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201-203 High St.

Chestertown, Md.

business establishment

Built sometime after the mid 1800s this land and the present building on it have both been held off and on by merchants and other businessmen and this tradition is continued today. Only the northern facade has received any paint recently and the entire building and its wings are in need of restoration, if not general maintenance.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
201-203 E. High St.

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Md.

COUNTY
Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X_OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X_BUILDING(S)	X_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
		__NO	__MILITARY	X_OTHER business

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
estate of Thomas W. Eliason Jr.

Telephone #: -

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

Liber #: DCB 4 SB 2
Folio #: 113 89

STREET & NUMBER
Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

STATE
Md. 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
none known

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
_EXCELLENT	X DETERIORATING	_UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
_GOOD	_RUINS	X ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main building of 201-203 High St. is directly on the sidewalk of both High and Queen Streets. It is set on a low brick foundation and is completely clapboarded. The High St. facade, first floor, which is greatly broken up, has vertical boards rather than clapboard. The front of the building is painted and the rest is very much in need of care and painting, etc.

The building is 2 storys with a flat tin roof and a central chimney. Facing the High St. facade, from left to right, the second floor contains 4 shuttered, 6/6 double hung windows. The first floor has been two separate stores but is presently used by one center for a stationary business. Again, from left to right there is a projecting bay containing 3 windows, a double door, another projecting bay, then on to the second store with a projecting bay, entrance door, a projecting bay. Both doors have single light transoms. To the far right of this facade there is additional vertical boarding, as the bays and doors are not centralized in this second store. The cornice with its modillions with drops is visible on the north, east, west and part of of the south facades. Where the next wing has been added this cornic has been visibly removed.

The west side of the main building is only about 3 to 4 feet from the next building and has four 6/6 double hung shuttered windows, on the 2nd floor. The wing added to it, on its west side, contains two double hung shuttered windows on the 2nd floor. The cornice of the main building is the same as on the front and the wing does not have a cornice.

The Queen St. or east facade contains 4 double hung 6/6 shuttered windows on the second floor and one window at the SE end of the main building, first floor, has been closed for an air conditioner. Attached to the southern end of the main building is a small one story entry with slightly slanting tin roof, narrow in width, also old. Its east facade has 2 paneled shuttered (closed) windows and the cornice is very plain as compared to the more elaborate one on the main building. (as described on High St. facade.) The southern end of this small addition has a single door with three light transom. The large wing (described above with the western view) thus does not reach all the way to the eastern side of the main building, due to this small addition. It does, however, extend much farther back and its eastern facade has two panneled shuttered windows, closed on the first floor, above them one 6/6 double hung shuttered window, and also on the second floor, above the small addition, two 6/6 shuttered double hung windows. The large wing's roof is also of tin. Continuing south there is a single storey shed type addition with a door and 2/2 double hung shuttered window.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES last half 19th c. BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property has been in the possession of merchants and other businessmen since its early years. By this I refer to the land and not necessarily the establishment presently standing there today. In 1777 William Slubey, an active Chestertown merchant held the property. In 1795 and for several years thereafter William Baker and William Burneston, both merchants, held it. It is referred to in a 1849 deed as the burnt dwelling of the McCleans, and in a deed of 1861 as the McLean lot. In 1854 Harriett Tilghman sells the High St. frontage of lot #79 to Henrietta Spencer for $5 cm. Then in 1866 Samuel W. and Henrietta Spencer sell it to Sarah C. Gardner for $1,030 cm. Obviously some activity took place on the lot. The Gardners sell it in 1866, one day later in fact, to Joseph O. Dugan, a Chestertown businessman who held many properties, making $45 on the total transaction. Then in 1874 the Dugans sell it for $3000 which may indicate they remodeled, added, etc.

It has not been a dwelling for many years, however, a few business proprietors may have briefly lived in the second floor while plying their wares from the premises. Due to its location in the business section of town and its display windows (bays which project) it remains an example of such a building today.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

verb. bound. of SB 2/89: Beginning at the dividing line between said lot and the lot now held by aforesaid T.W.Eliason, Jr. at the corner of High and Princess Sts., and running thence by & with Princess St. 20' in a sw direction and thence in a nw direction to the lot of land now held by the Kent National Bank of Chestertown 45' more or less, and

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

thence in a ne direction by & with said lot 20' to lot now held by T.W.Eliason,Jr. thence by & with the dividing line between this lot and said lot nowheld by T.W.Eliason, Jr. to the place of beginning, being a part of lot #79.

