

SMYRNA

Duck Creek, Kent Co. Del.

Scale 25 rods to the inch

BEERS ATLAS, DETAIL
1868

J. M. V.

Historic marker dedicated at former school



The Delaware Public Archives unveiled a new historical marker in Smyrna on March 2. This marker, located at 110 South Street, stands in front of a building that once served as a school for local students. Pictured, from left: 28th District Representative Bruce Ennis; Russ McCabe, director of the Delaware Public Archives; and Marty and LuAnn Maxey, the owners of the residence. (Photo by Seth Clevenger)

Maxey home was once School District #5

A group of Smyrna residents and representatives from the Delaware Public Archives met on March 2 at the home of Marty and LuAnn Maxey to unveil a new historic marker at the site.

The Maxeys' home, located at 110 South Street in Smyrna, was once a school for local students during the 1800s.

This wooden building, along with an adjoining brick building, served the students of the Delaware's School District #5 until a new school was completed

in 1884.

With the new school in place, the wooden portion of the old school was moved to face Cummins Street and converted into a private home. In 1936, this wooden building was transferred to its present location on South Street.

Mr. Maxey said he was proud of the marker and the research that went into it.

"This does mean a lot," he said. "It's a piece of his-

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Historic marker dedicated in Smyrna

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tory. The town deserves it.”

Russ McCabe, director of the Delaware Public Archives, said researchers had to dig deep to discover the history of the building and document an important piece of Smyrna history.

“Many generations of Smyrna didn’t have a clue it was a place of learning for local students,” McCabe said. “This is public history.”

28th District Representative Bruce Ennis was also on hand for the ceremony.

“The Maxeys were passionate about having a historical marker at this location,” he said.

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Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.*

Text of historic marker:

SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

In 1829 the Delaware General Assembly enacted legislation resulting in the establishment of a public school system. The state was subdivided into local districts. One of these was School District #5, which was created to serve the needs of students in this area. In 1854 a two-story brick schoolhouse was erected at this location to supplant the outgrown frame structure used since the district’s creation. After the consolidation of several local districts in 1881, a new school was constructed at a nearby site on the opposite side of South Street. Upon its completion in 1884, the District #5 property was sold. The brick building was converted for use as a home. It was later dismantled. The school’s frame attachment was moved to the back of the lot to face Cummins Street, where it also was renovated for use as a private residence. In 1936 the wooden structure that had once served as a place of learning for local students was again moved to its present location at 110 South Street. Delaware Public Archives – 2007

D. E. D. Thomas Maberry & others, to, Jacob Penington.

This Indenture made the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, between Thomas Maberry, Israel Peterson, John A. Dickson, Querry Stearns, and Benjamin Smith Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna as a body Politic and Corporate by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware passed January thirtieth eighteen hundred and twenty four, all of Smyrna Kent County and State of Delaware of the one part, and Jacob Penington of Smyrna County and State of Delaware of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of eighty three dollars lawful money of the United States of America, paid to them by the said Jacob Penington before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof and themselves thereof satisfied, they the said Trustees as aforesaid do hereby acknowledge, Have given, granted, bargained, sold, conveyed released and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell and release contrary and confirm unto the said Jacob Penington, his heirs and assigns forever, all that lot or parcel of ground, situated lying and being in the Town of Smyrna Kent County and State of Delaware, which they purchased of Benjamin Coombe and Ann, his wife as Pruded bearing date March the twentieth eighteen hundred and twenty eight, except so much thereof as the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna hath decided to the Trustees of the Mechanics Academy of Smyrna. The part now hereby conveyed begins with at a stake on the south East side of a twenty foot road laid out for the perpetual use and benefit of the adjoining owners, and is commonly called or known by the name of Holders road or Street Cornu also for the lot of the Trustees of the Mechanics Academy of Smyrna, and from thence south forty eight degrees West five perches and twenty eight hundredths to a stake a corner of Mary Walker, widow of George Walker, Down, and from thence with said line south thirty eight and one fourth degree East nineteen perches and three tenths to a stake and from thence North forty eight degrees East eight perches and thirty five hundredths to a stake in the line of Robert Wilson, heirs, from thence with said line North thirty eight and one fourth degree West twelve perches and three tenths to a stake a corner of Trustees of Mechanics Academy of Smyrna's lot, from thence with line of said lot South forty eight degrees West three perches and seven tenths to a stake and corner of said Trustees of Mechanics Academy lot, and from thence North thirty eight and one fourth degree West seven perches to place of Beginning containing one hundred and thirty four perches and one tenth of a perch, and all the buildings, fixtures, and improvements, ways, easements, tenements, privies, and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the possession, revenues, remainders, remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof and all the estate, title, claim, down and possibility of claim, down, or right of them the aforesaid Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna in to and out of the same, To Have and To Hold all the aforesaid lot and premises with the appurtenances to the said Jacob Penington, his heirs and assigns forever, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Jacob Penington, his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna and each of them for themselves and each of them and the heirs, executors and administrators of them and each of them do grant and covenant to and with the said Jacob Penington, his heirs and assigns that they the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna and each of them and the heirs, executors and administrators of them, their and each of them, the aforesaid lot of ground and premises, with the appurtenances to him the said Jacob Penington, his heirs and assigns against themselves the aforesaid Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna and each of them and the heirs of them and each of them and the heirs of each of them, and all persons claiming or to claim from through by or under them or either of them or the heirs of them or either of them

shall and will warrant and forever defend. In Witness whereof the said Trustees of the Methu-
in Democratic Society of Bryanshampton, set their hands and seals the day and date
herein first written.

Signed sealed & deliv'd
in presence of us. M. D. The
undersigned "Notaries Public" and
of signing and delivery.
Witness
Mrs Green.
Thomas Dickson.

Thomas Mabury
Israel Pilson
John A. Dickson
Denny Stinson
Benjamin Smith

Received the day of the date of the within and foregoing Indenture eighty three dollars the consideration money for the
within and foregoing spirit & land and premises with the appurtenances.

Attest
Mrs Green.
Thomas Dickson.

Thomas Mabury
Israel Pilson
John A. Dickson
Denny Stinson
Benjamin Smith

State of Delaware s^t: Be it remembered that on the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty before me Jacob Stout one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of this
State of Delaware Thomas Mabury, Israel Pilson, John A. Dickson, Denny Stinson, and Benjamin Smith
appeared in the foregoing Indenture and parties thereto, came in their proper persons and severally acknowledged
the said Indenture to be their act and deed respectively and desired that the same might be recorded as such.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year aforesaid.

Jacob Stout. J.

I received this deed to record this twenty third day of March A. D. eight hundred and forty seven.

James B. Catton County

A true Copy recorded and compared with the original
Attest, James B. Catton, County

D E D. Eli K. Price, to, Caleb H. Sipple.

This Indenture made the twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty seven, between Eli K. Price of the City of Philadelphia and State of
Pennsylvania, and Anna E. his wife of the one part, and Caleb H. Sipple of the Town of Dover, Kent
County and State of Delaware of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Eli K. Price and Anna
E. his wife, for and consideration of three hundred and seventy five dollars, lawful money of the
United States of America, paid to them by the said Caleb H. Sipple before the sealing and deliv-
ery of these presents, the receipt whereof and themselves thereof satisfied, the said Eli K. Price
and Anna E. his wife, do, and each of both, hereby acknowledge, give and each of them hath
granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these
presents do, and each of them both grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm
unto the said Caleb H. Sipple his heirs and assigns all that certain house and lot of ground
situated in the said Town of Dover formerly the property of a certain Samuel O. Fisher of the City
of Philadelphia, and agreeably to the survey thereof returned to the Orphans Court of Kent
County aforesaid, in the division of the real estate of the said Samuel O. Fisher (deceased)
is bounded and contained within the following metes and bounds - to wit "beginning in the
south edge of the Green or public square in the Town of Dover, opposite the range of the buildings
on the east side of main or King Street, and at a corner of a lot of Martin M. Bates, Esquire, &
then the same runs with said Bates line, south thirtion and three quarters degrees East

D E D. Elizabeth Haughey, to School District n^o 5 in Kent County.
Consideration \$140:00.

