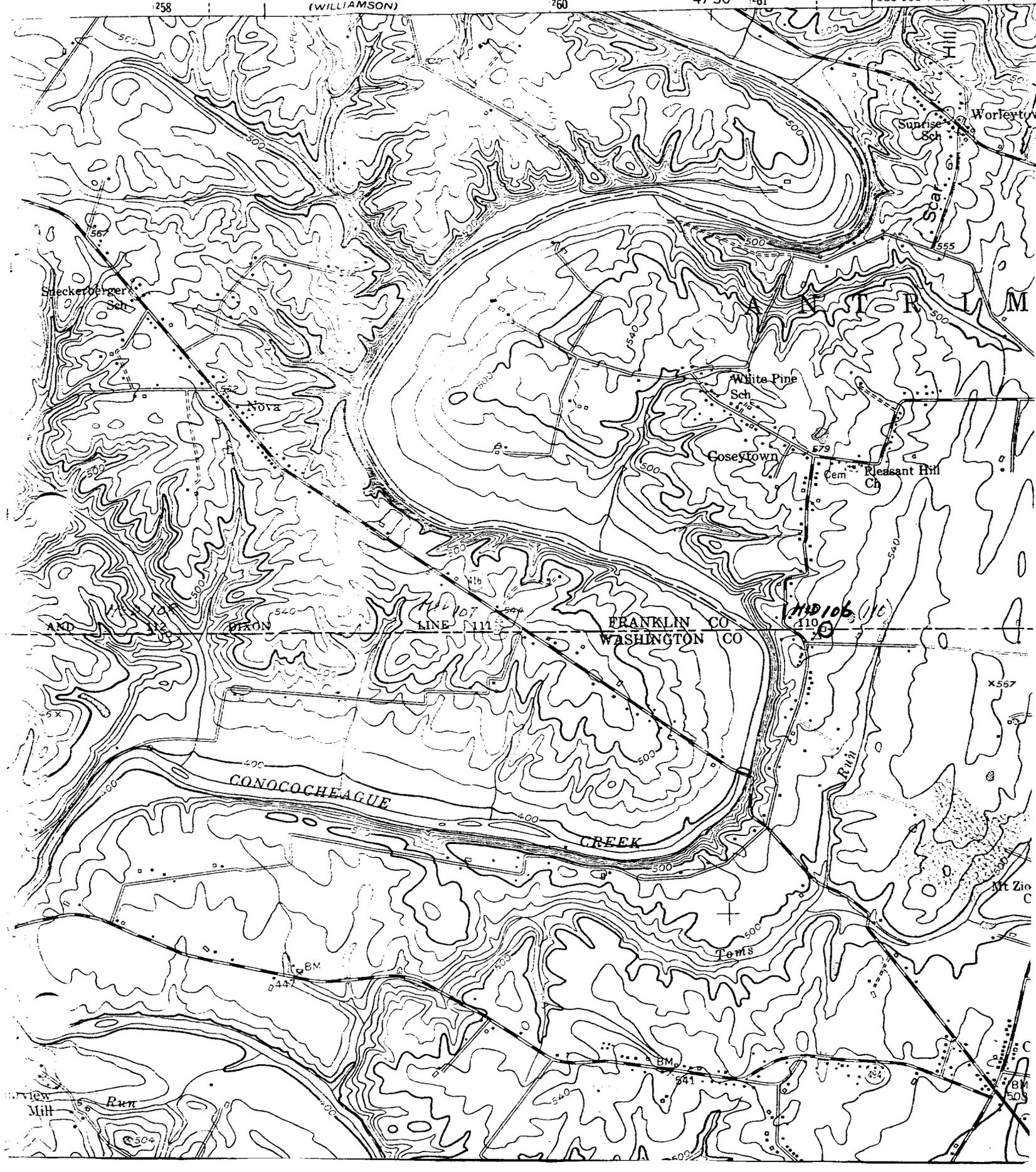
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580 000 FEET (MD.)