DCB 4/113 beginning at the SE corner of a lot sold by a certain Harriett Tilghman to the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of K.C., thence by & with Front or High St. to Princess St., thence sw by and w/Princess 74',thence nw to eastern line of lot sold to Bank aforesaid, thence by & with said

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line of lot sold to Bank to place of beginning.

STATE COUNTY

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen B. White Nov. [illegible]

ORGANIZATION DATE

Md. Historical Trust/Town of Chestertown

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

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Description continued.

Facing the rear or southern part of the building one can view the slight A of the large wing with one blocked off window located in the eastern gable. The first floor is again, one of Shanty additions, both witn tin roofs, the eastern one with a small chimney.

The building is obviously a conglomerate of additions.

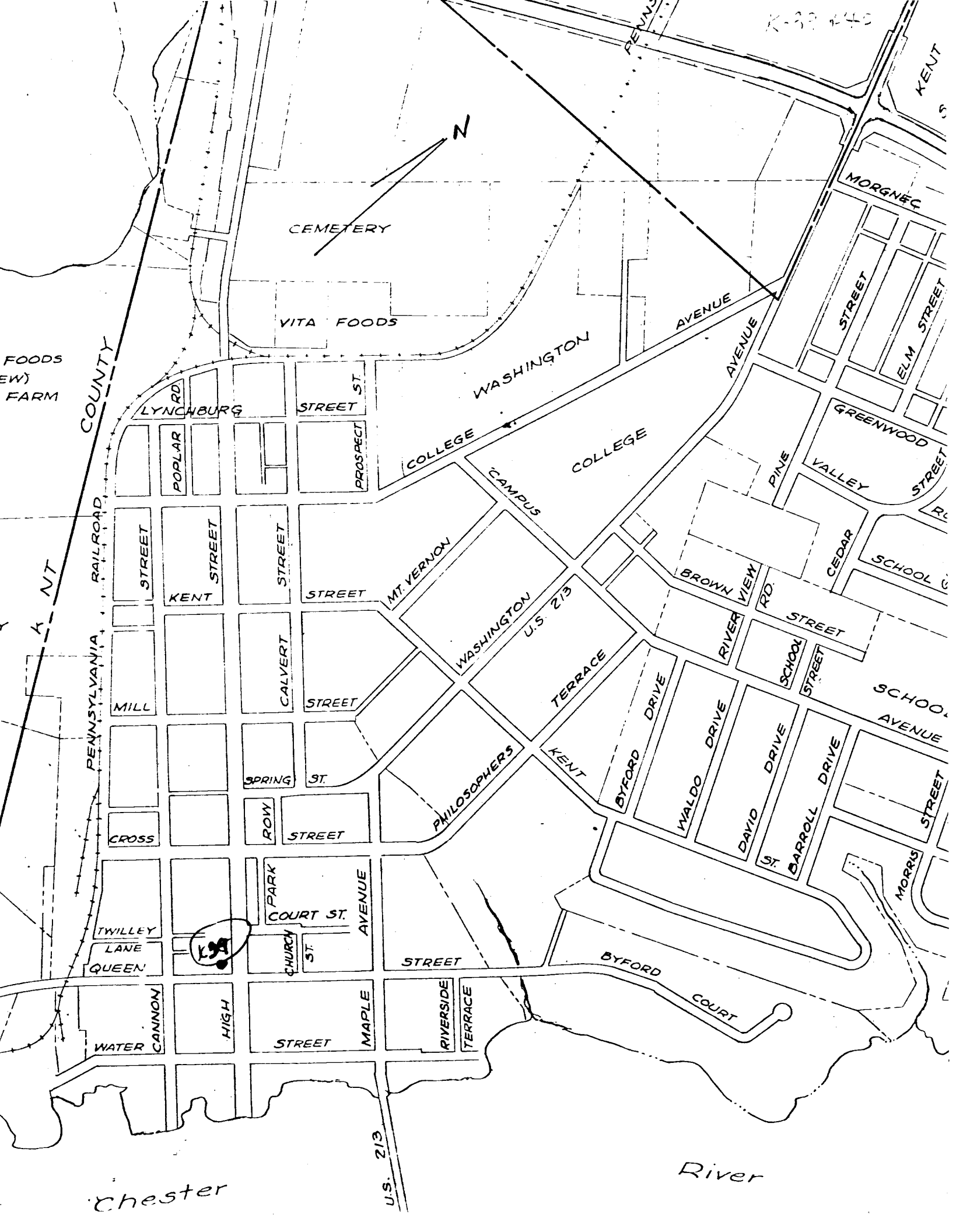
Towne Stationers

3/438	8/18/1726	Simon and Darcas Wilmer to James Cruckshank, chirurgeon, N.E. half lots #78 and 79, £5 cm.Md.
DD 5/209	2/18/77	Robert Cruckshank; Mary Cruckshank and Sarah Cruckshank, daughters of James, to William Slubey, merchant. £350 am.
Will 2/99	12/27/37	of James Cruckshank, property to 2 daughters, Sarah and Mary.
BC 3/233	10/3/91	William Slubey, merchant to Thomas Jones, farmer, 5 shillings,#79,w/houses, buildings, etc.
BC 3/234	11/4/91	Thomas Jones to William Slubey, 5 shillings cm.
BC 4/275	11/5/95	William Slubey to William Baker and William Burneston, merchants, former of Balto., latter of Chestertown. 2 half lots #78 and 79, store house on corner, same 2 one half lots Slubey received from Cruckshank.
TW 1/122	8/23/98	Baker and Burneston are diving up the 2 lots. Baker-all that nw moiety;(6 perches in front on High and extends 9 perches depth towards Cannon, Burneston-all that se moiety #79 (w/above bounds)
TW 1/670	6/24/01	Baker sells this to Burneston,$4,000 cn U.S.
Will 9/161	7/25/98	of Wm. Burneston, all real estate to wife Hannah.
WS 3/341	1/26/21	Hannah Burneston, widow of Wm., to Benjamin B. Wroth. Hannah still owes money on William's debts and Wroth stands as her security.
