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Howard Marvin Jones House

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Property Evaluation
1213 Jefferson Pike
Knoxville (vicinity), Maryland
April, 2000

Architectural Description:

This Colonial (Georgian) Revival style dwelling is located on the east side of Maryland Route 180, the Jefferson Pike, just north of Brunswick in southwestern Frederick County. The house is situated at the end of a circular driveway, which extends back from the Jefferson Pike. The house is an imposing tan brick building, five bays wide with a central entrance. A one-bay entrance porch supported by Doric columns is centered on the front elevation. Side porches balance the front as well, a sitting porch on the southeast and a portico carport on the northwest side. The roof is hipped with a fairly low pitch and covered with slate. A balustraded deck finishes the roof peak. Dormers extend from each face of the roof. Those on the front and sides are gabled with Palladian-inspired windows (a central arched window with smaller, flanking rectangular windows). The rear dormer is much plainer, being shed-roofed with double horizontal windows. The house also has a rear projecting L extension, which houses the kitchen and an adjacent double work porch. The southeast side elevation has a shallow semi-hexagonal projecting bay, a carry-over Victorian period Queen Anne style element.

The main entrance occupies the central bay and includes the door and a broad transom and sidelights. Above the main entrance is a similar second story entrance which opens from the second story passage onto the balustraded roof deck of the entrance porch. Windows have six light upper sashes over single pane lower sashes. A chimney is located inside the southeast end wall, toward the front of the house and another is located in the rear extension, in the kitchen.

The interior of the house is formally arranged with a broad central entrance and stair hall extending front to rear. The staircase is set well back from the front entrance. At the rear of the staircase is an archway leading into the kitchen wing. Decorative molded plaster brackets support the arch. The newel post for the stairs is square with paneled surfaces. The handrail is flattened with three balusters per step.

From the hallway, double pocket doors lead into a formal parlor in the southwest corner of the house. The parlor has a fireplace with an exposed tan brick face with decorative corbels and a wooden mantelshelf. A door with a transom opens from the parlor onto the side porch. Behind the parlor is a dining room, which contains the projecting bay and three high placed windows in the rear wall to allow for placement of a sideboard. The rooms on the opposite side of the hallway are slightly less formally appointed than those on the south side.

The second floor is arranged similarly with the addition of a small sitting room at the front of the hallway with the door that opens onto the entrance porch roof deck.

Historical Narrative:

The seven-acre lot on which the subject dwelling house is located was traced through deeds to the ownership of the West family in 1872. According to T. J. C. Williams' *History of Frederick County Maryland*, Joseph West settled on the 1,000-acre estate known as "Locust Grove" in 1740.¹ A 6,000-acre tract known as "Merryland," described by Williams as "the heart of the [Petersville] district occupying the land along the Frederick and Knoxville road [Jefferson Pike] . . ." was patented in 1733 by John Colvill.² It is not clear from the deeds or Williams' history whether "Locust Grove" was carved from "Merryland" in 1740 or was patented on vacant land.³ Williams further notes that by the time of the Revolution several British loyalists owned the "Merryland" tract. An 1817 deed between the grandchildren of Joseph West and the State of Maryland, describes the tract as having been subdivided by Charles Beatty.⁴ Beatty was an active land speculator in Frederick County in the 1780s, purchasing much of his land through confiscated loyalist land sales. According to this 1817 deed, and the deed immediately following, the West's acquired both Lot No.10 and Lot No.5 (both 300 acres in size) of the "Resurvey on Maryland" [sic] at that time. The eastern boundary line of the subject 7-acre parcel is described in deeds as bordering part of Lot No.10 of the "Resurvey on Maryland." It is possible that the eastern boundary line, which continues in a straight line to the southwest on the Frederick County tax map, defines the historic boundary between "Locust Grove" and "Merryland." This line, shown on a 1999 survey map as an "old abandoned road bed," is described in a deed dated 1872 as "the public road leading from Petersville to Berlin [Brunswick]."⁵

In 1872, a nine-acre parcel was transferred from Patrick McGill West (and wife Eleanora) and his siblings Erasmus (his wife, Maria), Elizabeth (husband, Samuel Claggett), and Ellen (husband, Tobias Belt Johnson), to their sisters Sarah McGill West and Susan West (all were the grandchildren of Joseph West). The parcel was bordered on the east (or southeast) by Lot No.10 and on the northwest by "that part of Barleywood farm conveyed to Richard Burloughs for 177 acres."⁶ The Barleywood Farm appears to have been carved from the tract (either "Locust Grove" or "Resurvey on Maryland" Lot No.10) on the west side of the Petersville to Berlin road, probably in the early 19th century.⁷ Williams describes "an Episcopal female school for girls at 'Barleywood' near

¹ Thomas J. C. Williams, *History of Frederick County Maryland*. Vol. 2, (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967, originally published in 1910), p. 1345.

