

K-19 Chester House

mid-18th century; 19th century

Chestertown

private

A modest mid-18th century 3-bay Georgian brick dwelling similar to the Meeteer (K-11) and Perkins (K-14) Houses down the street, Chester House, at the foot of the Chester River Bridge, has been through several stages of fairly radical re-modeling so that today it is a small masterpiece of eclectic design--with a cat-slide roof, 19th century cornice and overhanging roof, and a stucco wing. The house is in excellent condition, its most recent feature, a spanking new cedar shingle roof.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON  
Chester House

K-19

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
201 Water Street

CITY, TOWN  
Chestertown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
First

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 <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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Thomas W. Huber

Telephone #: -

STREET & NUMBER  
201 Water Street

CITY, TOWN  
Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md. 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: EHP 51  
Folio #: 279

STREET & NUMBER  
Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN  
Chestertown

STATE  
Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
none

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

K-19

<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**

Chester House, located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Water Street and Maple Avenue at the foot of the Chester River Bridge, is very similar in its original conception to both the Meteer (K-11) and the Perkins (K-14) Houses on Water Street, but it has been altered several times such that it is now an interesting assortment of architectural styles and ideas.

The original building is a 2½-story, 3 bay brick Georgian house with a symmetrical facade; the facade is laid in all header brick. The sash in all of the windows in the original section of the house are 9/6. The house sits on a stone foundation, has end chimneys (which are T-shaped). There are segmental arches over the windows and segmental sash in the gabled dormers on the (recently added) cedar shingle roof.

The alterations to the house include a large catslide roof addition on the water side, the addition and later removal of a single story porch which ran around the house, the addition of a two-story stucco wing to the east, and 19th century cornice and roof overhang and 19th century door trim and interior.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# SIGNIFICANCE

K-19

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES mid 18th century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original section of Chester House is of mid-18th century origin, contemporary with its sister houses, the Meeteer and Perkins Houses. Its alterations have made been so extensive that the house's architectural interest now compares with that of the John K. Aldridge House (K-7) at 103 Water Street: both are ~~expression-of~~ express records of several successive generations of style and taste.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION** Beginning at the south side of Front Street where the projection of the line of the brick wall on the southwest side of the lot intersects Front Street and running thence by and with said projected line of said brick wall and in a southeasterly direction 103 feet, 9 inches to the southeast end of said wall; thence at right angles to said line and in a northeasterly direction 6 feet with the line of the lands about the Bridge Keeper's House of the Chester River Bridge (demolished); thence parallel with the northeast line of Maple Avenue and in a southeasterly direction about 63 feet to the waters of the Chester River and in a northeasterly direction to the end of a line drawn

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

parallel with the first line herein being the East line of the lands now or formerly of Mrs. M. <sup>STATE</sup> Ireland; thence with the line of said <sup>COUNTY</sup> Ireland lot and in a northwesterly direction to said Front Street; thence with said Street and in a southwesterly direction 134 ft 5 inches <sup>STATE</sup> to the beginning. COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

May, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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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In Testimony whereof we hereunto affix our Hands & Seals this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1808  
Edward Wright & James Salisbury (Seal) Recorded per W.B. Ry

