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N. R. FIELD SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
BETTY'S DELIGHT

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
ROSE HILL STAR RTE 2 (ROSE HILL RD.)

CITY OR TOWN:
PORT TOSALLO

STATE: **MD.** CODE: COUNTY: **CHAS.** CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
JAMES S. WARD

STREET AND NUMBER:
BETTYS DELIGHT

CITY OR TOWN: **PORT TOSALLO** STATE: **MD.** CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
CHAS. CO.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **LA PIATA** STATE: **MD.** CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A SMALL DWELLING IN A 3 PART COMPOSITION.

THE MIDDLE PORTION IS THE ORIGINAL DWELLING 4 BAYS IN LENGTH WITH INTERESTING BATTEN BOOR AT THE ~~W~~ E END. THE ROOF IS "A" PLAN THE RIDGE RUNNING E TO W WITH A CHIMNEY OF 1 FIVE AT EA. GABLE EXTERIOR THE E CHIMNEY HAVING A FIELD STONE BASE WITH BRICK STACK.

THE E WING IS ONE STOREY FRAME 2 BAYS IN LENGTH WITH A LARGE FIELD STONE + BRICK CHIMNEY AT ITS EXPOSED E GABLE. THE W ADDITION IS 1 STOREY + 2 BAYS IN LENGTH. BOTH ADDITION ARE 20TH CENTURY.

Grave of Thos. Howe Ridgate, 1798,
nearby

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Pivoire

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Betty's Delight

AND/OR COMMON

Betty's Delight

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rose Hill Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Port Tobacco

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CODE

24

COUNTY

Charles

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

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

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James S. Ward and Mary Ann Ward

STREET & NUMBER

Rose Hill Road, Box 305

CITY, TOWN

Port Tobacco

STATE

Maryland 20677

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse,

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

LaPlata

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

Betty's Delight is located on the west side of a lane that connects Maryland Route 6 on the south with Rose Hill Road to the north, north of Port Tobacco, Maryland.

Betty's Delight is a frame, one and one-half story house on a stone foundation with an addition at each gable end. The original center section is 36 feet by 16 feet, divided into two rooms, one 15'4" long, the other 19'2" long. The corner posts measure 6" x 10" while the framing and beams measure 6" x 8" held together with wooden pins. The exterior walls were originally made of hand-sawed boards. Because of their deteriorated condition, they were replaced in 1954. The interior walls were finished in vertical hand-sawed boards. A loft exists above supported by 6" x 4" beams. Access is gained by a stair in the southwest corner of the entrance room. A fieldstone chimney with a brick stack exists on the exterior of the east gable end.

There is a batten door on the center of the north facade. Two original interior batten doors remain.

In 1956 a one and one-half story addition was made to each gable end.

A cemetery exists on a knoll to the west of the house. The only visible tombstone is for Thomas Howe Ridgate, who died on June 24, 1789, at the age of three.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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 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 _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Between 1676 and 1777, Bettys' Delight was associated with and was the home of the family of John Hanson, First President of the United States in Congress Assembled.

Thomas Corker obtained a patent of 150 acres on the Betty's Delight tract in 1671. His house, one of the earliest in Maryland, is believed to have been built circa 1671-1675, as the dwelling which was cited in Corker's will, written November 17, 1676. Corker died shortly after composing the will. He also acquired in 1668 the unique distinction in the Province's early legal history of being one of two men found guilty of "manslaughter by misadventure." In 1668, Corker was indicted, tried, found guilty, sentenced and pardoned for "Manslaughter by misadventure" for shooting dead one Richard Turner, asleep in Clement Theobald's woodpile. Witnesses in the indictment were Clement Theobald and his wife, Mary, Corker's future father and mother-in-law. Clement Theobald was also on the jury that tried and then pardoned Corker.

At the time Corker obtained Betty's Delight in 1671, he also was granted patents for Corker's Hogghole (100 acres) and Planter's Delight (100 acres), which were tracts contiguous to Betty's Delight.

John Hanson, the grandfather of John Hanson, President (1781-2) of the United States in Congress Assembled, acquired the dwelling and 100 acres of Betty's Delight in 1676. He willed it to his son, Colonel Robert Hanson, who acquired the property in 1713.

Colonel Robert Hanson established his seat at Betty's Delight. He held his first public office of significance as early as 1716 when he was High Sheriff of Charles County. He was Justice of the Peace in 1724.

The will of Robert Hanson was dated April 5, 1746, and proved in Charles County on September 27, 1748 by Edmund Porteus, Samuel Hanson, Jr., and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer. Robert, the youngest son, received Betty's Delight, the dwelling plantation of 100 acres. When he died a bachelor in Charles County, he left the property to his sister Violetta, who died a spinster in 1786.