² Williams, Vol. 1, p. 333.

³ This could be fairly easily cleared up with further deed research and research of the land patents and surveys at the Frederick County Courthouse.

⁴ Copy of this Frederick Co. Land record does not have the book number on it, this must be acquired to use this reference, check index for 1817 between Erasmus West et al and the State of Maryland.

⁵ Survey for Iverson and Carmen Cameron, Frederick Co. Land Record Liber 1137, Folio 715, 25 November 1999; also Frederick Co. Land Record Liber CM 9, Folio 496, Frederick Co. Courthouse, Frederick, MD.

⁶ Liber CM 9, Folio 496.

⁷ This information seems to have come from personal communication from a member of the Claggett family now living at Barleywood. Whether Barleywood was on Locust Grove or Merryland Lot No. 10 is not at all clear but could be determined with deed research prior to 1872.

Petersville," established in 1835, indicating the farm began to break up as early as 1835.⁸ While no buildings are mentioned in the 1872 deed, the parcel, measuring 9 acres, 1 rood, 37 square perches, was sold for \$2,666.66, indicating a valuable small parcel, possibly containing a tenant house. In 1878, the West sisters, listed as living in New York City, sold the nine-acre parcel to Alice J. and Mary F. Giddings, of Frederick County. For \$2,500, the Giddings received "as tenants in Common all that piece or parcel of Land, with the buildings and improvements thereon . . ."⁹ By 1881, Mary F. Giddings had married James H. W. Blake and moved with her sister to Jefferson County, West Virginia. Their deed, dated February 1, 1881, sold the nine acre parcel, "being the same land and premises which were conveyed to the said Mary F. Blake (formerly Giddings) and the said Alice J. Giddings . . ." to Patrick McGill West for \$5,000.¹⁰ The doubling of the price of the land in three years may indicate that some improvement was done on the property during this time. West took a \$1,200 mortgage on the property on February 10, 1881. He retained the property for 19 years; on March 8, 1900 Patrick M. West and his wife Eleanora sold the nine-acre parcel to Emma and Solomon Blessing for \$1,000. The Blessings, in return, sold on the same day, a lot in Brunswick to the West's for \$1,000.¹¹

The subject property then passed through several owners in 1906, 1909 and 1913, being purchased for insubstantial sums with "other considerations" which give no clue as to changes in the value of the property. However, in October 1913, Samuel and Jane C. Claggett bought the nine-acre parcel from Vincent and Annie Kepler. According to Williams, Samuel Claggett, married to Jeanette Chew in 1906, and was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (West) Claggett. He was educated as a Doctor of Medicine and settled in the Petersville District around 1910, at his home called "Oakland."¹² According to Tom Claggett "Oakland" was another property located somewhere in the district and is not the subject property. Unfortunately by 1920, Samuel Claggett had died and his widow sold the property to Howard and Mabel Jones (again for an insubstantial sum, \$5.00, and other considerations, giving no clue to a change in value). The property remained in the possession of the Jones family for 57 years (it was reduced to seven acres by 1963) until the heirs of Howard Jones sold it to Iverson and Carmen Cameron in 1981. The Cameron's then sold the parcel to the present owners, Joan Porter and Michael Wozny, in 1999.

Property Evaluation:

The architectural evidence plus the documentary history of this property suggest a construction date of approximately 1920. The Colonial Revival style and architectural details certainly mark the house as constructed in the early 20th century. Certain features, such as the use of six over one light windows and the parlor fireplace with its more craftsman influenced appearance with the corbelled brickwork are indicative of ca. 1920

⁸ Williams, Vol. 1, p. 333. A check of documents such as a will or equity court records pertaining to Levin West, if available may provide additional information.

⁹ Frederick Co. Land Record Liber TG 9, Folio 15.

¹⁰ Frederick Co. Land Record Liber AF 2, Folio 701 and 702.