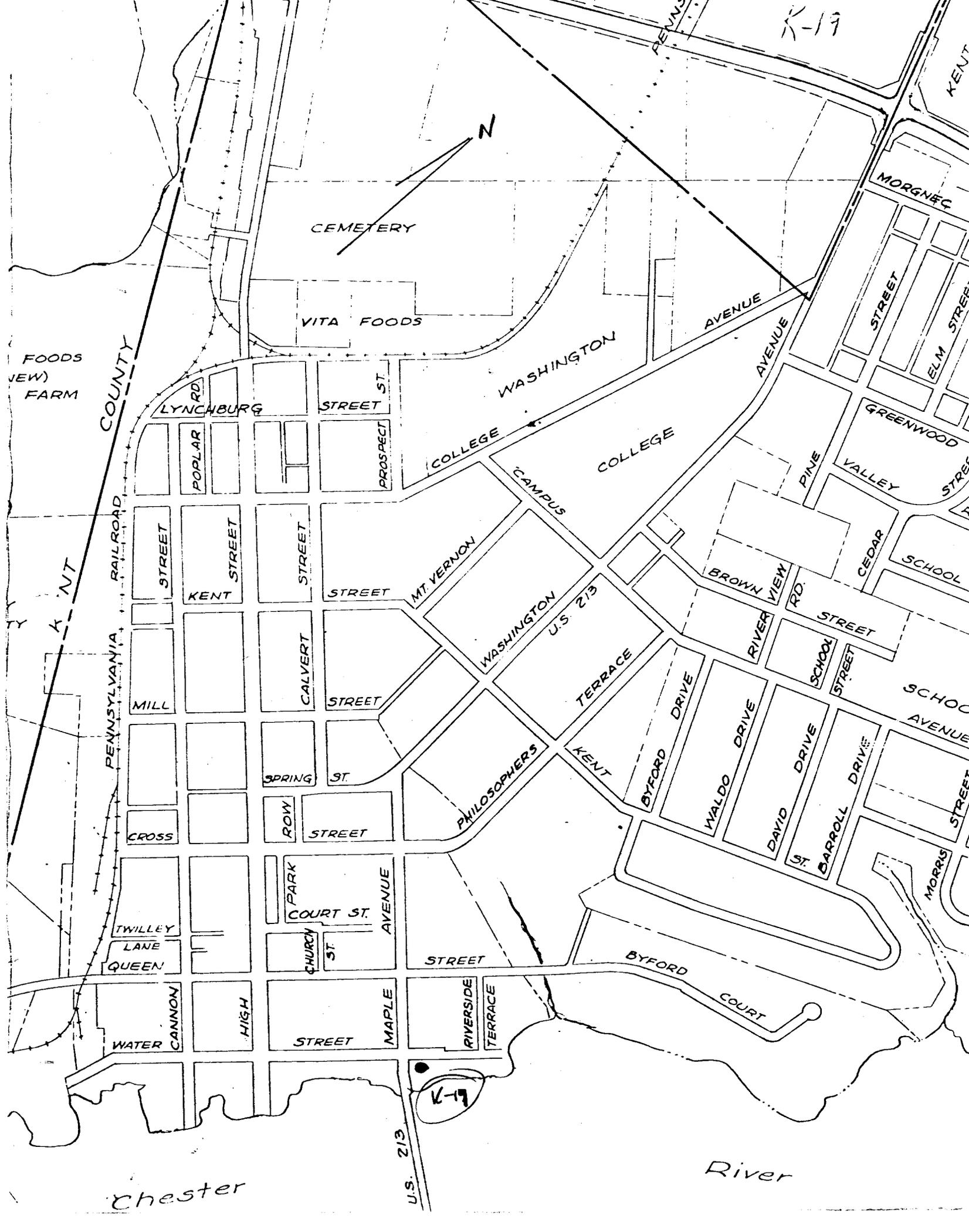
We the subscribers appointed by the Orphans court of Kent County to view the  
Estate of John Penny & Caroline Sawill, Minors in the hands of Sarah Sawill their  
Guardian and to estimate the annual value thereof and further to do what  
is enjoined by the annexed appointment do hereby certify that we have taken  
the real Estate of John Sawill and estimate the annual value thereof at 750  
dollars current Money - There is on the land A buck dwelling House 2 story 21  
by 40 feet in bad repair a buck passage 18 by 20 feet bad repair a Buck Stute  
- on 18 by 32 feet in bad repair a Frame stable 18 by 20 feet with a shed 10 by 20 feet  
in good order. A log Smoke House 16 by 20 in good order A frame potato House 12 by 15  
feet in good order. A log bone House 10 by 20 feet in middling order a lumber House  
16 by 20 feet bad order a frame granary 22 by 24 feet in bad repair a frame  
messparry 6 by 8 in good order 147 Apple Trees in a thriving state fencing in good  
order, there is 500 acres bare land the whole tract containing 992 acres which  
is to be cultivated in three fields it being a tract of land call'd Jones road -

Valuation of Nouns Reswey, commonly call'd the Mill farm, containing 440 acres  
land 219 cleared tillable land, and estimate the annual value thereof a £100 current  
Money; there is on the land a frame dwelling House 20 by 24 feet in middling re-  
- pair a Kitchen & passage 12 by 28 feet in middling repair a Smoke House 12 by 10  
feet in good order a work House 11 by 20 feet in middling repair A potato House  
8 by 12 feet in good repair a Granary 12 by 18 in good repair a stable 20 by 32  
feet in middling repair a corn House 10 by 26 feet middling repair the fencing in  
good order, the farm to be cultivated in three fields -

Valuation of the Mill & land containing 26 acres land, all cleared, and estimate the  
annual value thereof a £60 current Money - there is on the land a Mill House  
20 by 20 in good repair the works of the Mill in good order the dike dam is broken  
a House for the Miller 17 by 18 feet in middling repair the fencing bad -

Valuation of the property in Chester Town A 2 story Brick Dwelling House  
10 by 36 feet with a porch in front 8 by 7 feet and 1 at the Back 8 by 6 all in good  
order a log House weatherboarded with plank 18 by 16 feet in good repair a stone  
stable and carriage House 32 by 18 in good repair a stone in House in good  
repair a garden one Half enclosed by plank fence in good repair the other half  
by post and rail in indifferent repair a lot in lower supposed to be about 3/4 of  
an acre enclosed with a good post & rail fence and estimate the annual value at  
45 pounds current Money in witness whereof we have put our Hands on Seals this  
27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1808.