This Indenture made this tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, Between Elizabeth Haughey of the Town of Annapolis in Duck Creek Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware of the one part - and School District n^o five in Kent County (the said District being in Duck Creek Hundred aforesaid) of the other part - Witnesseth That the said Elizabeth Haughey for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and forty dollars lawfull money of the United States of America to her in hand paid at or before the inscaling and delivery hereof the receipt whereof she doth hereby acknowledge, Hath given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, infroffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents she the said Elizabeth Haughey doth give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, infroff, release, convey and confirm unto the said School District n^o five in Kent County all that lot or parcel of ground and premises situated, lying and being in the Town of Annapolis aforesaid, Beginning at a stake

on the South East side of a twenty foot road, laid out for the perpetual use and benefit of the adjoining owners and is commonly called or known by the name of Heldens road or street, corner also for the lot of the Trustees of the Mechanics Academy of Smyrna, and from thence running South forty eight degrees West five perches and twenty eight hundredths of a perch to a stake a corner for lands laid off to the widow of George Walker dec'd for down in his estate, thence with said line South thirty eight and a fourth degrees East nineteen perches and three tenths to a stake, and from thence North forty eight degrees East eight perches and thirty five hundredths to a stake in the line of Robert Wilsons heirs, from thence with said line North thirty eight and one fourth degrees West twelve perches and three tenths to a stake a corner of the lot of the said Trustees of the Mechanics Academy of Smyrna, from thence with the line of said lot South forty eight degrees West three perches and seven tenths to a stake and corner of said last mentioned lot, and from thence North thirty eight and one fourth degrees West seven perches to the place of Beginning containing one hundred and thirty four perches and one tenth of a perch of land to the same more or less: — it being the same lot of ground and premises which Benjamin Corbin dec'd and Annas wife by their Indentures duly executed and acknowledged, and recorded in the office for recording of deeds at Dover in Kent County a/c in Book C Vol. 3^d folio 194 sold and conveyed to the Trustees of the Mechanics Association, Society of Smyrna, and which the said Trustees, viz. Thomas Mabury, Isaac Peterson, John A. Dickson, Emory Stevenson and Benjamin Smith by their Indentures duly executed and acknowledged bearing date the 1st day of February A. D. 1830 and recorded in the said office sold and conveyed to Jacob Cunningham now deceased, who by his last will and testament of record in the office of the Register of Wills & in and for Kent County aforesaid devised the same by the residuary clause of said Will (he being seized of the same at the time of making his said will and at his death) to the said Elizabeth Haughy in fee. — Together with all and singular the buildings fixtures and improvements, ways, waters, easements, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the provisions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, property, interest, claims and demand of the said Elizabeth Haughy of in and to the said above described lot or parcel of ground, tenements, hereditaments, and premises and every part and parcel thereof, To Have and To Hold the said lot or parcel of ground, tenements, hereditaments and premises herewith above described & conveyed with all and singular the appurtenances unto the said School District No five in Kent County forever, to and for the use of the said School District forever. In Witness whereof the said Elizabeth Haughy hath hereunto set her hand and affixed her seal the day and year first herein written.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of us — the word "witness" having been first interlined on the 28th line above.

Elizabeth Haughy. 

D. Lockwood.
B. Spangler &

Received on the day of the date of the foregoing Indenture from Brock Spangler the sum of one hundred and forty dollars in full of the consideration money therein expressed.

Elizabeth Haughy.

Witness,
D. Lockwood.
B. Spangler &

State of Delaware & Be it remembered that on the tenth day of April in this year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, before me David Lockwood a Notary and Notable Public Notary in the Town of Smyrna in the County of Kent aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified and authorized by law to take the acknowledgements of deeds and the private examinations of jurats, personally appeared Elizabeth Haughy the Heiress named in the foregoing Indenture, and acknowledged the said Indenture to be her act and deed, perfectly and lawfully and desired that it might be recorded. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, my official seal, and date the same day and year above written.

D. Lockwood, Not. Pub. Del.

fifty dollars per annum - We estimate the number of children in the 4th district between the ages of five years and twenty one years to be seventy

^{five}
School District No. 5 - Is situate in Duck Creek hundred including a part of the town of Smyrna: Beginning at the mouth of Cook's gut on the East side of Peterson's mill pond, and from thence running in a South Easterly direction to the Northernmost corner of a farm belonging to Dr Thomas Jamison now in tenure of Anderson Melvin, from thence running in a Northerly direction to the head of Carmin's gut alias Pearman's branch. thence down said gut or branch to Mill

The Lorry boat and boat of Appad designate this district as No 5 and appoint the Mechanics Academy as the place of meeting of the School voters.

creek, thence down said creek to Bothwell's bridge, thence in a southerly direction along the road to Smyrna and passing along Commerce Street through the city down to a place in the road leading from Smyrna by Jim Down to the Maryland line, where a line running South seventy six and a quarter degrees East from the mansion dwelling late of James Sibbitt dec^d, will intersect it (the city road) from thence running about South fifty-five degrees East passing a little South of the buildings on land of Isaac Davis Esq. which is now in tenure of William A Budd, also passing a little South of an old grave yard at the East side of the city Davis's farm to a large Chesnut tree at the edge of Peterson's mill pond, thence down the city mill pond to the place of Beginning. - A convenient place for the school voters of the last described district is at the Mechanics Academy - There are two schools in operation in the city district with thirty scholars each, the sum paid one of the teachers is three hundred dollars per annum - the sum paid to the other is one hundred and forty-two dollars per annum. We estimate the number of children in the city district between the ages of five years and twenty one years to be ninety. -

No. 6626

APPLICATION

OF

Sol. Dist. 5 and 107
(Tennessee)
Kent County Del

Apr 24 1880

Cancelled

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APPLICATION

of Belmont Dist. May 5, 1887

Office of Registers, etc., is David M. [unclear] of the County of [unclear] in the County of [unclear] and State of Delaware to the Kent County Mutual Insurance Company, (a Corporation existing under the Laws of the State of Delaware) for insurance against loss by Fire for the sum of One Thousand dollars, to wit: On

VALUE MAIN BUILDING AND ATTACHMENTS SEVERALLY. (In this blank state only the size and kind of building, number of stories, and distance to the nearest building.)

No.		ESTIMATED VALUE	INSURED VALUE	PREM. COST.	PREMIUM NOTE
	<i>one</i>				
	<i>A stone brick house built on a small lot with a veranda porch building attached to the main house in the middle of a large lot of ground situated between [unclear] and South [unclear] streets of [unclear] and is insured for one thousand dollars and is situated in the 5th District of the County of [unclear]</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>100</i>

When personal property, state where kept.

Applications on personal property must be particularly described. Instead of "etc." use a definite term, as the case may require; to illustrate, to cover merchandise not enumerated in full, add "and other goods in the line of business." The application and Note must be signed by owner of property, who will be fully bound by the application.

THE AGENT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A PERSONAL SURVEY.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY SURVEYOR AND ANSWERED BY APPLICANT.

Is the above estimate on building or buildings a cash valuation, not including the grounds? *A cash valuation without the land*
 State the size of cellar, if any, and how used? *A small cellar of about 12x14 for fuel*
 By whom owned? *By David M. [unclear]*
 By whom occupied, and for what purpose? *By the [unclear] of the [unclear] [unclear]*
 How warmed? *by stoves*
 Are the chimneys built from the ground? *If not, how? they are built from the ground*
 How are the stove-pipes secured? *by being let into brick flues*
 The distance the ashes are kept from the nearest building—how many yards?
 Location of pump or well? *A pump in the yard of the [unclear] business*
 If already insured, in what Company, and for what amount? *Not insured in any other Company*
 What kind of roof? *Shingle roof*
 Is there a trap-door, and easy access to roof from within? *Yes under [unclear]*
 Are buildings or building protected by lightning-rods? *Yes lightning rods*
 The above described property—where situated? *In [unclear] in the [unclear] lot*

Estimated value, \$1500 | Insured value, \$1500 | Premium Note, \$100 | Interest to 1st day of Jan'y next, \$112

The applicant hereby agrees that there is no understanding nor agreement for insurance, and further that notwithstanding the payment of above interest on Premium Note to January 1st next, that he has no claim on the Company by virtue of this application or otherwise, for any loss or damage by fire to the property above described, until the application is fully approved in accordance with the By-Laws of the Company

APPROVED

SURVEYOR

1887

APPLICANT

PRESIDENT

DIRECTORS

about 2 miles from Camden, in Kent Co. Del., and
known as the Woodside Mill

1879
July 1 \$400 - taken off of acct. and placed in a melting within
100 ft of mill - see app. in file.

School Districts Nos 5 & 107 Smyrna.

Apr 24 10 1 On a 2 story brick school house 40x24 with
a 1 story frame building attached 18x24 1300 1000

Cancelled
1881
Cancelled

Situated between Cummins, and South Sts Smyrna, Del.