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Nova

White Pine Sch

Goseytown

Pleasant Hill Ch

FRANKLIN CO
WASHINGTON CO

CONOCOCHEAGUE
CREEK

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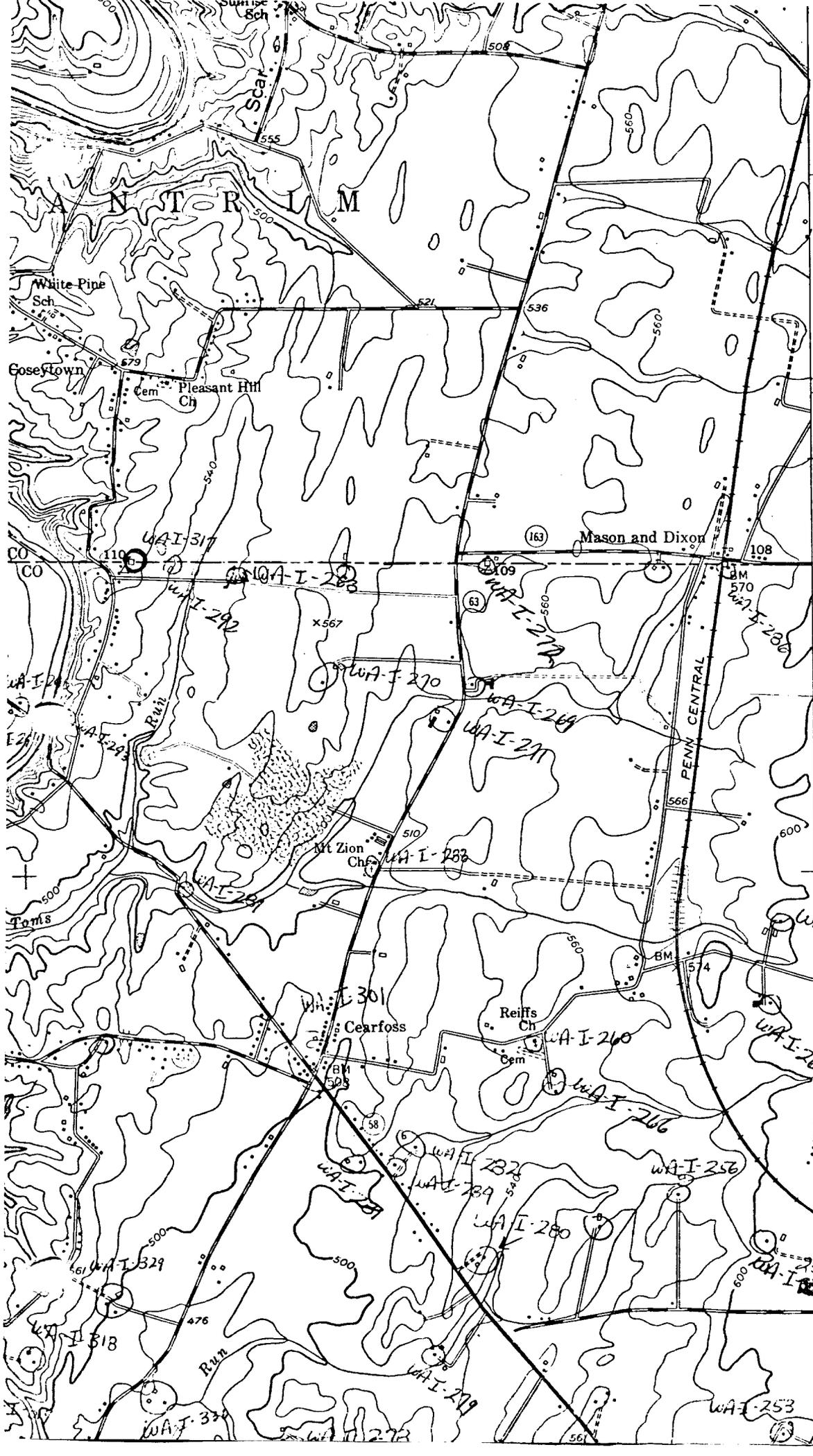
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4401

690 000 FEET (MD.)

4400

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4399

42'30"

4398

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Mason-Dixon quadrangle

(HAGERSTOWN) 5463 II NW
PENN CENTRAL
ANSVILLE 0.3 MI



MASSACHUSETTS ORIGINAL (1767)

1767

MASSACHUSETTS ORIGINAL (1767)





(1) Act. 100
of 1900
100-100

PAULA STONER DICKEY
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS-BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 103 Thompson's Alley (Mount)

ORIGINAL LOT
NUMBER _____Braddock
Thompson
HarrisonVOL: 96 PAGE: 384 DATE MADE: 1883 PRICE: \$1 & L&A (ovc,cm,specie)

FROM: LAWRENCE L AND ADA M BRUFF AND DAVID F BRUFF

TO: IDA L BRUFF

NOTES: (In a series on any one property include at least one description from a deed which will definitely identify the property and note any subsequent changes . Also include here - if given - the reference to previous deeds, wills, etc. which indicate how the seller acquired the property.)