Recorded per W.B. Ry  
Wm Strong (Seal)  
Wm James (Seal)



FOODS (NEW) FARM

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

COLLEGE CAMPUS

COLLEGE

LYNCHBURG STREET

PROSPECT ST.

POPLAR RD.

KENT STREET

KENT STREET

KENT STREET

MT. VERNON STREET

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

CAMPUS

MILL STREET

KENT STREET

CALVERT STREET

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

PHILOSOPHERS TERRACE

KENT TERRACE

BROWN VIEW RD.

PINE VALLEY SCHOOL STREET

CROSS STREET

SPRING ST.

ROW STREET

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

PHILOSOPHERS TERRACE

KENT TERRACE

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

SCHOOL STREET

TWILLEY LANE QUEEN

PARK COURT ST. CHURCH ST.

MAPLE AVENUE

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BYFORD COURT

WATER CANNON HIGH STREET

HIGH STREET

MAPLE AVENUE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

BYFORD COURT

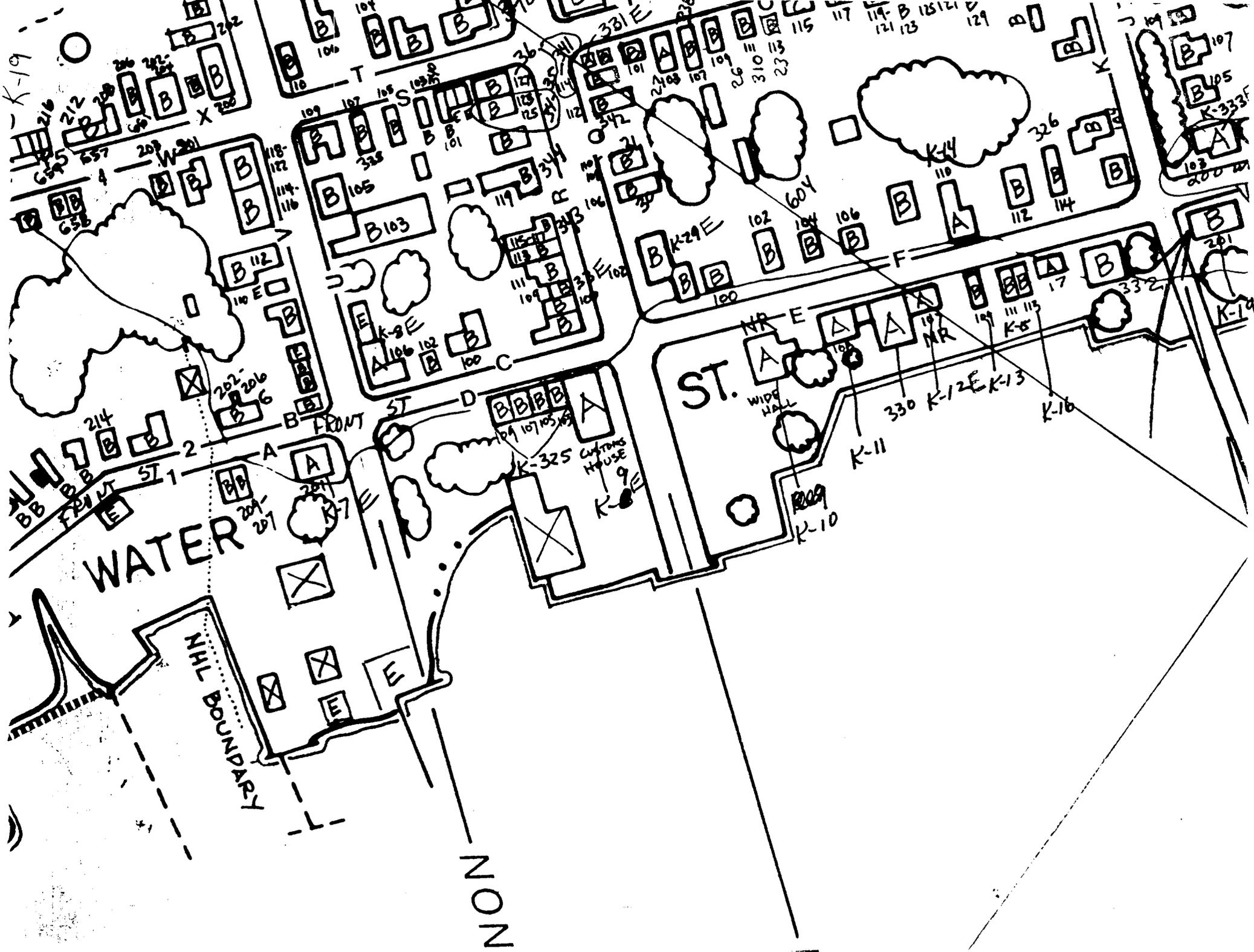
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Chester

U.S. 213

River

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K 19 Chester House 201 Water St.

1/77 W + S views





K 19 Chester House, 201 Water

1/77 W