Will 10/395	3/25/25	of Benjamin B. Wroth to wife Mary. Children named are daughter, Editha, sons, Benjamin B., William. brother, Peregrine Wroth, is executor.
JNG 7/507	6/2/41	Peregrine Wroth Trustee, for Benjamin,to finish, settle, and execute from Hannah Burneston's deed. Peregrine Wroth, Turstee to James A., Edward A., William, Alexander, and Thomas L. Clean, half part se most moiety #79, $2,155.88 cm U.S. and premises. Begin nw corner High and Princess Sts. on w side High, running up High 6 perches, then with a line drawn at right angles to High, 9 perches toward Cannon, line at right angles to last mentioned line, 6 perches to Princess and with Princess to beginning.
JNG 7/509	10/1/41	Wm. and Mary Ann McClean, and Alexander McClean, to Harriett Tilghman as they are indebted to Harriett Tilghman. $400 cm. U.S. and interest payable in 3 years. Grant to Harriett Tilghman their 2/5 interest of their part of #79.
JNG 11/703	3/8/48	James A. McClean to Mary L. Sparks, $50 cm U.S. his undivided 1/5 of #79.
JR 1/356	1/16/51	Edward A. and Julia Ann McClean to Harriett Tilghman, $105 cm U.S., his undivided 1/5 #79.
		Harriett Tilghman now begins to sell it off in separate pieces.

JR 1/331	10/31/49	Absalom W. and Mary Louisa Sparks to Harriett Tilghman, $100 cm. U.S., 1/5 part of #79, the McClean lot.
		There is now, in JKH 1/333, 12/16/1858, reference to the burnt dwelling of the McCleans, as H. Tilghman sells next door lot to Farmers and Marchants Bank of Kent County. ([redacted])
JKH 3/24	11/20/61	Harriett Tilghman to Sarah C.H. Pearson, "the McLean lot", #79, lease of 99 years, payment of $36 rent, back part of lot on Queen or Princess St., no High St. frontage.
JFG 2/130	4/24/54	Harriett Tilghman to Henrietta L. Spencer, $5 Cm US, with all buildings.
JKH 5/262	11/20/65	Sarah C.H. Pearson to John N. Usilton, #79, "McLean lot", $800.00.
JKH 6/21	12/13/66	Samuel W. and Henrietta L. Spencer to Sarah C. Gardner, $1,030 Cm U.S.
JKH 6/23	12/14/66	Benjamin H,&Sarah C. Gardner, and John B. Martin to Joseph O. Dugan, $1,075 cm US, part of lot #79, lot fronting on High St. Benjamin had conveyed this lot to Sarah, in trust for her, held by John Martin on 10/15/66, (Ref. 5/658)
JKH 11/600	2/12/73	Joseph O. and Virginia A. Dugan to Samuel E. Hill, $3,000, corner lot and #62 and 63.
JKH 11/604	2/5/73	Samuel E. Hill to Thomas R. Crane,$3,000 #79 and #62 and #63