James K. Torbert, Frankford

April 22 9 On a 2 story frame dwelling 16x24

1000 1100

Delaware St

Cummings St

Franklin St

James Pennington
F. Buckley & insured

insured in this company



School house
never been insured



W. W. Seabury's F. Stable
and is insured in this Co.

OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Proceedings of meeting.

poses herein mentioned shall include the necessary repairs or alterations of the present school-house. If such additional sum shall be authorized to be raised, two certificates of the proceedings of the meeting shall be made and signed by the chairman and secretary: one shall be immediately delivered to the secretary of the board of commissioners, the other to the Clerk of the Peace, of Sussex County, to be kept as a public record.

School committee's accounts and reports.

How exhibited.

Payment of money due.

Forfeited for non-payment.

SECTION 8. The respective school committees of the several School Districts Nos. 67, 96, 106 and 107, shall exhibit their account and report, as mentioned in Section 20, of Chapter 42, of the Revised Code, to the meeting of the school voters of said united districts, to be held on the first Saturday of April next, and shall pay to the said board of commissioners all money due from them; and if they neglect to do so for ten days they shall forfeit and pay to the said "The Board of Commissioners of the Public Schools of Georgetown, Sussex County," additionally, the rate of twenty-five per cent. on the sum due.

Passed at Dover, March 29, 1881.

CHAPTER 366.

OF FREE SCHOOLS.

Title. AN ACT to consolidate the Public Schools of the Town of Smyrna.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met (two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring) as follows:

Consolidation of School District Nos. 3 and 77, and Nos. 5 and 107, in Kent County.

Name. How governed.

SECTION 1. That on and after the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881, the United School District Nos. 3 and 77, and the United School District Nos. 5 and 107, in Kent County, as now bounded, or as they may hereafter be bounded, shall form one united school district by the name of the "Smyrna Public School," and shall be governed by a board of directors to be composed of seven members who shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Board of directors.

SECTION 2. That the "Board of Directors" of the said "Smyrna Public Schools" shall be constituted as follows: the two present commissioners of each of the said united districts Nos.

OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

3 and 77 and Nos. 5 and 107, whose terms of office will not expire on the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881, shall be members of the said "Board of Directors" until the time for which they were originally elected shall have expired: Two members of the said "Board of Directors" shall be elected by the School voters at the annual election to be held on the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881. That is to say: The school voters of united school district Nos. 3 and 77 shall at said annual election elect one member of the said "Board of Directors," and the school voters of the said united school district Nos. 5 and 107 shall also at said annual election elect one member of the said "Board of Directors," which two members of the said "Board of Directors" so elected on the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881, shall serve for the term of three years: The remaining member of the said board shall be elected by the other six members of the said board at the first meeting of the said Board which shall be held on the first Monday after the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881, and annually thereafter, and who shall serve for the term of one year. And thereafter the school voters in the said united district comprising Districts Nos. 3, 5, 77, and 107 shall meet at the brick school-house in united district Nos. 5 and 107, or in such other place as the said Board may appoint, on the first Saturday in April in each year, at 2 o'clock P. M., and hold an election for two members of the said "Board of Directors," who shall serve for the term of three years. In case of a tie vote at any election the presiding officer of such election shall give an additional vote.

How constituted for the present

Election of directors.

Terms of directors.

SECTION 3. That a majority of the board shall form a quorum, and any vacancy occasioned by non-election, death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the said board at any stated meeting for the whole or residue of the term, as the case may be; and if any member of the board, or any person elected a member thereof, shall absent himself from its stated meetings for three successive sessions without sufficient excuse, the board may, at its option, declare his place vacant, and may fill such vacancy as herein provided.

Quorum.
Vacancies.

SECTION 4. That the members of the said board shall be a corporation by the name of "The Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools," and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and shall have and possess all the powers, rights, privileges, and franchises of a corporation necessary and proper to establish and maintain good schools for the education of all the children within the district aforesaid, that are by law entitled to be educated in the public schools; and shall have full control of all the real and personal

Name of corporation.

Powers.

102. SMYRNA'S FIRST KINDERGARTEN BUILDING

An Act of Assembly in 1829 established the public school system in Delaware. As the result of that legislation, Smyrna was divided into two school districts, namely No. 3 and No. 5. By 1854 population expansion on the south side of Commerce Street necessitated the erection of a two-storey brick structure on West South Street. It was surrounded by a large yard. In the 1880's the kindergarten movement, originating in Germany, developed in the United States, and took hold in Smyrna in the latter years of that decade.

By that time a small frame Victorian cottage had been erected on Cummins Street on a part of No. 5's lot. According to oral tradition the ladies of the town organized the private kindergarten, and held classes in the cottage. Albeit the venture was short lived. Later the building was moved to West South Street and turned around.

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It is one of Smyrna's smallest Victorian Cottage structures. However, it is three bays wide on the first floor, one room deep, but two storeys high. The most unique feature being its twin separated dormer gables protruding from the A-shaped roof line. Windows were six over six. The porch was a later addition.

For many years it was a tenant property owned by the Short Estate. Recently it has been purchased by Elmer Gove.

SCHOOLS.—Probably the earliest school in Smyrna, and one which attained the most celebrity, was a Friends' school, known as the Southern Boarding school. The school exercises were performed in the building on Mt. Vernon Street, now owned by Mrs. M. Fidler, and the students boarded in the building now the residence of John Mustard. This institution was closed before 1825, and little can be learned concerning it.

By the first division of the county into school districts, according to the act of 1829, Smyrna formed a portion of Districts No. 3 and 5. Two frame school-houses were erected, one on North and the other on South Street. At a later date District No. 77 was created out of No. 3, and District 107 out of No. 5. No new buildings were erected in the new districts, but the schools conducted as before. In 1854 it was found necessary to provide more ample accommodations for the scholars, and the building on South Street was removed and a two-story brick structure, twenty-six by forty feet, erected. Both buildings are still standing, though no longer used for school purposes. The building in District No. 3 received several additions and alterations, and was used for school purposes until 1884. The growth of the schools and the advantages of the graded-school system led to the consolidation of the schools. In 1881 an act was passed enabling the commissioners to consolidate, and on April 4th of that year a meeting of the commissioners of Districts No. 3, 77, 5 and 107 was held, which resulted as follows: The board organized by electing George H. Raymond president; E. M. Cloak, secretary; P. Hoffecker treasurer. On July

13th of same year, George H. Raymond resigned his position as commissioner, and William M. Bell was chosen his successor.

In September 1881, L. Irving Handy was elected principal, which position he filled until 1887, when he resigned and accepted the position of superintendent of the public schools of Kent County. Pursuant to a notice given January 8, 1883, a meeting of the taxpayers was held January 19th for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a new school-house. At this meeting it was resolved, "That the Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools be, and hereby are, authorized and requested to ask from the General Assembly at its present session, an amendment to the act entitled an 'Act to Consolidate the Public Schools of Smyrna,' enabling the said Board of Directors to borrow, not exceeding the sum of sixteen thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a school-house in said district." The petition was granted, and on February 12th John H. Hoffecker, George W. Taylor, W. A. Faries and William M. Bell were appointed a committee to select a suitable site. A lot on the corner of Delaware and South Streets was selected and purchased of the heirs of Mr. Catts. The plan of a building, as draughted by C. E. Graham & Sons, of Wilmington, was adopted on April 3d.

The contract for the building was awarded to T. W. Farree & Bro., of Yorklyn, on the 2d of May. On May 29th William M. Bell, W. A. Faries and G. W. Taylor were appointed a building committee. The building was completed and accepted in January, 1884. It is a brick structure, cruciform in shape, having four transepts, each twenty-five by thirty-five feet, two stories high and forming eight rooms. The centre building is thirty-five feet square, three stories high, and is surmounted with a dome and belfry, making a total height of ninety-two feet. The total cost of the building was fourteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight dollars. The old school property was sold January 2d of that year. The land on South Street was divided into six lots, three of which were purchased by William M. Bell, two by J. C. Bailey and one by Mrs. Hannah Surgeon. The lot on North Street was purchased by W. W. Tschudy. In June, 1884, Edward B. Gordon and Harry R. Bell were graduated as the first alumni of the public schools. The first commencement exercises were held June 26, 1885, when a class of five was graduated. At the present time twenty-three have graduated. There are at the present time in the public schools eight departments.



..The Smyrna Public Schools..