¹¹ Frederick Co. Land Record Liber DHH 5, Folio 520.

¹² Williams, Vol. 2, p. 1345.

workmanship. This is true as well of the paneled surface of the newel post and the two-panel doors found throughout the house. The research shows that the Jones family acquired the property in 1920. According to informant Tom Claggett, widow Jones built the house. However, the fact that this piece of property was parceled off much earlier, and the property value was consistently fairly high, could indicate that there was some sort of improvement on the property prior to the present dwelling.

The property is significant for its architecture as an excellent an highly intact example of a high style Colonial Revival country dwelling.

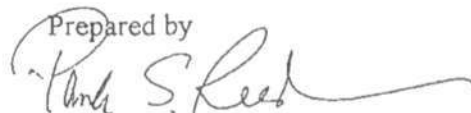
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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 7.07
Acreage of historical setting 7.07
Quadrangle name Harpers Ferry Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Congruent with Tax Map 91, Parcel 147. Original parcel was 9 acres, purchased by Samuel Claggett in 1913. Reduced to 7 acres by 1963.

11. Form Prepared by

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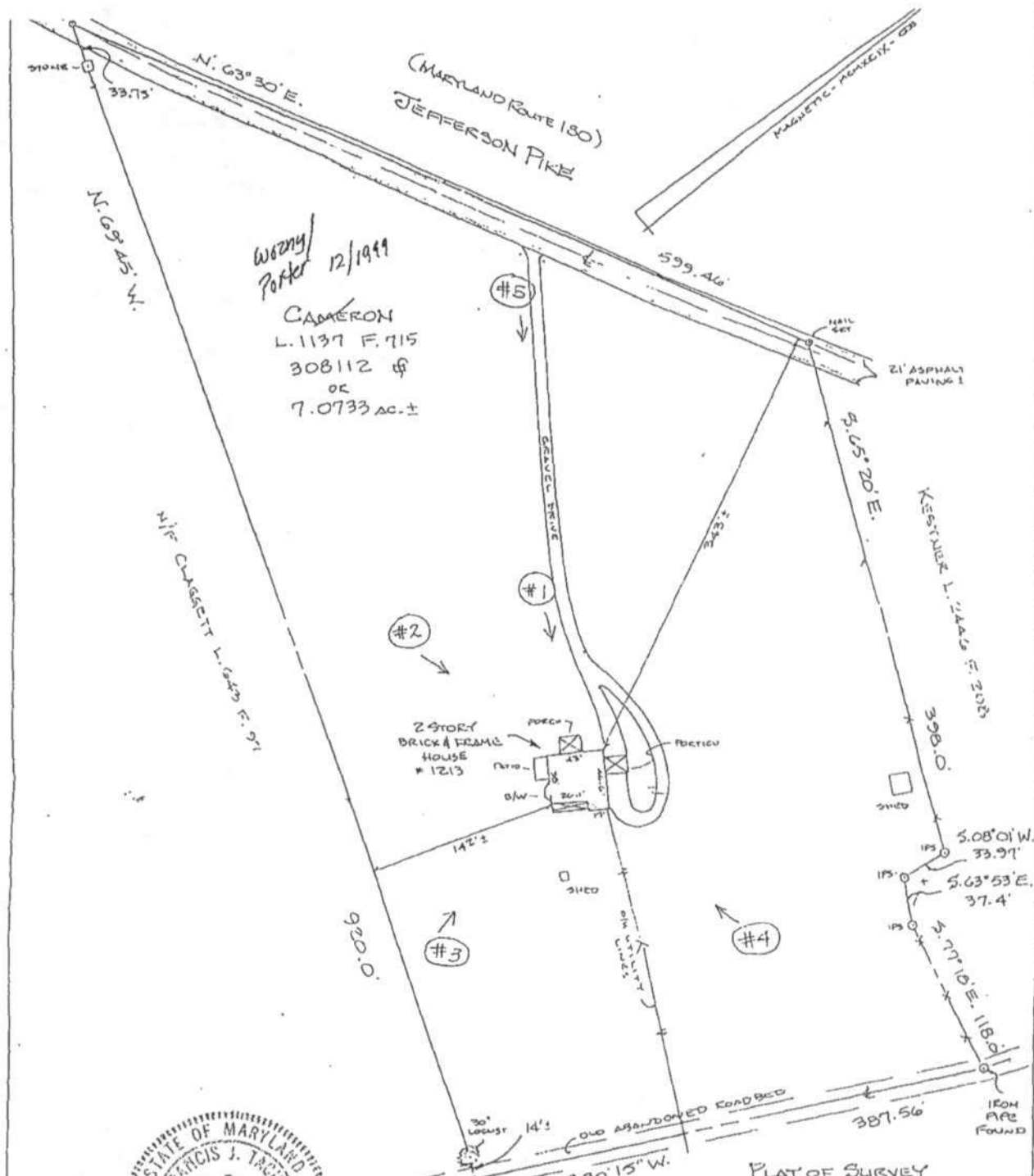
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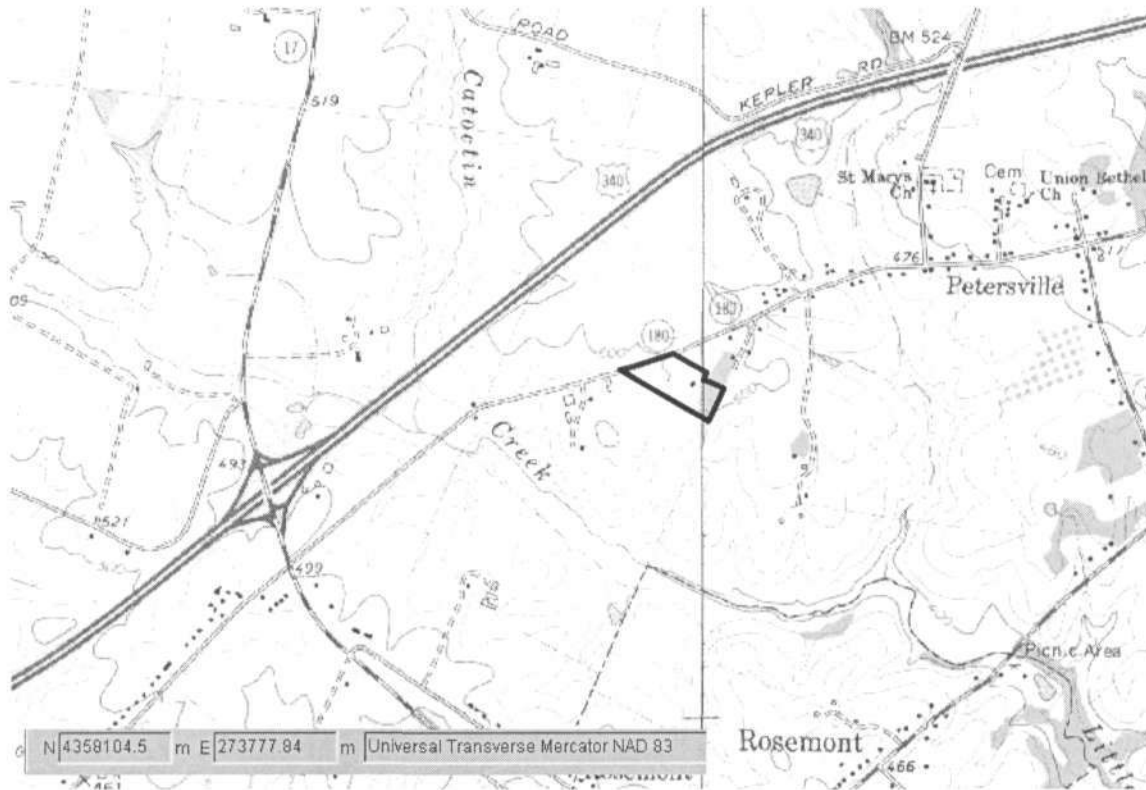
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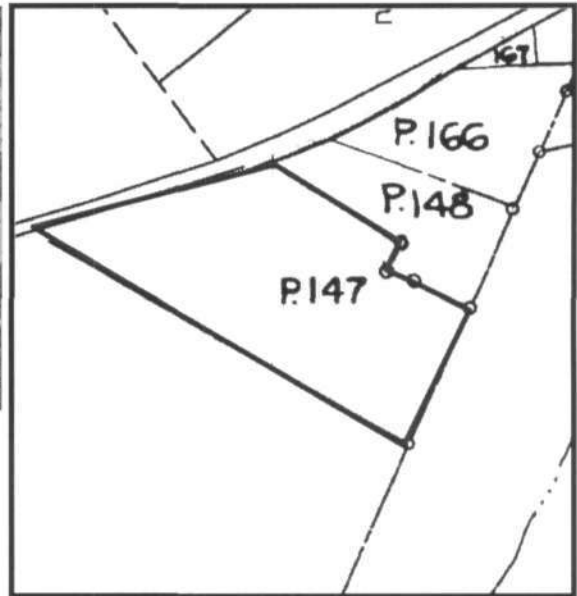
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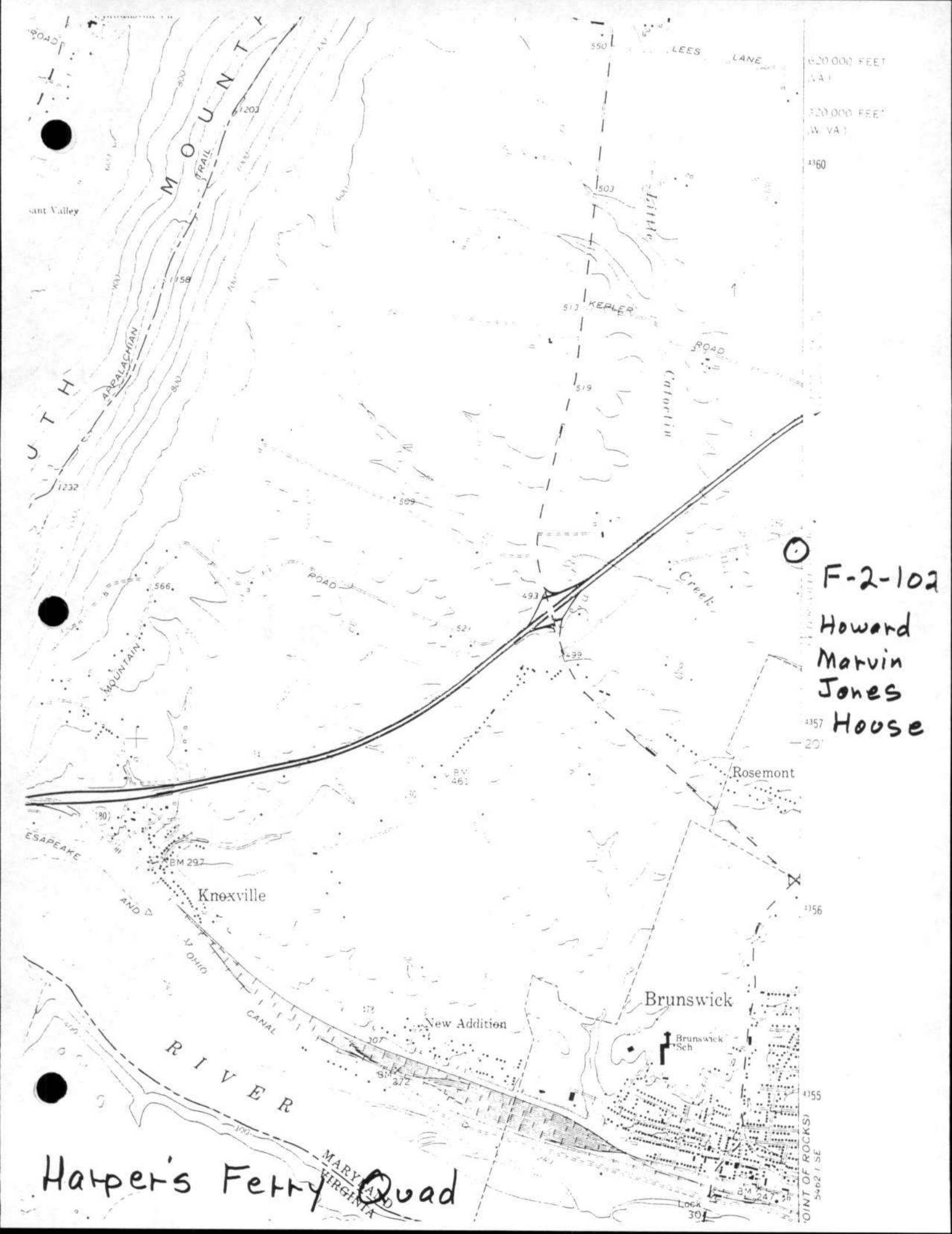
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Harpers Ferry Quadrangle (& Point of Rocks Quad)



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Tax Map 92, p. 147





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