I rechecked the above two entries and their dates and they are correct as written.

DCB 1/436	6/26/75	Samuel E. Hill to Telfair Marriett, Trustee of Margaret M. Hayes. Hill indebted for $2,700. conveys lot in Balto., part #79, and #s 62 and 63.
DCB3/567	2/14/78	release of above mortgage
DCB 3/568	2/14/78	Thomas R. Crane and Elizabeth to Wm. A. Stewart, £3,000, #79, 62, 63.
DCB 4/113	5/29/78	Wm. A. and Emily G. Stewart to Thomas W. Eliason, Jr., $3,000. #79, corner lot, & 62,63.
SB 1/555	6/2/77	C.T. Wescott, Trustee for H. Tilghman's estate, to John C. Burchinal, part of #79, $350. actually sold between 1/26/70 & this date
SB 1/556	1/21/81	John C. Burchinal to John N. and Sarah M. Usilton, ,$950,71' on Queen, depth 45' (back lot)
SB 2/89	1/21/81	John N. and Sarah M. Usilton to Thomas W. Eliason, Jr. $250. Deed mentions he already holds the corner lot.



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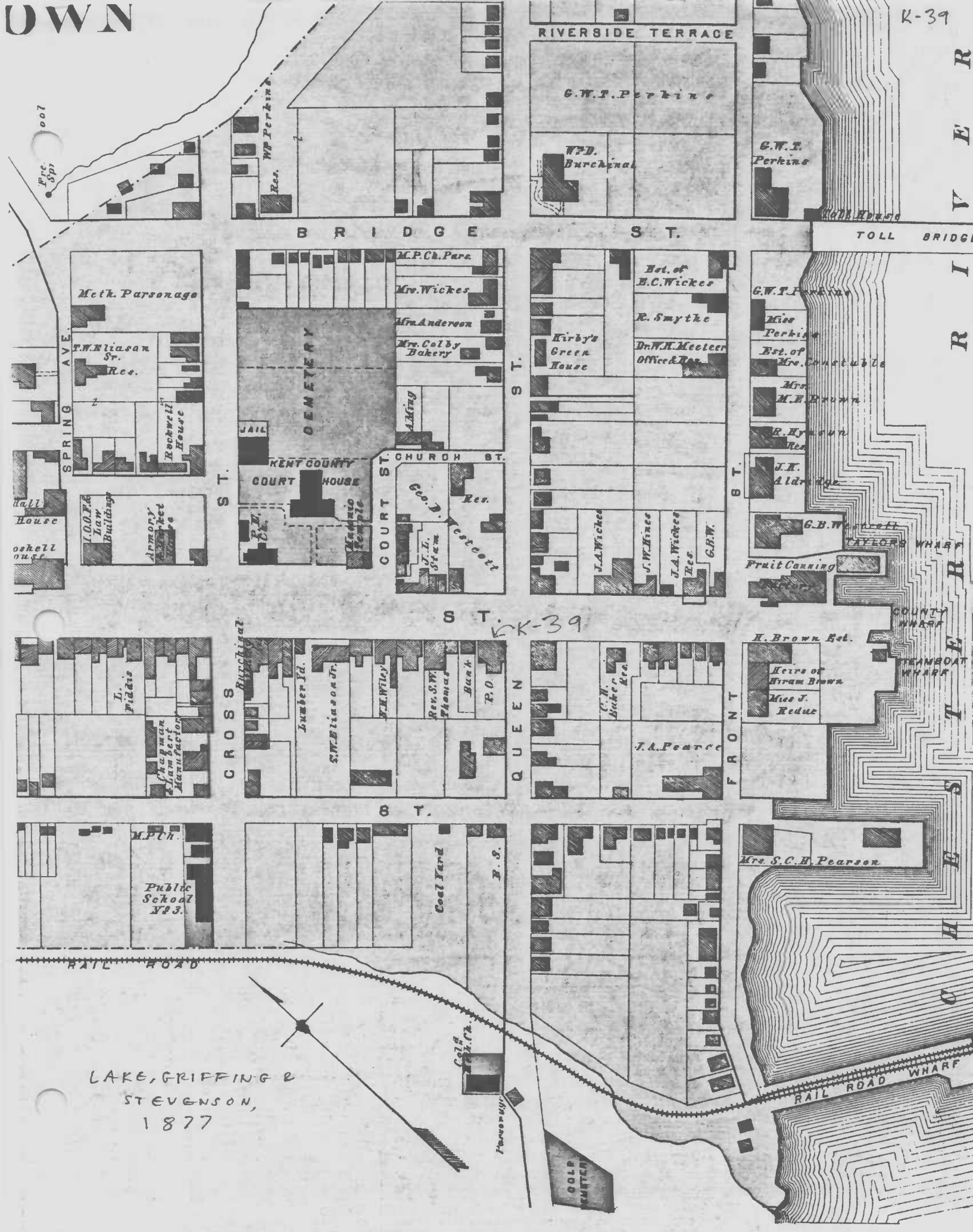