The first free school in town was opened in a building on east Commerce street now owned as a place of residence by John W. Tucker formerly the Davis property. It was started by the young ladies of town prominent among whom were Mrs. Ann Spruance and the Misses Mary and Ann Patterson. It was incorporated as the Female Union Society, January 22, 1818, its object being to educate those who were unable to pay the tuition at the private schools. This institution was continued until the adoption of the public school system. When Kent County was divided into school districts according to the act of 1829, Smyrna formed that portion known as Districts No. 3 and No. 5. Two frame schoolhouses were erected, No. 3 being on North street now the residence of colored people and No. 5 being on

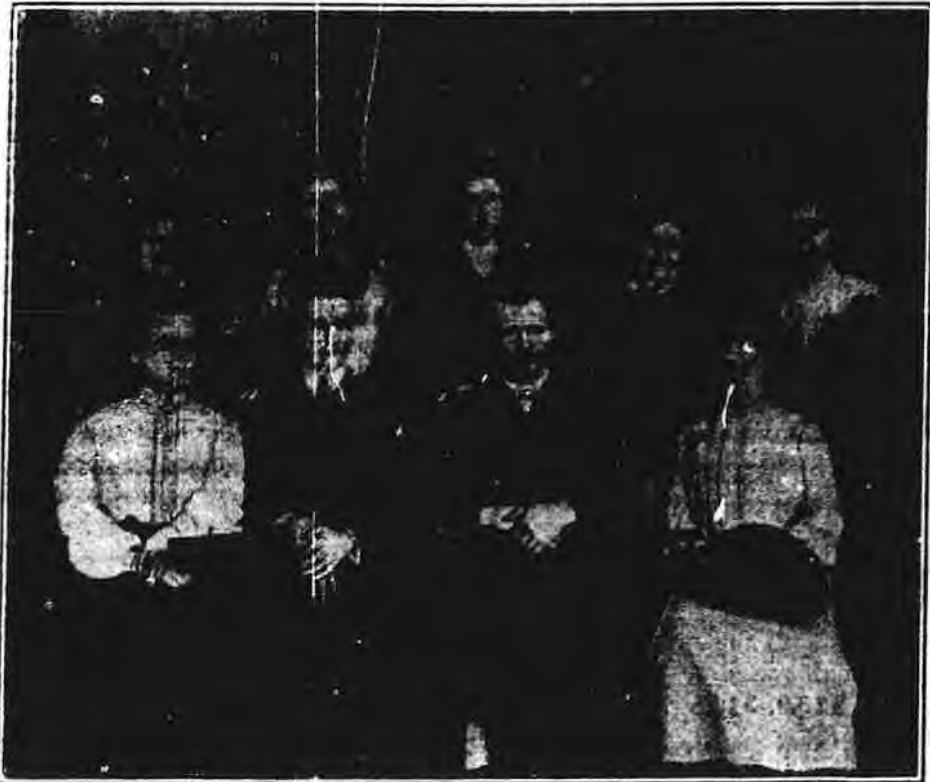
South street, now the residence of Nathaniel F. Wilds. At a later date district No. 77 was created out of No. 3 and No. 107 out of No. 5. In 1874, the year the SMYRNA TIMES was established, the frame structure known as No. 5 was supplanted by a two story brick schoolhouse, more commodious and better adapted to meet the increasing demand. The growth of the school and the advantages of the graded school system soon made itself felt and led up to the consolidation of the schools and the building of our magnificent school building.

Consolidation of the Smyrna Public School.

The act enabling the school commissioners to consolidate the schools was passed by the Legislature of 1881 and on April the 4th of the same year the commissioners of No. 3, 77, 5, and 107 met and effected an organization

with George H. Raymond as president, E. M. Cloak, secretary, and James P. Hoffecker treasurer. In July of the same year Mr. Raymond resigned the presidency and was succeeded by Mr. W. M. Bell who took an active interest in the cause of education and with John H. Hoffecker, were largely instrumental in getting the new school building. In fact the plan of our High School was originally thought out by Mr. Bell before it was given to the architects. Pursuant to a notice given July the 8, 1883 a meeting of the taxpayers was held for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a modern High School building and it was resolved to petition the legislature for the right to borrow \$16,000 for the purpose of building the new structure. The petition was granted February 12th and John H. Hoffecker, W. M. Bell, George W. Taylor and William A. Faries were appointed a committee to select a site. The contract was awarded to T. W. Farre and Bro., the second of May and on the 29th of May W. M. Bell, W. A. Faries and George W. Taylor were appointed a building committee. The lot was purchased of the heirs of Samuel Cutts, Sr., for \$1800 and the present magnificent edifice was hastened to an early completion, and was accepted and ready for occupancy in February 1884. The building is cruciform in shape, having four transepts, each 25x30 feet, two stories high and forming eight rooms. The centre building is 35 feet square, three stories high and is surmounted with a dome and belfry, making a total height of 92 feet. The third floor or Assembly Room is used as the department of the Principal. There are now nine departments and eleven grades.

At the opening of the new school building, February 1st, 1884, Mr. L. Irving Handy was Principal; Miss Elizabeth Parrott, 1st assistant; Miss Emma Hough, 2nd assistant; Miss Annie Doughten, 3rd assistant; Miss Elizabeth McDowell, 1st primary; Miss Katherine L. Storm, 2nd primary; and Miss Mary Spruance, 3rd primary. On June 29th 1885, Miss Carrie K. Budd was elected as teacher of the



FACULTY OF THE SMYRNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Left to Right, Top Row —Miss Emily Spruance, Miss Anna Beckett, Miss Lizzie McDowell, Miss Anna Middleton, Miss Mary Spruance.

Left to Right, Bottom Row —Miss Emma Hough, Vice Principal G. W. Payne, Principal J. P. Burdette, Miss Lizzie Parrott.