In 1882 William W Bruff died intestate. His heirs were Lawrence and David.

The purpose of this transaction is to provide Ida L Bruff, the wife of David.

Begin at SW corner of Nicholas Orem's lot; run north with Orem and Sarah Harrington 120' to James Valliant; then west, parallel with Thompson's Alley 137' to lot of Laura Thomas; then south with Thomas 120' to Thompson's Alley; then to beginning.

Is same lot conveyed to W W Bruff by John Dunning 1857, 67/510

Also same lot conveyed to W W Bruff by James Valliant 1868, 74/27, except that portion conveyed by Bruff to C C Jump, 1876, 83/133.

Was a house or other building specifically mentioned in this deed? YES NO

RESEARCHER _____

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS-BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 103 Thompson's Alley

ORIGINAL LOT
NUMBER _____Braddock
Thompson
HarrisonVOL: 67 PAGE: 510 DATE MADE: 1857 PRICE: \$620 (ovc,cm,specie)FROM:
JOHN DUNNINGTO:
WILLIAM W BRUFF

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- Begin on Thompson's Alley, SW corner Nicholas Orem's Lot; run N with Sarah Harrington 120' to Alfred Harrison; then W with Alfred H. and Alexander Graham, 97' to John Dunning's lot; then S with Dunning 120' to Thompson's Alley, then E on Alley to beginning.

Was a house or other building specifically mentioned in this deed? YES NO

RESEARCHER _____

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS-BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 105 Thompson's Alley

ORIGINAL LOT
NUMBER _____Braddock
Thompson
HarrisonVOL: 67 PAGE: 330 DATE MADE: 1856 PRICE: \$725 (ovc,cm,specie)

FROM: Methodist Episcopal Church

TO: JOHN DUNNING

NOTES: (In a series on any one property include at least one description from a deed which will definitely identify the property and note any subsequent changes. Also include here - if given - the reference to previous deeds, wills, etc. which indicate how the seller acquired the property.)

Begin on N side Thompson's Alley about 120' from Talbot Street, at SE corner of Nicholas Orem's lot. Run W along Thompson's Alley about 251' to a lot belonging to the Rev. Samuel Grace, the with Grace and Charles A Smithson's lot, N 120' to James Harrison's lot; then E with Harrison to heirs of Alexander Graham's and Alfred Harrison's lots, 251' to NW corner of Sarah Harrington and Nicholas Orem's lots; then S with Harrington and Orem 120' to the beginning.

This parcel included all of the four original 60' foot lots on Thompson's Alley: nos. 7,8,9,10 (or as renumbered in 1804:38,39,40,41) plus about 11'. The lot under consideration is number 8 (39).

Was a house or other building specifically mentioned in this deed? YES NO

RESEARCHER _____

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 105 Thompson's Alley

ORIGINAL LOT
NUMBER _____Braddock
Thompson
HarrisonVOL: 54 PAGE: 248 DATE MADE: 1839 PRICE: \$400 (ovc,cm,specie)

FROM:

ALEXANDER B HARRISON, SURVIVING PARTNER OF SAMUEL & ALEXANDER B HARRISON

TO:

JOSEPH BRUFF AND STEWARDS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF TALBOT COUNTY

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The house, lot, and premises on Thompson's Alley formerly the residence of John Wrightson dcd, now occupied by Rev. William Allen

The only way this makes sense is to assume that this deed included all of the property (four lots) bought by the Harrisons on 46/107, 1825.

The following sale, 67/330, 1856 M-E Church to John Dunning includes the same property.

This does not account for the present two houses on the four lots (105 and 103), nor does it identify which this house is.

Was a house or other building specifically mentioned in this deed? YES NO

RESEARCHER _____

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS-BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 105 Thompson's Alley

ORIGINAL LOT
NUMBER _____Braddock
Thompson
HarrisonVOL: 46 PAGE: 107 DATE MADE: 1825 PRICE: \$490.52 (ovc,cm,specie)FROM: SARAH WRIGHTSON, ET. AL.
(Sarah, Thomas, James, Sedgewicke, and John B Wrightson)

TO: SAMUEL & ALEXANDER B HARRISON

NOTES:(In a series on any one property include at least one description from a deed which will definitely identify the property and note any subsequent changes . Also include here - if given - the reference to previous deeds, wills, etc. which indicate how the seller acquired the property.)