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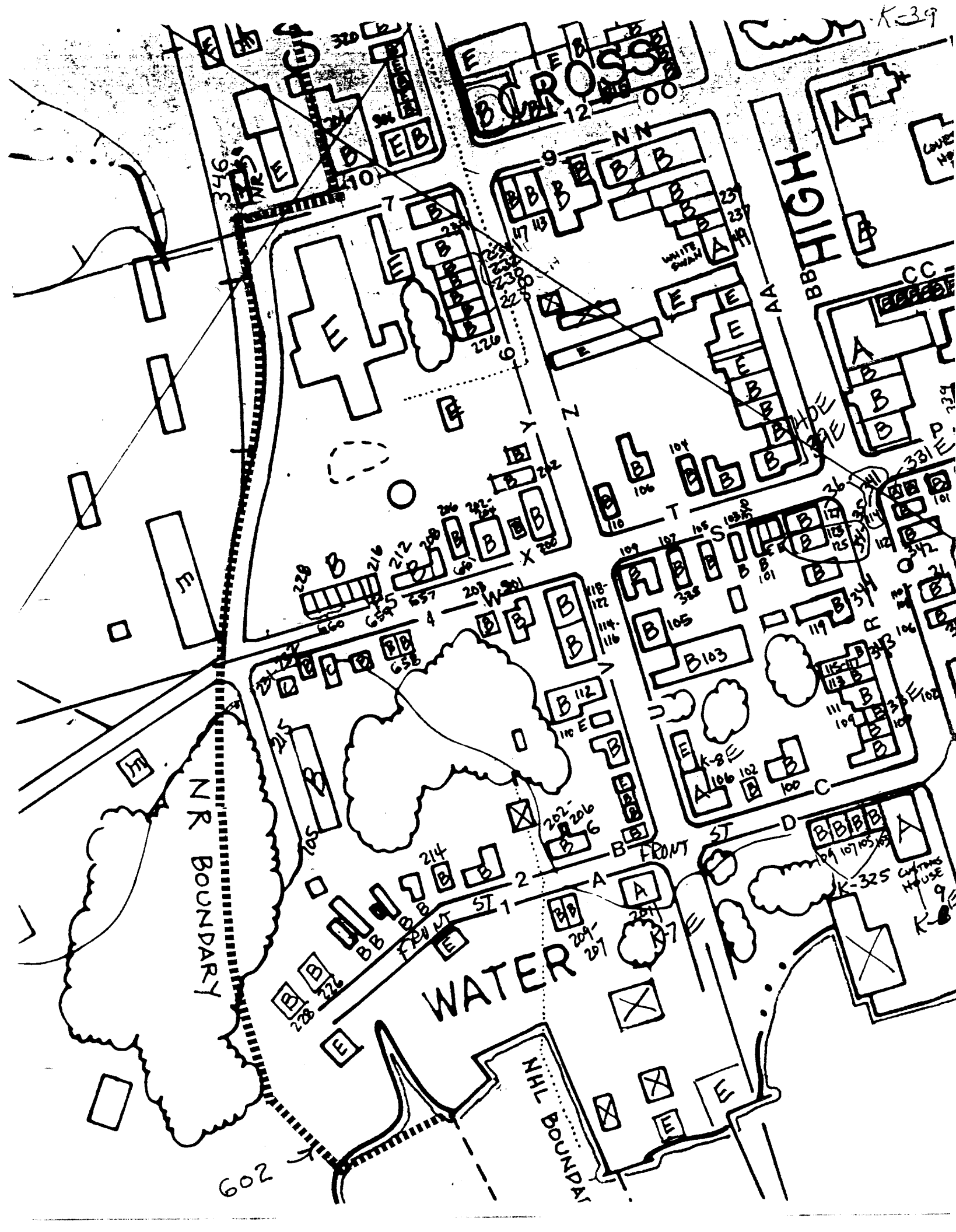