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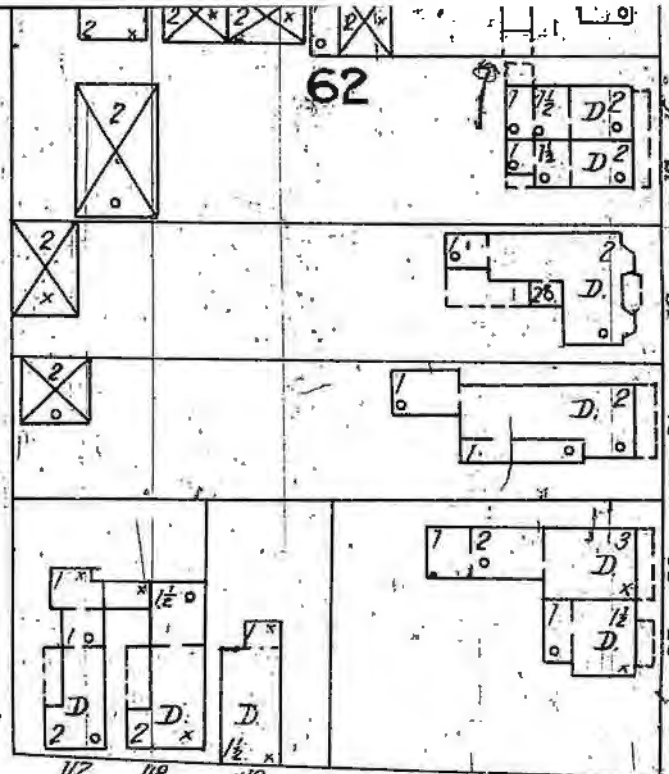
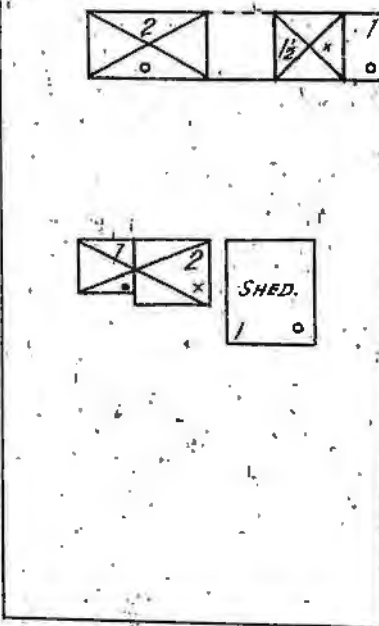
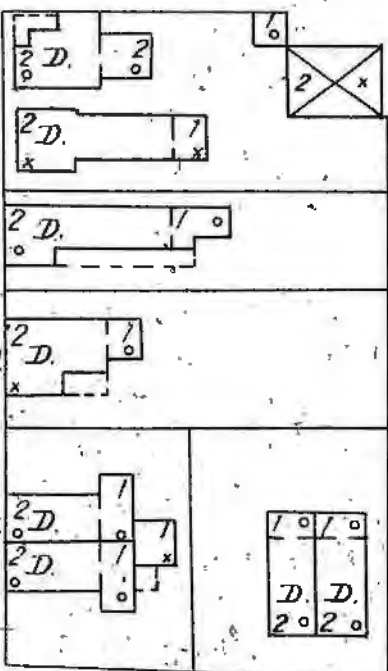
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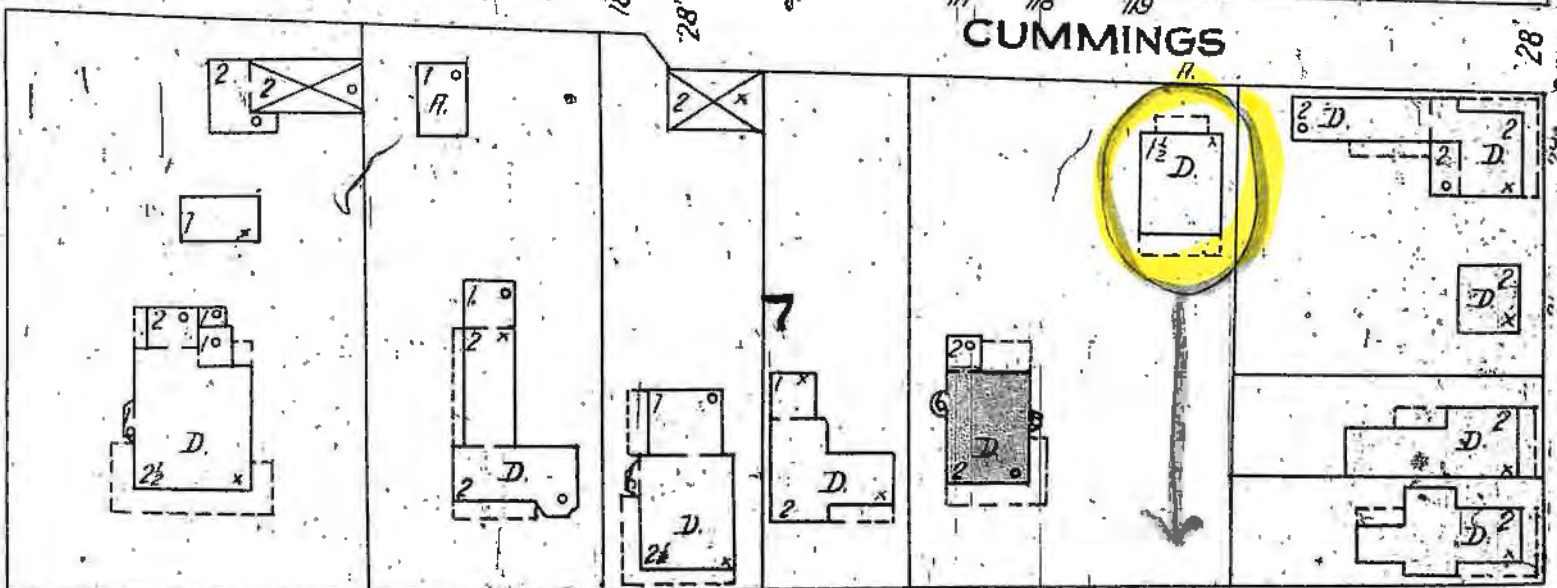
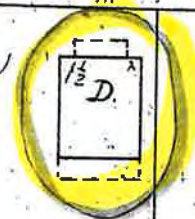
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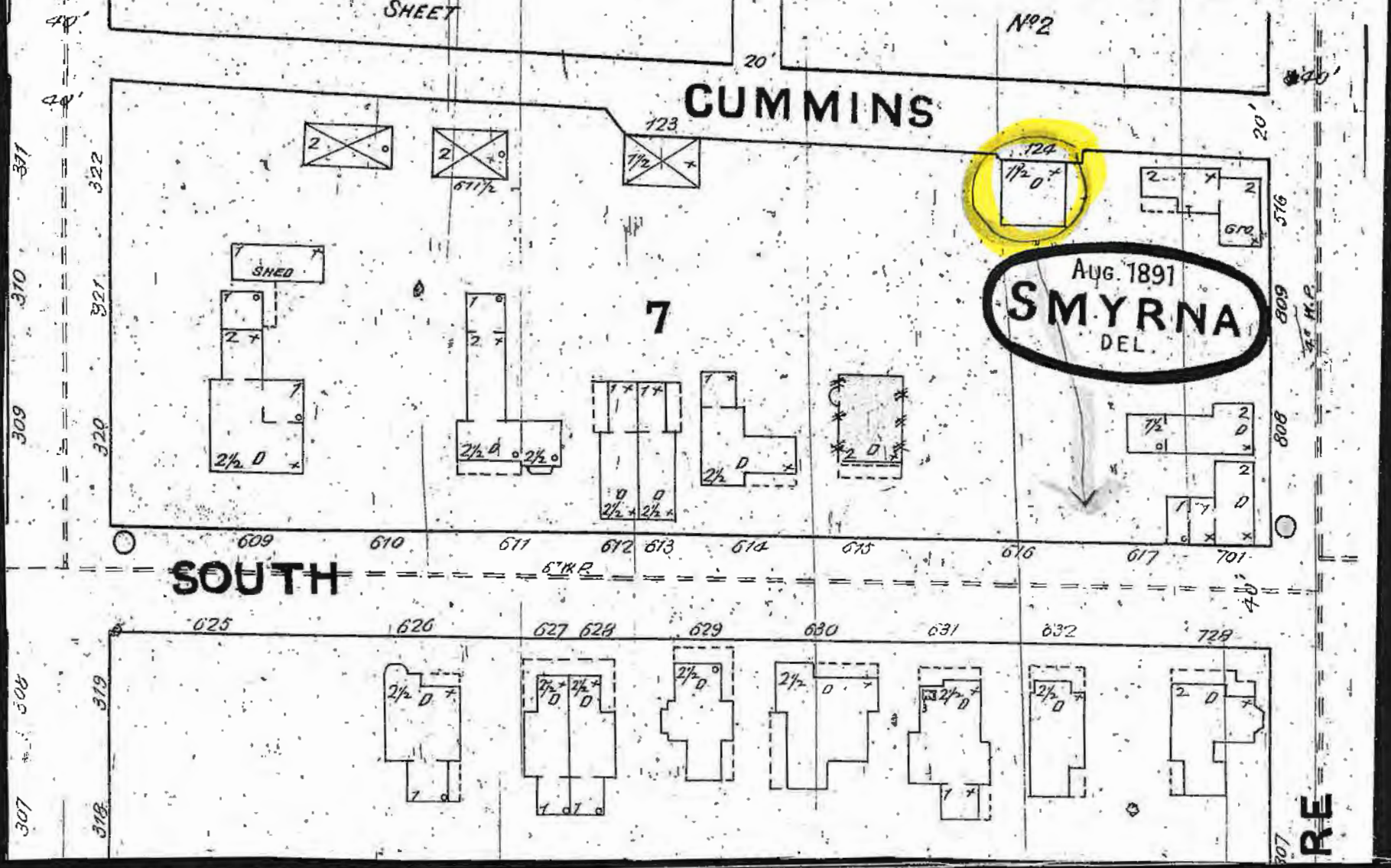
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METHODIST