Between Church Creek and Broad Creek in the town of St. Michaels. Part of Janes Progress and Chance. Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 on plat of the "Addition to St. Michaels". Begin at the S corner of lot of John Bruff, run S 24°39' E 120' to Thompson's Alley; with Alley 246' to the corner of lot no.11; then N 24°30' W 120' to the corner of Bruff's lot, then to beginning. 2 acres.

This is the block of four lots, shown on Tax Map as Mount, Johnston, Reeves, and Johnson.

Was a house or other building specifically mentioned in this deed? YES NO

RESEARCHER _____

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS-BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 105 Thompson's Alley

ORIGINAL LOT
NUMBER _____

Braddock
Thompson
Harrison

VOL: 24 PAGE: 369 DATE MADE: 1791 PRICE: £ 12 cm (ovc,cm,specie)

FROM: JOHN THOMPSON, extr. of Baltimore County

TO: JOHN WRIGHTSON

NOTES: (In a series on any one property include at least one description from a deed which will definitely identify the property and note any subsequent changes. Also include here - if given - the reference to previous deeds, wills, etc. which indicate how the seller acquired the property.)

Same description as 46/107

Was a house or other building specifically mentioned in this deed? YES NO

RESEARCHER _____

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS-BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 105 Thompson's Alley

ORIGINAL LOT
NUMBER _____Braddock
Thompson
HarrisonVOL: 21 PAGE: 413 DATE MADE: 1784 PRICE: £500 sp (ovc, cm, specie)

FROM:

JAMES WIGNALS

TO:

JOHN THOMPSON

NOTES: (In a series on any one property include at least one description from a deed which will definitely identify the property and note any subsequent changes. Also include here - if given - the reference to previous deeds, wills, etc. which indicate how the seller acquired the property.)

"All that part of two tracts of land near St. Michaels Church called Chance and Janes Progress which was purchased by James Braddock from George Gleave, formerly in the possession of James Hewes, on the South side of the main road..."

This sale also included Lot #7 and Lot #14 ("The Shipyard") on Mulberry Street.

See diagram for approximate boundaries of Chance and Janes Progress.

Was a house or other building specifically mentioned in this deed? YES NO

RESEARCHER _____

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HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS-BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 105 THOMPSON'S ALLEY

ORIGINAL LOT
NUMBER _____

Braddock
Thompson
Harrison

VOL: 21 PAGE: 417 DATE MADE: 1784 PRICE: £600 sp (ovc,cm,specie)

FROM:
JOHN THOMPSON

TO:
JAMES WIGNAL

NOTES:(In a series on any one property include at least one description from a deed which will definitely identify the property and note any subsequent changes . Also include here - if given - the reference to previous deeds, wills, etc. which indicate how the seller acquired the property.)

By this deed, James Wignal, representative of Gildart & Gawith, purchased from John Thompson all of the remaining unsold real estate which had been left to Thompson by James Braddock. This included the parts of Chance and Janes Progress which lay "South" or West of the main road.

Thompson immediately bought back this property and two additional lots inside the original limits of the town laid out by Braddock. (See 21/413, 1784)

Was a house or other building specifically mentioned in this deed? YES NO

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The Bruff House

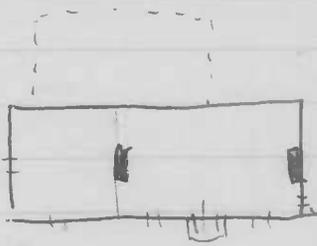
The Bruff House, located on a side street in St. Michael is a small 1½-story frame structure built on a brick foundation. ~~The original~~. Its facade is three bays long, with central door, between two interior brick chimneys, plus a one-bay wing on its west gable, the same height as the remainder of the house. On the steep A-roof are two 'A'-roof dormers with $\frac{5}{6}$ sash; the 1st story windows are 'restored' with $\frac{5}{9}$ sash. Flanking the chimney on the east gable are two small windows with $\frac{7}{2}$ sash.

Within the past two years the house has been 'restored', and enlarged with a wing to the north of the building.

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Lee Bruff House

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1/2 frame on brick foundations
with new wing to rear -

~~1/2~~ 4 bays long (3 btw chimneys)
2 chimneys on A row -
both chimneys with gables
2 1/2 oak = E gable -
restored w/ 1/4 oak