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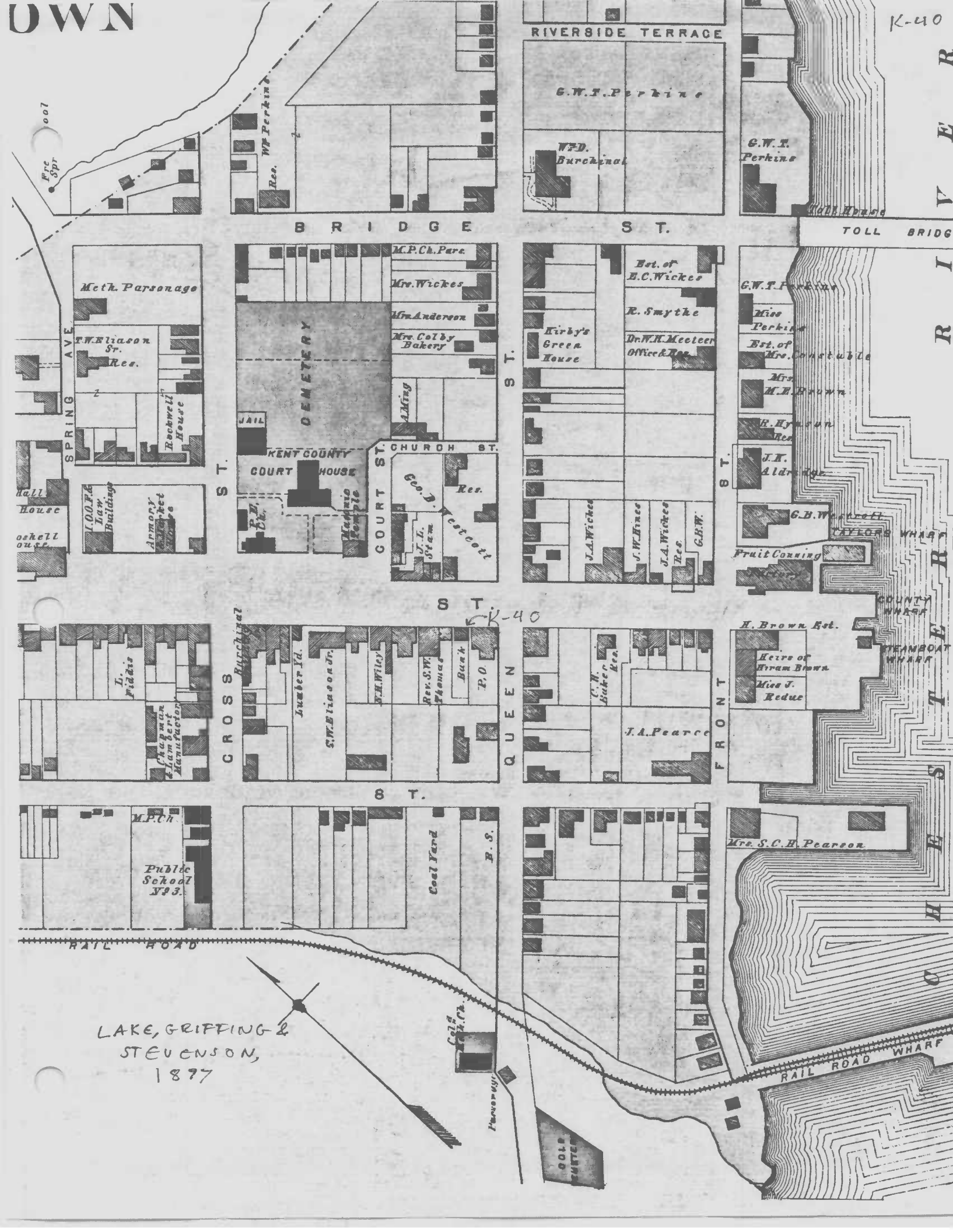
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