SHYRLEY ST

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F. Budd

E. Levy
Harriet Park

Mrs. M. Dowell

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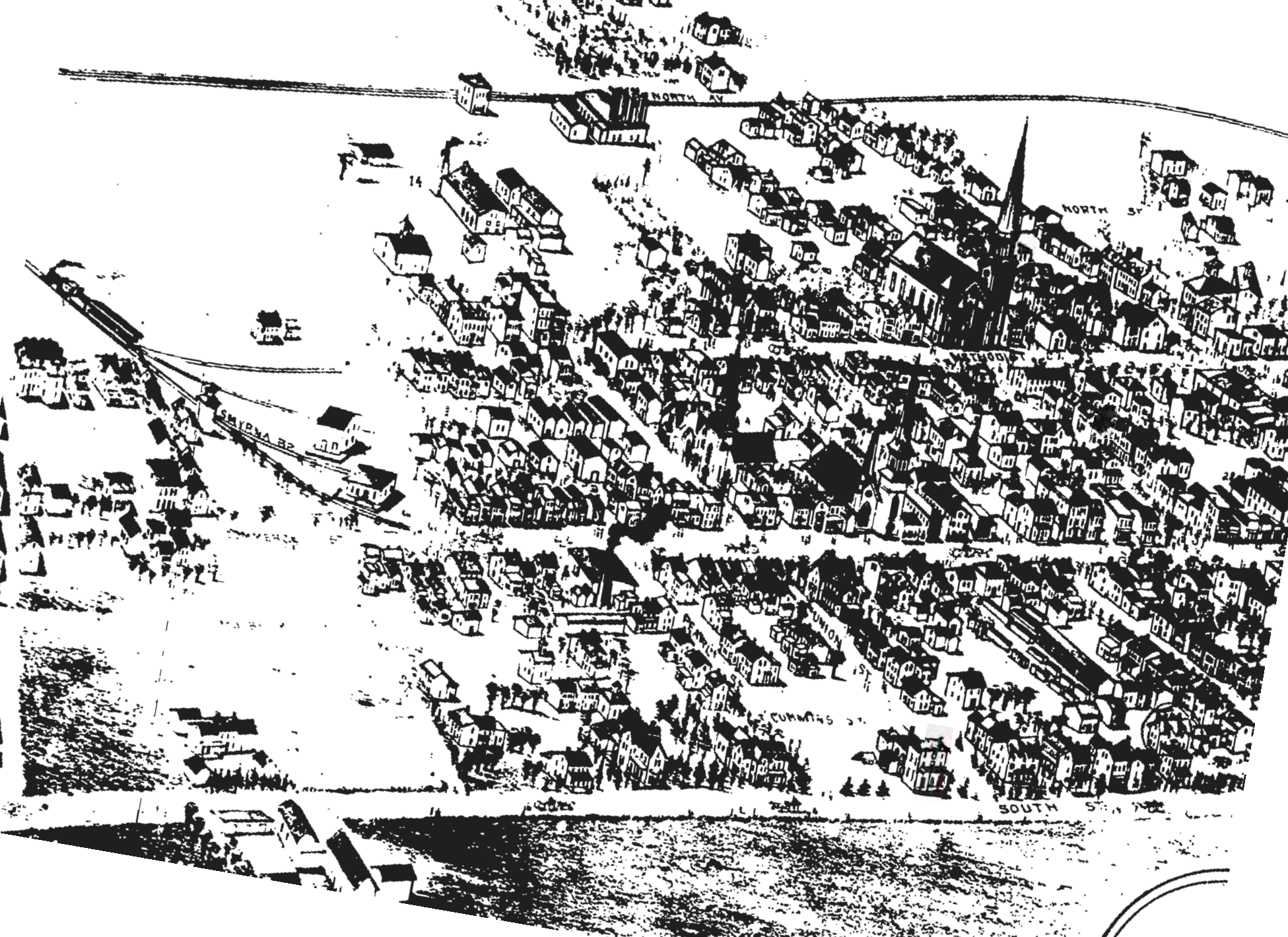
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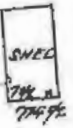
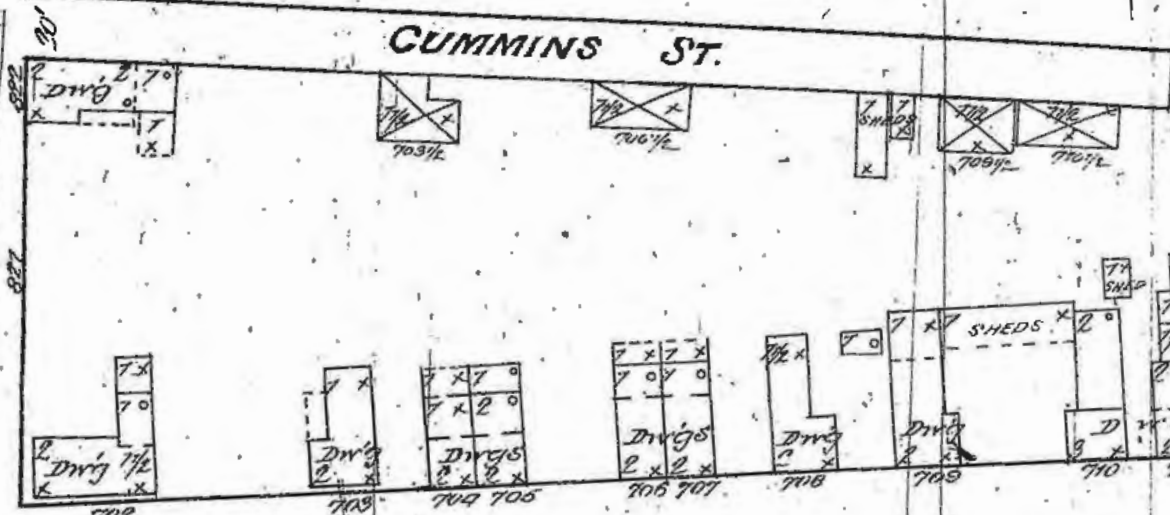
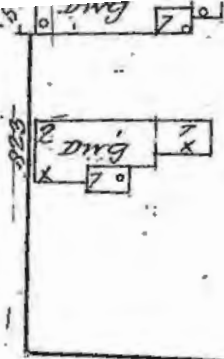