Violetta Hanson, although willing Betty's Delight to her nephew Gerrald Fowke, gave it to him before her death. Fowke sold the property to Gustavus Richard Brown, with settlement running from 1774-1777.

While there is no record of how he obtained it, unless given by his sister Elizabeth, Thomas Corker's widow, John Theobald acquired 50 acres of the original Betty's Delight tract, which he

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Patents, Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland
Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland
Charles County Register of Wills, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata,
Maryland.
Skordas, Gust. The Early Settlers of Maryland. Baltimore: Geneological
Publishing Co., 1968.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mr. James S. Ward

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Betty's Delight
Charles County

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willed to his son William in 1712. This part of Betty's Delight was sold by Pryor Theobald to James Key in 1772. In 1778, James Key sold the acreage to Gustavus Richard Brown of Rose Hill.

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Newman, Marry Wright. Charles County Gentry. Washington, D. C., 1940.

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BLUE

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VII.15.1959

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Historian's Work Sheet for "Photo-data Books" (Part 1)

Name of Structure BETTY'S DELIGHTAddress PORT TOBACCO CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

State, county, township, locality, street address or location

Present Owner (give address) MR. & MRS. IRA C. COWIE, PORT TOBACCO, MD.Present Occupant MR. & MRS. IRA C. COWIE.Present Use OUR HOME. RESIDENCE

Brief Statement of Significance (historical): Land Patent to Thomas Corker, planter, in 1671. (Rose Hill Plat, Land Office, Hall Of Records, Annapolis, Md.)

PHYSICAL HISTORY (All statements shall be documented)

Original and subsequent owners Thomas Corker, Clement Theobald, John Hanson, Col. Robert Hanson, Robert Hanson (son), Violetta Hanson, Girard Fowke, Dr. Gustavus Brown

Date of Erection Between 1671 _ 1675

Architect Unknown

Builder, suppliers, etc. Unknown

Original plans, construction, etc. Unknown

Notes on alterations and additions - Original 5 room frame dwelling intact except for restoration of inside walls, floors, some windows, roof, new clapboard on outside over old walls. Two wings consisting of 5 rooms added. Old chimneys repaired and a duplicate of old stone and brick fireplace chimney added to new wing. Old fireplace mantles installed as original were gone.

HISTORICAL EVENTS CONNECTED WITH STRUCTURE See attached paper "Historical."

Important old views (with location) NONE

Sources of information (with location) La Plata Court house, La Plata, Maryland, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

Likely sources not yet investigated

Library of Congress - Collection of Port Tobacco papers

Prepared by Mr. & Mrs. Ira C. Cowie

Date March 19, 1964.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOCUMENTATION

- Published references: Give author's full name, exact title from title page (underlined), publisher, place of publication, date, page references.
- Manuscript references: Give location of manuscript and note if long-hand or typed. Cite "from," "to," date, etc.
- Interviews: If information came from a personal interview, give complete name and address of informant.

CONTINUATIONS: Any of the above entries may be continued on additional sheets. Exact transcripts in quotes from pertinent documents are especially welcomed as appendices or otherwise.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
Architect's Work Sheet for "Photo-data Books" (Part II)

Betty's Delight, Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland.
name of structure state, county, township, locality, etc.

(Original part)
Two * Inside-Vertical Heavy Panel, Outside-Vertical Boards,
number of stories type wall construction layout
Between walls- X construction.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit Open ceilings with very wide boards,
showing old oak beams. Large stone and brick fire place. Stone
foundation.

Condition of fabric

Excellent

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

EXTERIOR

Overall demensions Original dimensions - 35 X 24 feet.
Present " - 92 X 42 "

Foundations Stone.

Wall construction As stated above *

Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc. Small front stoop, terrace in rear.

Chimneys Lower half - stone, upper half old brick.

Openings - doorways and doors The original front door of thick oak
with slanted lattice work on front, backed by heavy
batten construction. Two original inside batten doors,
and old wooden lock housing.

windows and shutters
Some original very small narrow 8 and 6 pane windows.
Shutters not original

Roof - shane, covering North side of house has 2 small ~~XXXXXX~~ dormers.
A roof (orig. covering) not known
cornice, eaves Eaves curved slightly upward.

dormers, cupolas

INTERIOR

Floor plans (by floor) 2 nd fl. 2 bedrooms, 2 loft rooms.
1 st fl. Living room, library, den, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, and store room.

Stairways One small narrow winding stairway.

Flooring Wide pine boards over original wide boards which were uneven.