MBB

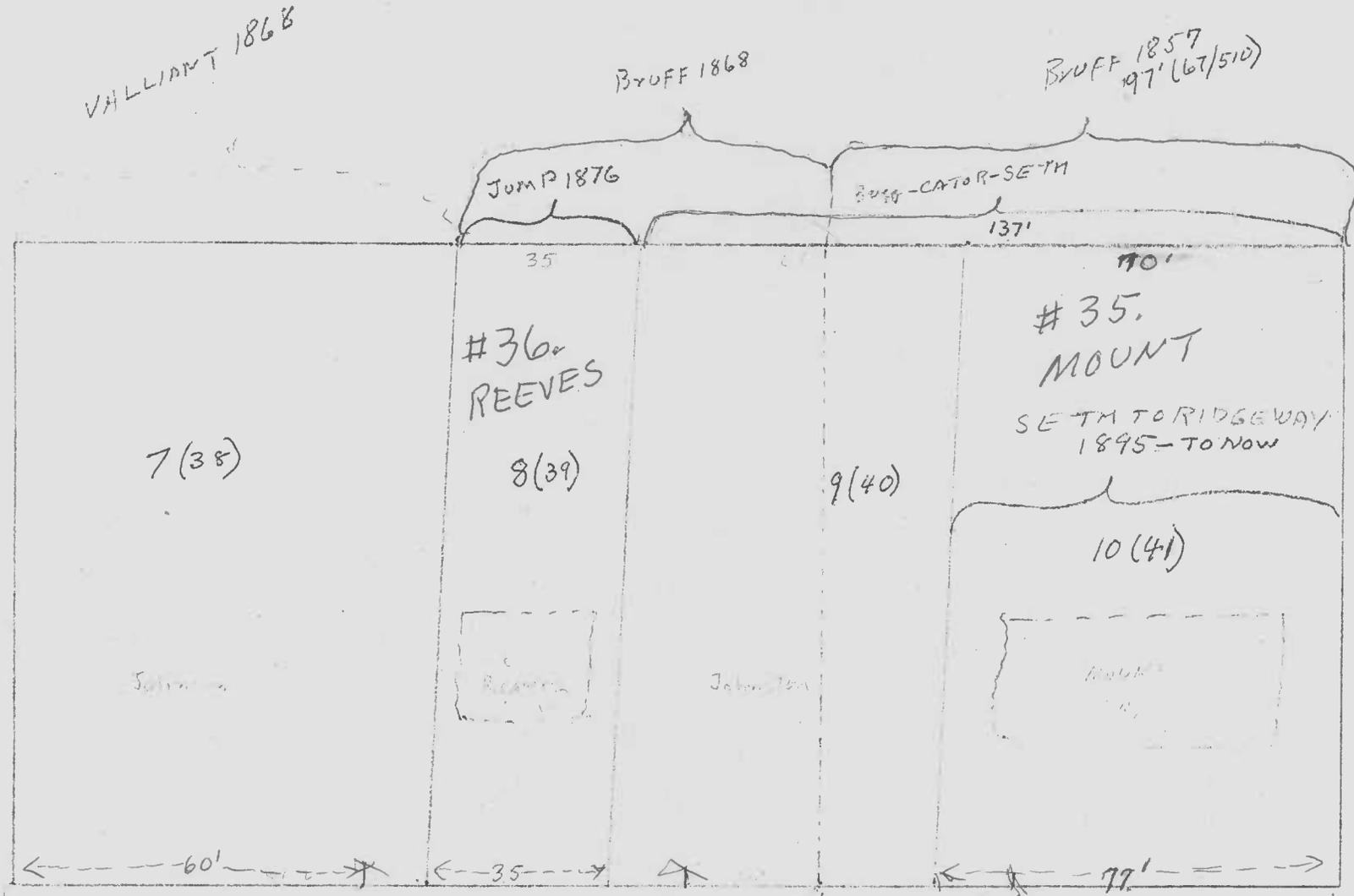
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Bruff bought 97' in 1857 from Denny
Valliant bought the rest, 152' in 1860

In 1845 Seth bought land from Cator:

In 1894 Cator foreclosed on Bruff
and got same as above.

Original blocks of 4 lots: 7(38), 8(39), 9(40), 10(41)
each 60x120



176'
Denny 1857
Valliant 1860

THOMPSON'S ALLEY

YEAR: 1970 VOL: 446 PAGE: 163

FROM: Amsterdam Corp. (successor to Quincy Corp.) PRICE: \$5

TO : John K and Alice T D Mount

NOTES: Begin SW corner of lot of James Seth; run N with Seth and Mrs John C Smith 120' to Sarah F Chesley (nee Valliant); then W with Chesley and Lewis E Ross & O P Marshall 70' to stone at NW corner this lot; then S 120' to the N side of Thompson Street; then 77' E to the beginning.

Conveyed by Quincy Corporation to Amsterdam Corporation 1969, 442/639.