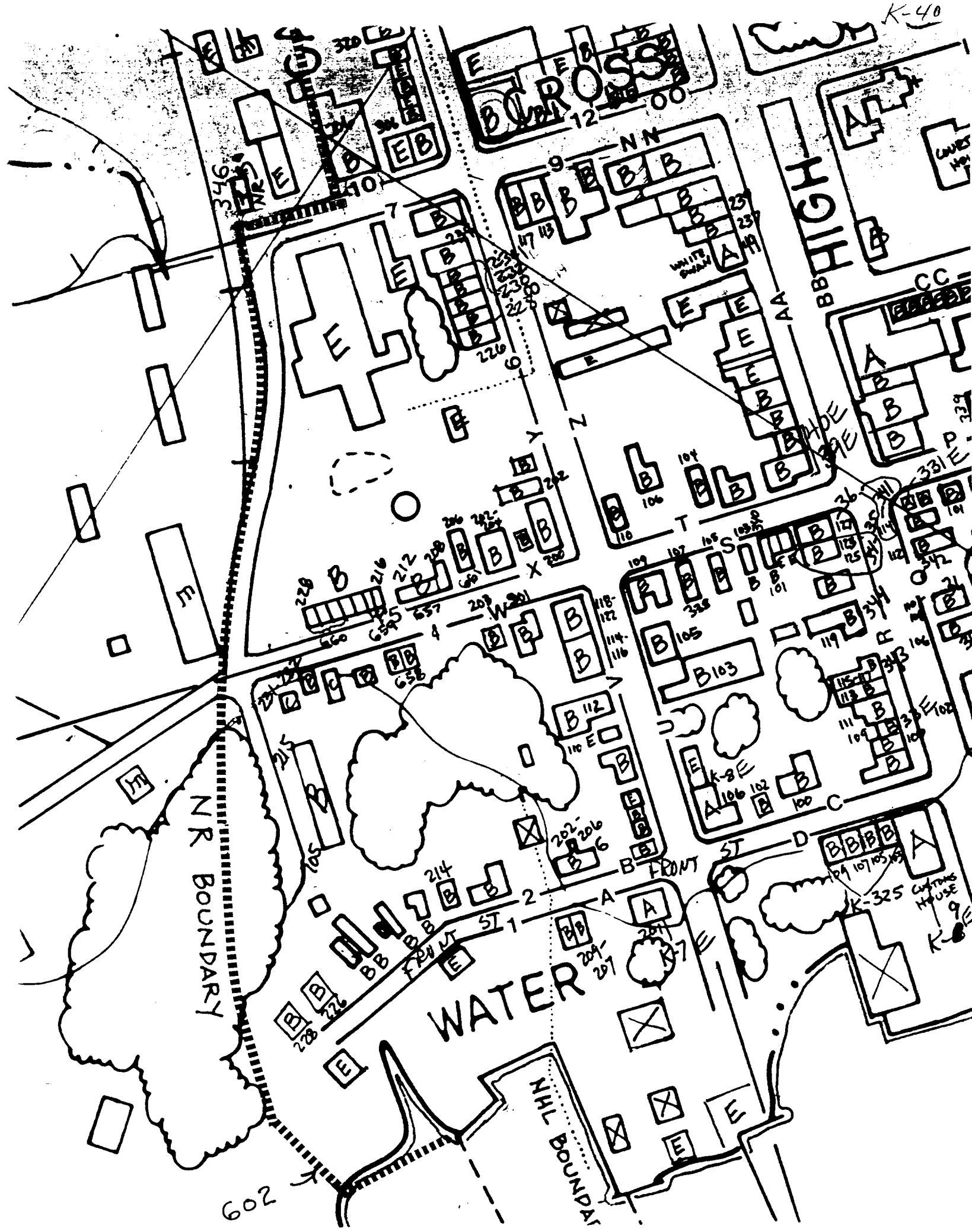
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