Wall and ceiling finish Plaster and wood, oak beams.

Doorways and doors Previously answered.

Trim Outside white with black shutters.

Hardware Original hardware gone, except for one wooden door lock.

Lighting Electric.

Heating (fireplaces, stoves, Four fire places, with central heating.
central, etc.)

Orientation (by compass reading SITE Front due north.
and general setting)

Enclosures (fences, etc.) None.

Outbuildings Garden house, garage.

Walks, driveways, etc.

Landscaping, gardens, etc. Boxwood, various shrubs, plants, many trees.

Prepared by Mr. & Mrs. Ira C. Cowie

Date March 19, 1964

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"HISTORICAL"

An old surveyors stone (these markers located before 1705 see paragraph below) with the Roman numeral VII cut on its northern side is standing where it was unearthed, at the entrance lane. From old land office records in the La Plata court house, and The Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md, a re-survey was found made in May 28, 1784, for Dr. Gustavus Brown by Theo. Hanson, surveyor. Here in was mentioned early surveyors stones that were set in the earth and marked from II to XX. (Twenty stones) Starting from point A at the head of Port Tobacco Brook. Along with this re-survey was a carefully drawn map with the legends, angles, and perches between the stones.

A 1705 survey map shows two of these stones numbered VI and VII on the southern boundary line of Habre De Venture and Betty's Delight. It was apparent that this boundary line had not changed through out all the intervening years. The uncovered surveyors stone at the entrance is about 36" long by 12" wide and 8" thick with the numeral VII chiseled on the northern side. At the top of the stone is a hole about 4" deep which was no doubt used to hold a stick with a cloth on the end, so it could readily be seen through the thick woods for more accurate surveying. It was then possible to locate and tie in stone VII on the 1784 re-survey map and the location of Betty's Delight was established. Research on Betty's Delight brought to light that it was an original patent to Thomas Corker in 1671. (Rose Hill Plat- Hall of Records, Annapolis Land Office.)

(Thomas Corkers Will - Dated Nov. 17, 1676. Hall of Records, Liber 5, Folio 289, Annapolis, Md.) He leaves most of his estate to his wife "Elizabeth"- hence the name "Betty's Delight." It is believed Thomas Corker built the house because in a deed dated 1675 on January 11th- (Hall of Records, Annapolis, Liber F, #1, Folio 116) Thomas Corker sells 150 acres to John Hanson. Mentioned in the will are- house, gardens, orchards, buildings, etc.

Thomas Corker also sold part of Betty's Delight to Clement Theobald (no record) because in a deed dated June 8th, 1675 (Liber F-#1-Folio 106, Court house, La Plata.) Clement Theobald sells it back to Thomas Corker saying it once belonged to said Thomas Corker.

John Hanson leaves Betty's Delight to his son Col. Robert Hanson in 1712. In 1748 Col. Robert Hanson dies and leaves Betty's Delight "Dwelling Plantation" to his youngest son- Robert Hanson.

In a will dated April 28, 1765 (Hall of Records- Liber 37- Folio 89) Robert Hanson leaves Betty's Delight 100 acres (left him in the will of his father, Robert Hanson, deceased) also 69 acres of Chandlers Hills, 100 acres of Corkers Hog Hole, to his sister Violetta Hanson. It also mentioned Lots, etc, "During her life." After her decease I give and devise all the aforesaid lots and lands to my beloved nephew- Girard Fowke, son of Girard Fowke and Sarah Fowke. Girard Fowke Sr. had married a daughter of Robert Hanson Sr. On February 8th, 1770, Violetta Hanson inherits this. She died a spinster in 1786.