YEAR: 1969 VOL: 442 PAGE: 639

FROM: Quincy Corporation PRICE: \$5

TO : Amsterdam Corporation

NOTES: This is an "agreement of merger" in which the "Free State Tobacco Company" of Maryland and the "Quincy Corporation" of Florida merge and become the "Amsterdam Corporation" of Delaware. No names are mentioned.

YEAR: 1969 VOL: 438 PAGE: 459

FROM: Andre and Macon Dechaene PRICE: \$5

TO : Quincy Corporation

NOTES: Same description as above.

Conveyed to Andre Dechaene by Ada W Lee 1968, 431/26.

YEAR: 1968 VOL: 431 PAGE: 26

FROM: Ada W Lee PRICE: \$13,500

TO : Andre and Macon Dechaene

NOTES: Same description as above. There were two parcels conveyed in this deed. The second parcel was lot number 41, the adjacent lot which is the corner of Thompson Street and Talbot Street.

Conveyed to Chester and Ada Lee by Wm A Donophon, et al, 1920, 191/90. Ada Lee was widow and sole survivor of Chester A Lee, deceased.

YEAR: 1920 VOL: 191 PAGE: 90

FROM: Wm A & Mary E Donophon and Wm J & Edna C Sevier PRICE: \$1000

TO : Chester A & Ada W Lee

NOTES: Begins at SW corner of a lot of James Seth; runs N with Seth and Mrs John C Smith 120' to Sarah F Chesley (nee Valliant); then W with Chesley and the lots of Louis E Ross and Oliver P Marshall 70' to a stone at the NW corner of this lot; then S with another Seth lot 120' to Thompson Street; then E with street 77' to the beginning.

Conveyed to Wm A Donophon and Wm J Sevier by Daisey B Taylor 1914, 168/441.

YEAR: 1914 VOL: 168 PAGE: 441
FROM: Daisey B and William A Taylor PRICE: \$700
TO : William A Donophon and William J Sevier
NOTES: Same description as previous.
Conveyed to Daisey B Taylor by Mary E Madagan, widow 1907, 150/118

YEAR: 1907 VOL: 150 PAGE: 118
FROM: Mary E Madagan, widow PRICE: \$800
TO : Daisy B Taylor
NOTES: Same as previous description.
Conveyed to James L & Mary E Madagan by Sarah E Ridgeway 1899, 131/264

1914, 168/442 is a mortgage for \$500 to the Citizen's Bank of St Michaels

YEAR: 1899 VOL: 131 PAGE: 264
FROM: Sarah E Ridgeway PRICE: \$700
TO : James L & Mary E Madagan
NOTES: Same as previous description.
Conveyed to Sarah E Ridgeway by James & Julia Seth 1895, 125/32.

YEAR: 1895 VOL: 125 PAGE: 32
FROM: James and Julia Seth PRICE: \$525
TO : Sarah E Ridgeway
NOTES: This is first division of the land into the present lot.
Part of the land James Seth obtained from Robinson W Cator 1895, 122/311.

YEAR: 1895 VOL: 122 PAGE: 311
FROM: Robinson W Cator PRICE: \$600
TO : James Seth
NOTES: Adjoining the lots of Dr James Seth and J C Smith on the East; Miss Sadie Valliant, Louis E Ross, Mrs Hattie Ford, and James Harrison, jr on the North; and heirs of Capt Elisha Thomas on the West; fronting 137' on Thompson Avenue, 120 feet across the back, for a total of 16,440 square feet.
Conveyed to Robinson W Cator by C E Shannahan, assignee 1894, 120/442.

YEAR: 1894 VOL: 120 PAGE: 442
FROM: C E Shannahan, assignee PRICE: \$700
TO : Robinson Cator
NOTES: This sale was the result of a foreclosure of a mortgage on Ida S Bruff and David F Bruff by Armstrong, Cator & Co of Baltimore.
Conveyed to Ida S Bruff by Lawrence L Bruff 1883, 96/384

YEAR: 1890 VOL: 112 PAGE: 171
FROM: Ida S Bruff and David T Bruff PRICE: \$550
TO : Armstrong, Cator, & Co , Baltimore
NOTES: A mortgage. Security was: Beginning Thompson's Alley at the SW corner of Nicholas Orem; run N with Orem and Sarah Harrington 120' to the lot now owned by James Valliant; then W parallel with Thompson's Alley 137' to Laura Thompson; then S 120' to Thompson's Alley; then with the Alley, E 137' to the beginning.
Conveyed to Ida S Bruff by Lawrence L Bruff et al 1883, 96/384.