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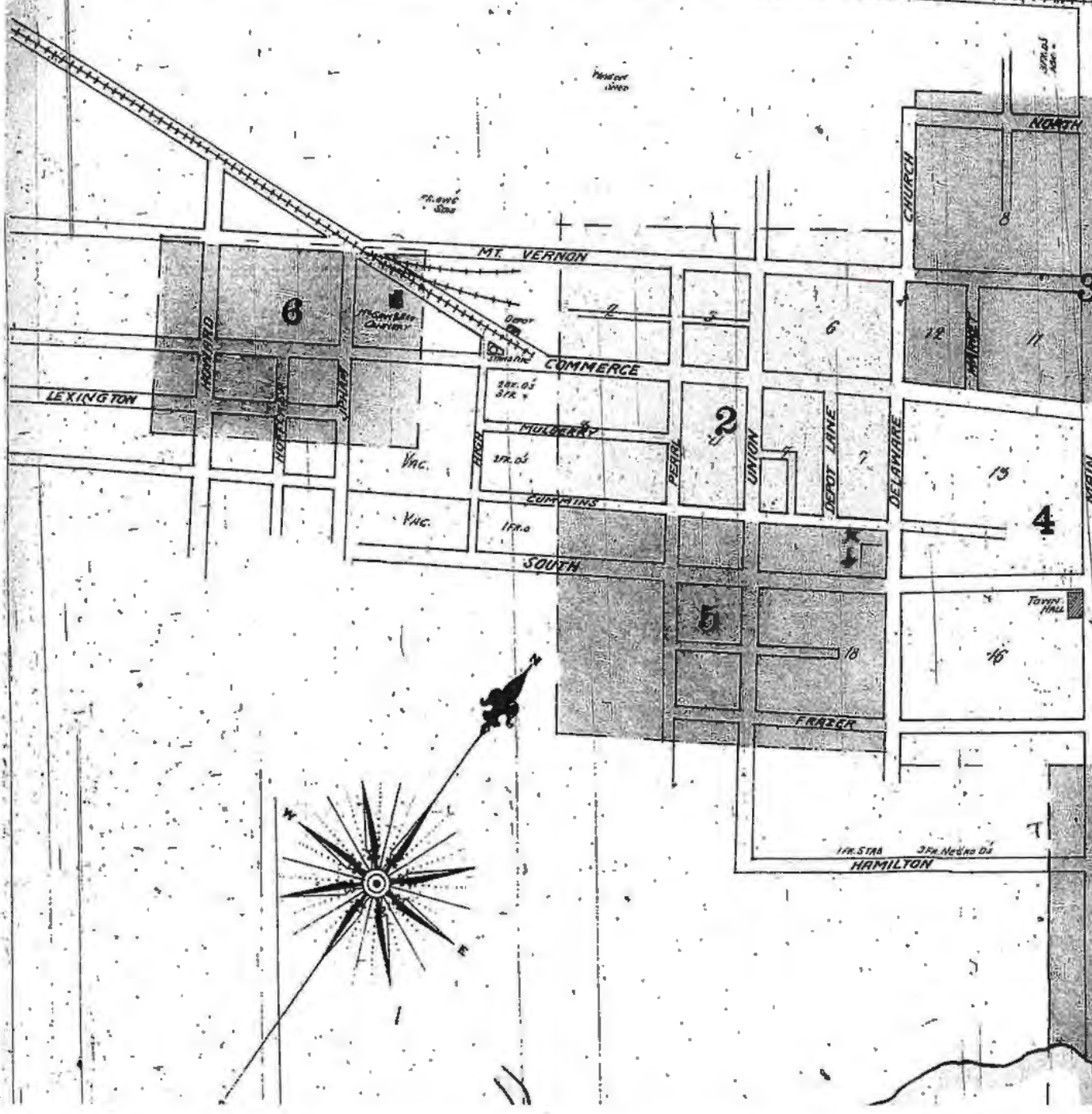
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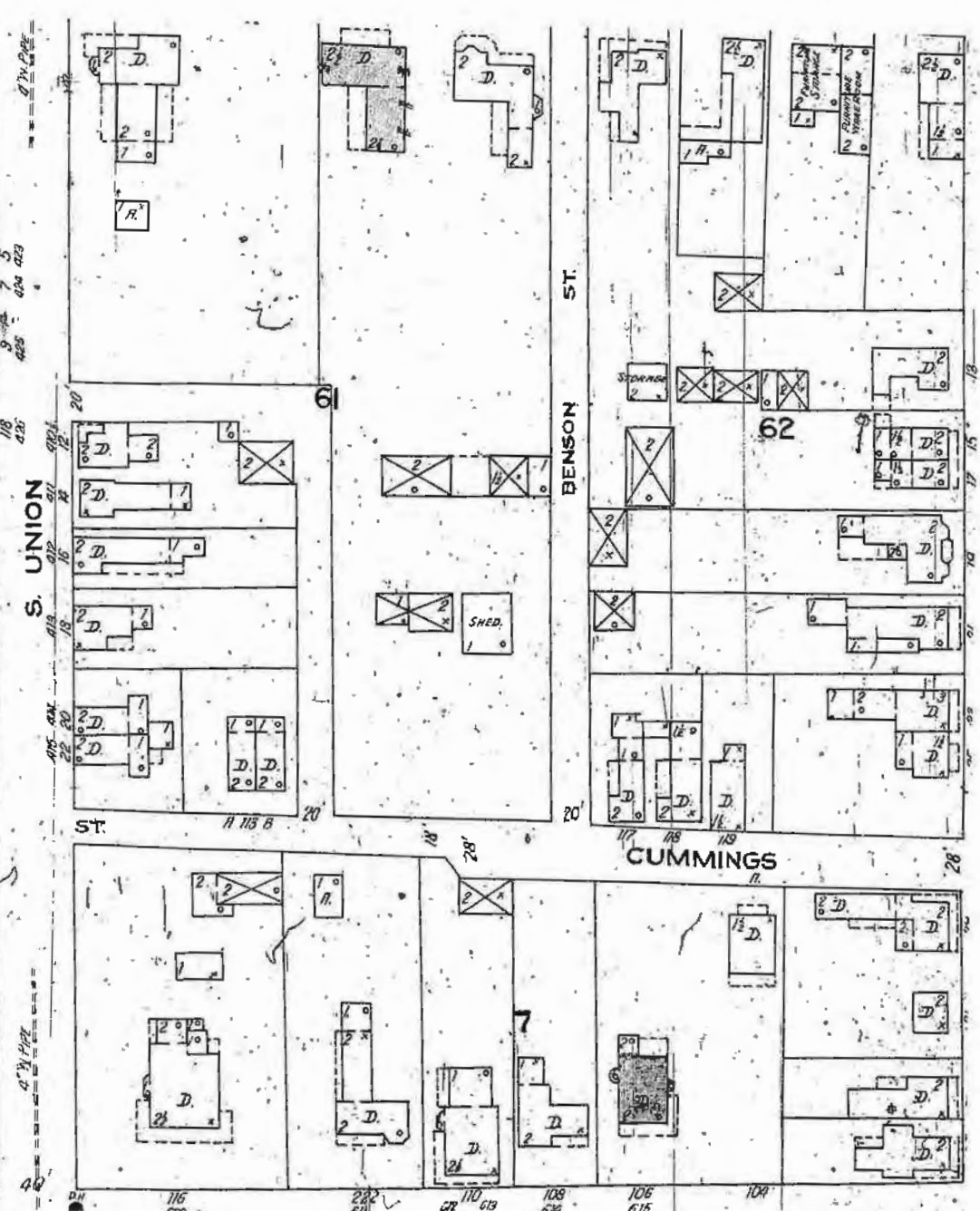
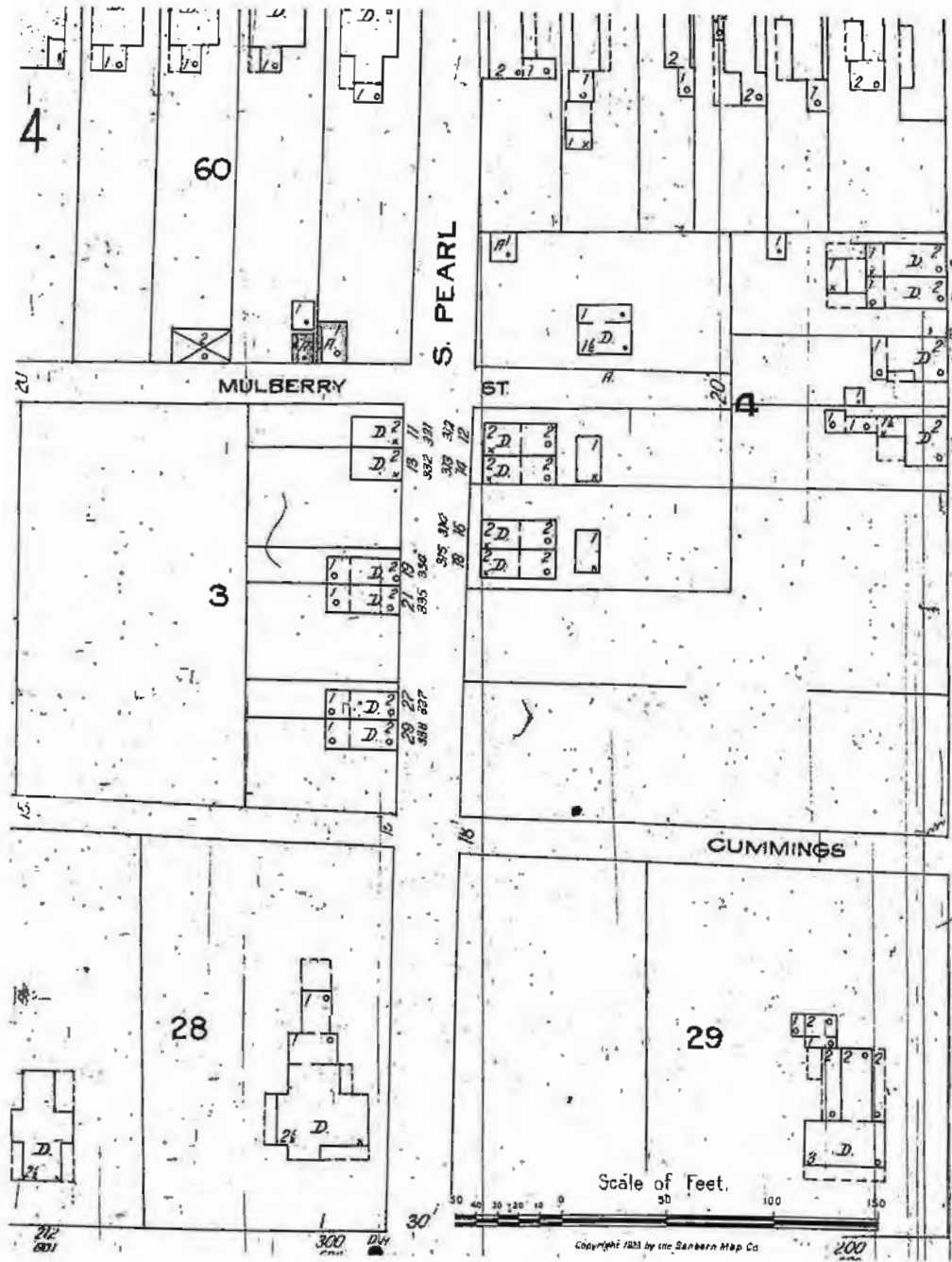
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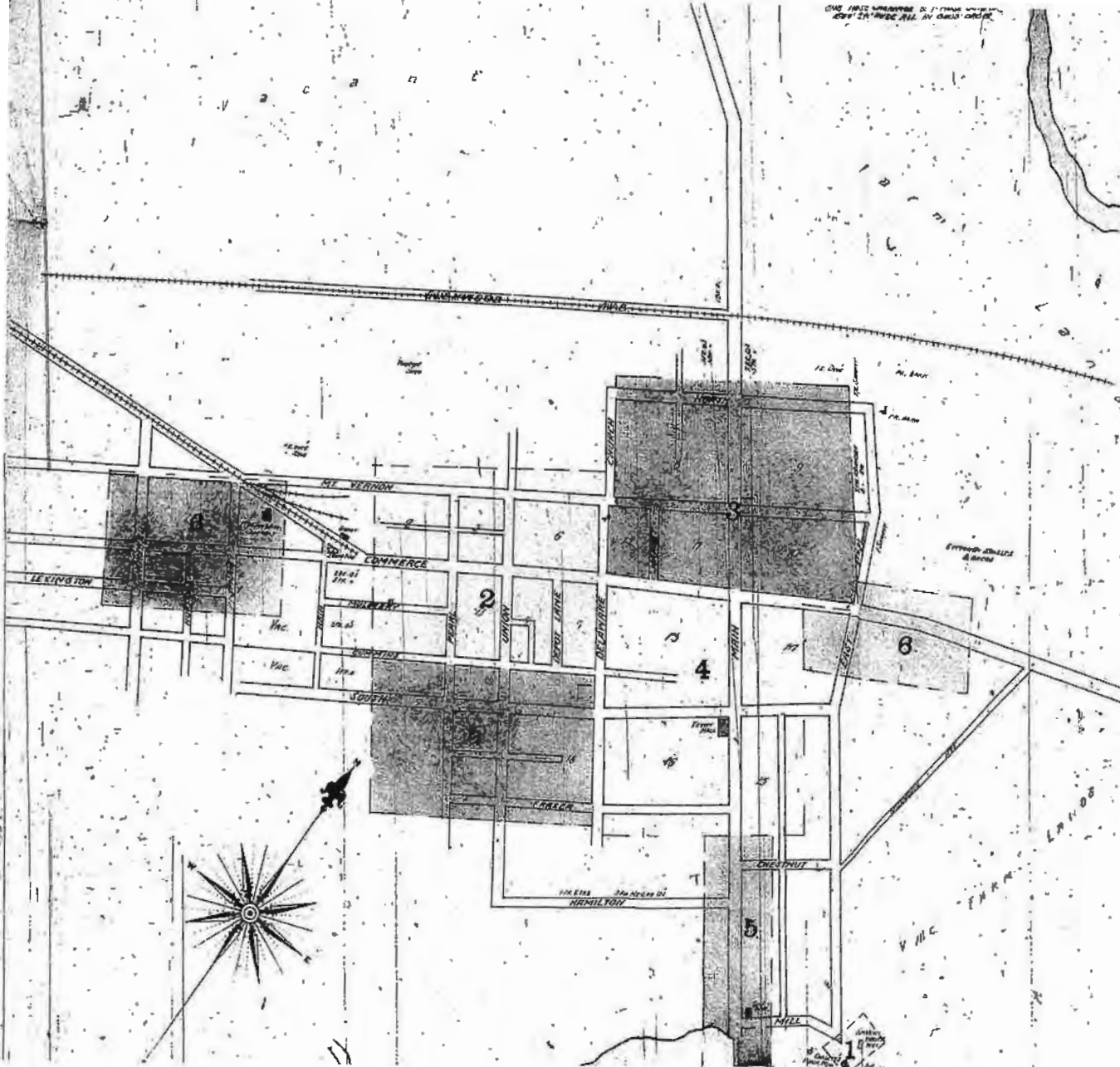
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HAMILTON