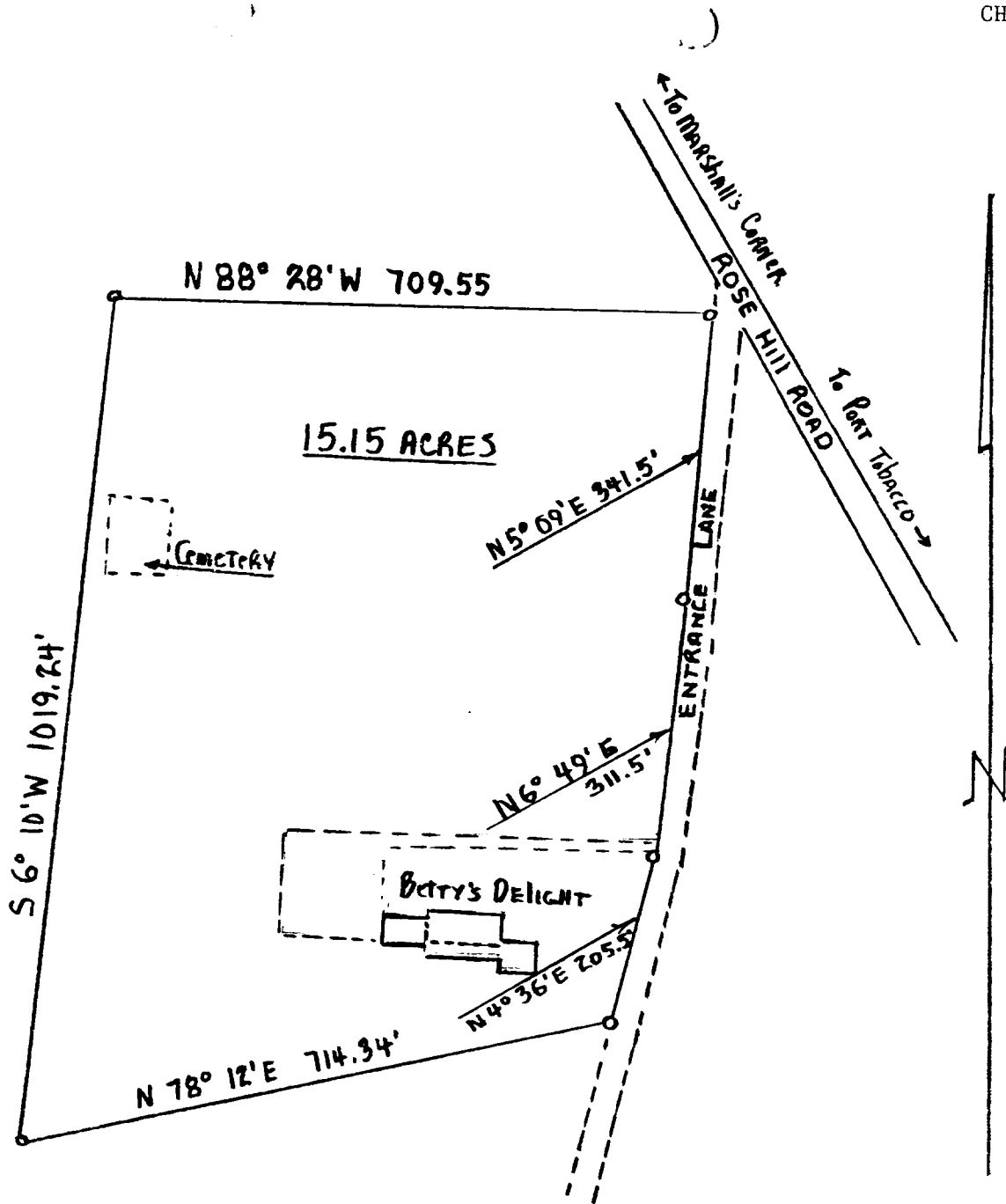
Girard apparently got this land from his Aunt before her death because on May 18th. 1774 (La Plata Court House- Liber S- #3- Folio 586) Girard Fowke sells Corkers Hog Hole, Betty's Delight, and Chandlers Hills to Dr. Gustavus Brown. On the 11th of June 1783 Dr. Brown had the whole tract surveyed and reduced the whole into "one entire tract now called Rose Hill." (Rose Hill Plat- Hall of Records- Land Office, Annapolis.)

From Mrs Carlos Grevemberg
Owner of Rose Hill.

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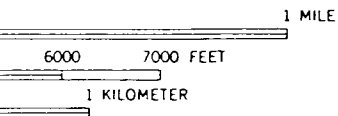
Thus, the name Betty's Delight lost its identity until purchased and restored in 1953 by the present owners. ↑

An old, brick walled cemetery (now level with the ground) is ~~itself~~ located in the woods west of the house. There is one large tombstone and the inscription tells the sad story of a mother and father's grief over the death of their child. "Thomas Howe Ridgate, son of Thomas Howe Ridgate and Elizabeth, his wife, who departed this life the 24th of June, 1789, aged 3 yrs, 9 months, 17 days."





Bethyl's Delight

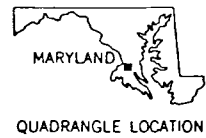


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
		State Route	

LOW WATER
3/4 W'

STANDARDS
ON, D C. 20242
AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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PORT TOBACCO, MD.
SE/4 INDIAN HEAD 15' QUADRANGLE
N3830—W7700/7.5

1966

AMS 5561 II SE—SERIES V833

(POB) 3650



Betty's Delight (Charles County)
home of Mr. & Mrs. James S. Ward

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