YEAR: 1883 VOL: 96 PAGE: 384
FROM: Lawrence L and Ada M Bruff and David F Bruff PRICE: \$1+L&A
TO : Ida S Bruff
NOTES: In 1882, William W Bruff died intestate. His heirs were Lawrence and David. The purpose of this transaction is to provide for Ida S Bruff, the wife of David. The lot is 120 x 137'.
Conveyed to W W Bruff by John Dunning 1857, 67/510 and part conveyed by James Valliant 1868, 74/27 (except the portion conveyed by W W Bruff to C C Jump 1876, 83/133).

YEAR: 1857 VOL: 67 PAGE: 510
FROM: John Dunning PRICE: \$620
TO : William W Bruff
NOTES: Begins on Thompson's Alley at SW corner of Nicholas Orem's lot; run N with Sarah Harrington 120' to Alfred Harrison; then W with Harrison and Alexander Graham, 97' to John Dunning's lot; then S with Dunning 120' to Thompson's Alley; then E on alley to beginning.

YEAR: 1856 VOL: 67 PAGE: 330
FROM: Methodist Episcopal Church PRICE: \$725
TO : John Dunning
NOTES: Begins on N side of Thompson's Alley about 120' from Talbot St at SE corner of Nicholas Orem's lot. Run W along Alley about 251' to a lot belonging to the Rev. Samuel Grace; then with Grace and Charles A Smithson's lot, N 120' to James Harrison's lot; then E with Harrison to heirs of Alexander Graham's and Alfred Harrison's lots, 251' to NW corner of Sarah Harrington and Nicholas Orem's lots; then S with Harrington and Orem 120' to the beginning.
This parcel included all of the four original 60' lots on Thompson's Alley: nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 (or as renumbered in 1804:38, 39, 40, 41) plus about 11'.
This lot is number 8 (39).

YEAR: 1839 VOL: 54 PAGE: 248

FROM: Alexander B Harrison* PRICE: \$400

TO : Joseph Bruff and Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Talbot County.

NOTES: *Surviving partner of Samuel and Alexander B Harrison.

Description: "the house, lot, and premises on Thompson's Alley formerly the residence of John Wrightson, dcd, now occupied by Rev. William Allen".

It must be assumed that this deed included all of John Wrightson's property (the four lots) bought by the Harrison's (1825, 46/107).

YEAR: 1825 VOL: 46 PAGE: 107

FROM: Sarah Wrightson, and others* PRICE: \$490.52

TO : Samuel and Alexander Harrison

NOTES: * The "others" were the heirs of John Wrightson: Sarah, Thomas, James, Sedgewicke, and John B.

Defined as: between Church Creek and Broad Creek in the Town of St Michaels.

Part of Janes Progress and Chance. Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 on plat of "Addition to St Michaels". Begin at the S corner of the lot of John Bruff; run S 24,39 E

120' to Thompson's Alley; with alley 246' to the corner of lot number 11;

then N 24,30 W 120' to the corner of Bruff's lot; then to the beginning. 2 acres

YEAR: 1791 VOL: 24 PAGE: 369

FROM: John Thompson, Extr. (of Baltimore County) PRICE: p12 cm

TO : John Wrightson

NOTES: Same description as 1825, 46/107.

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 21 PAGE: 413

FROM: James Wignal PRICE: p500 sp

TO : John Thompson

NOTES: "All that part of two tracts of land near St Michaels Church called "Chance" and "Janes Progress" which was purchased by James Braddock from George Gleave, formerly in the possession of James Hewes, on the South side of the main road " Also included was lot number 7 and lot number 14 ("The Shipyard") on Mulberry Street. John Thompson's 60' brick house was located on lot number 7.

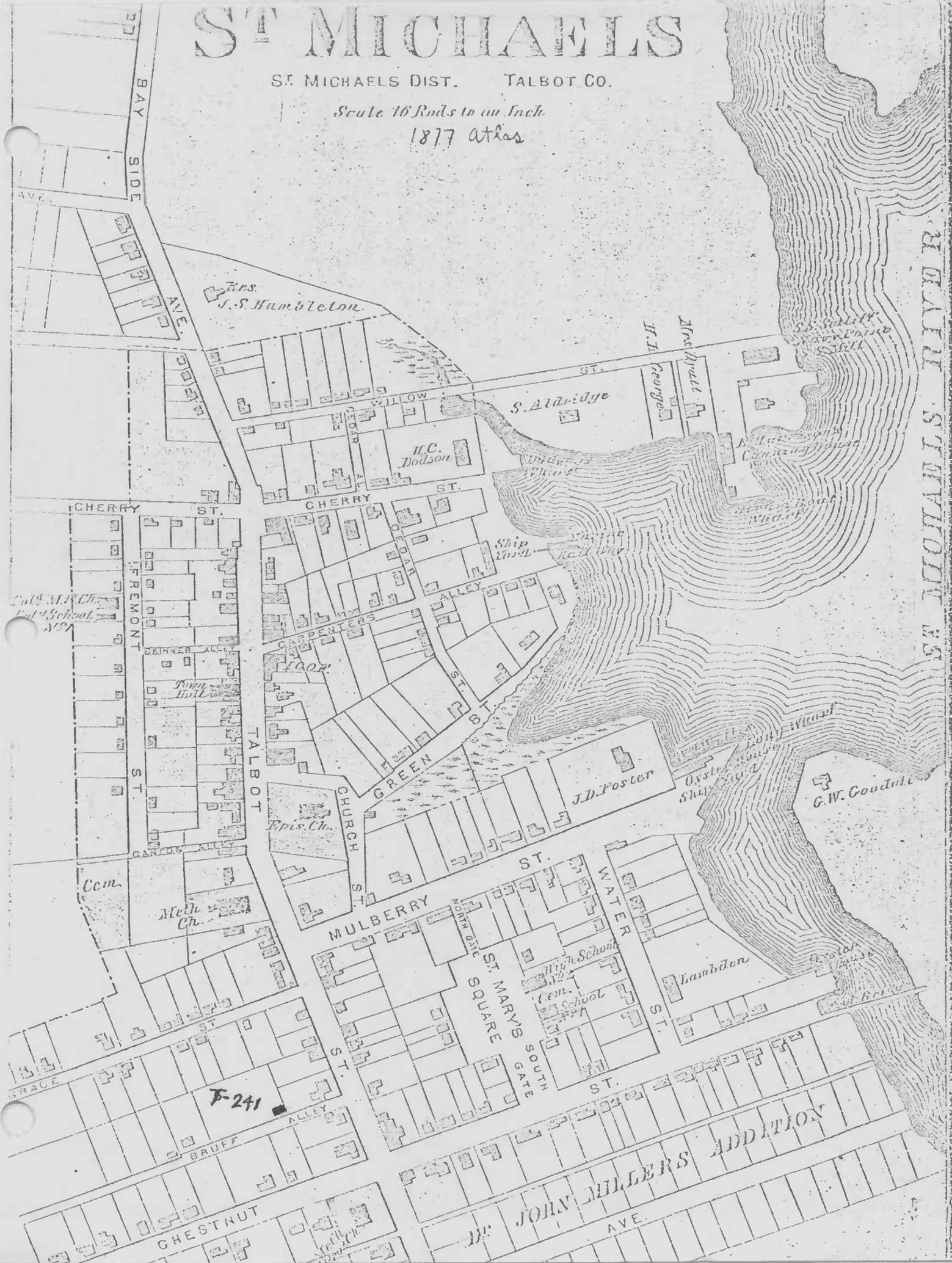
The story of Braddock, Thompson, and Wignal is related in the general history of St Michaels as an introduction to this Survey and in the paper by Bodenstein in Maryland Historical Magazine 80 (3):228-239. 1985.

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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

1877 Atlas



DR. DODSON'S
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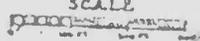
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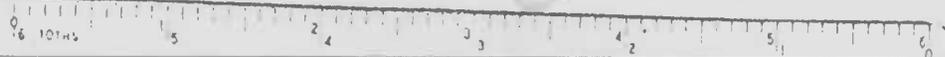
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ST. MICHAELS

TALBOT CO. MARYLAND

SCALE



JAN. 1. 1885. THOMAS H. BARRD



Deepwater Point

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Fairview P

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Creek

Long Hall Creek

47'30"

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Broad

BALTIMORE

BM 12

Navy Pt

Parrott Pt

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Bruff House
St. Michaels Quadrangle, ca. 1800

St Michaels

4292

San Domingo

BM 7

EASTERN

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FEET

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Church Neck Point

Hopkins Point

4291

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Hambleton Island

4290

Mulberry Point

38'45"

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Southeast Elevation

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Bedroom

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"Hall" - Enclosed Stair

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S.t Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

Hall Mantel

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Bedroom Door

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Bedroom Mantel

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Parlor Mantel

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Parlor Cupboard

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"Hall" Mantel

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"Hall" Mantel Detail

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St. Michaels