ONE HALF SQUARE OF 17 FEET SQUARE
 1871 2 1/2 INCHES ALL IN QUARTERS CORNER

KEY	
FRONT WALL	FIVE HILL CHALK ROOF
FRONT WALL	12"
FRONT WALL	18"
FRONT WALL	FRAME PARTITION
FRONT WALL	FRAMES & IRON BOON
FRONT WALL	WINDERS - BRITISH
FRONT WALL	STABLE
FRONT WALL	WIND SWIMMING STORY
FRONT WALL	2 1/2" 4"
FRONT WALL	SLIPS COLORED YELLOW AND FRAME
FRONT WALL	RED - BRICK
FRONT WALL	BLUE - STONE
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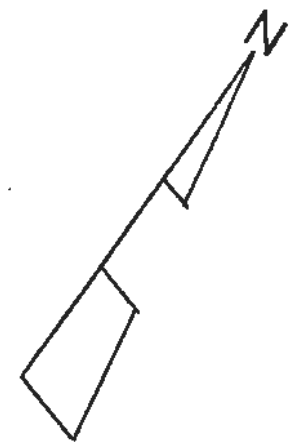
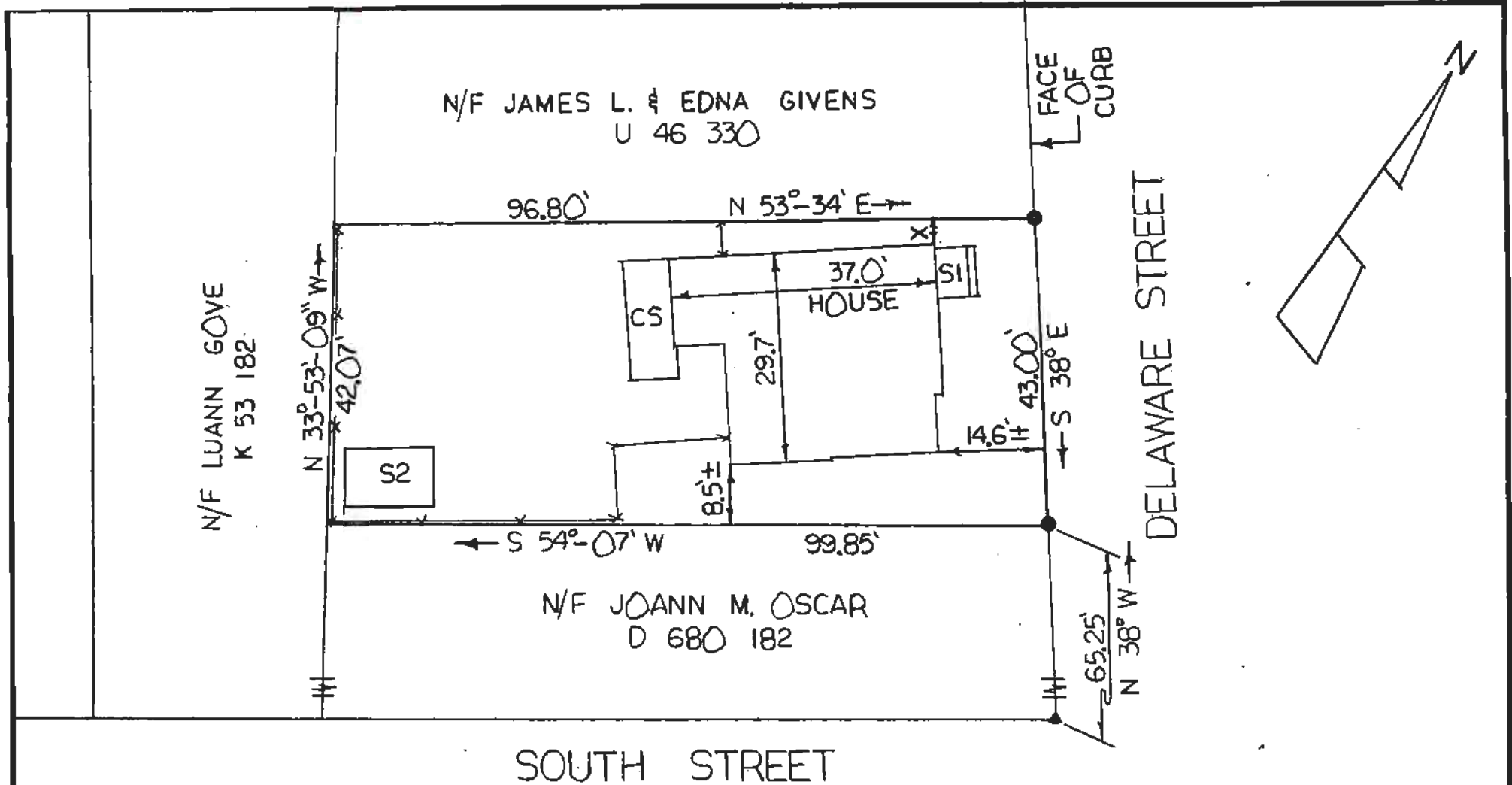


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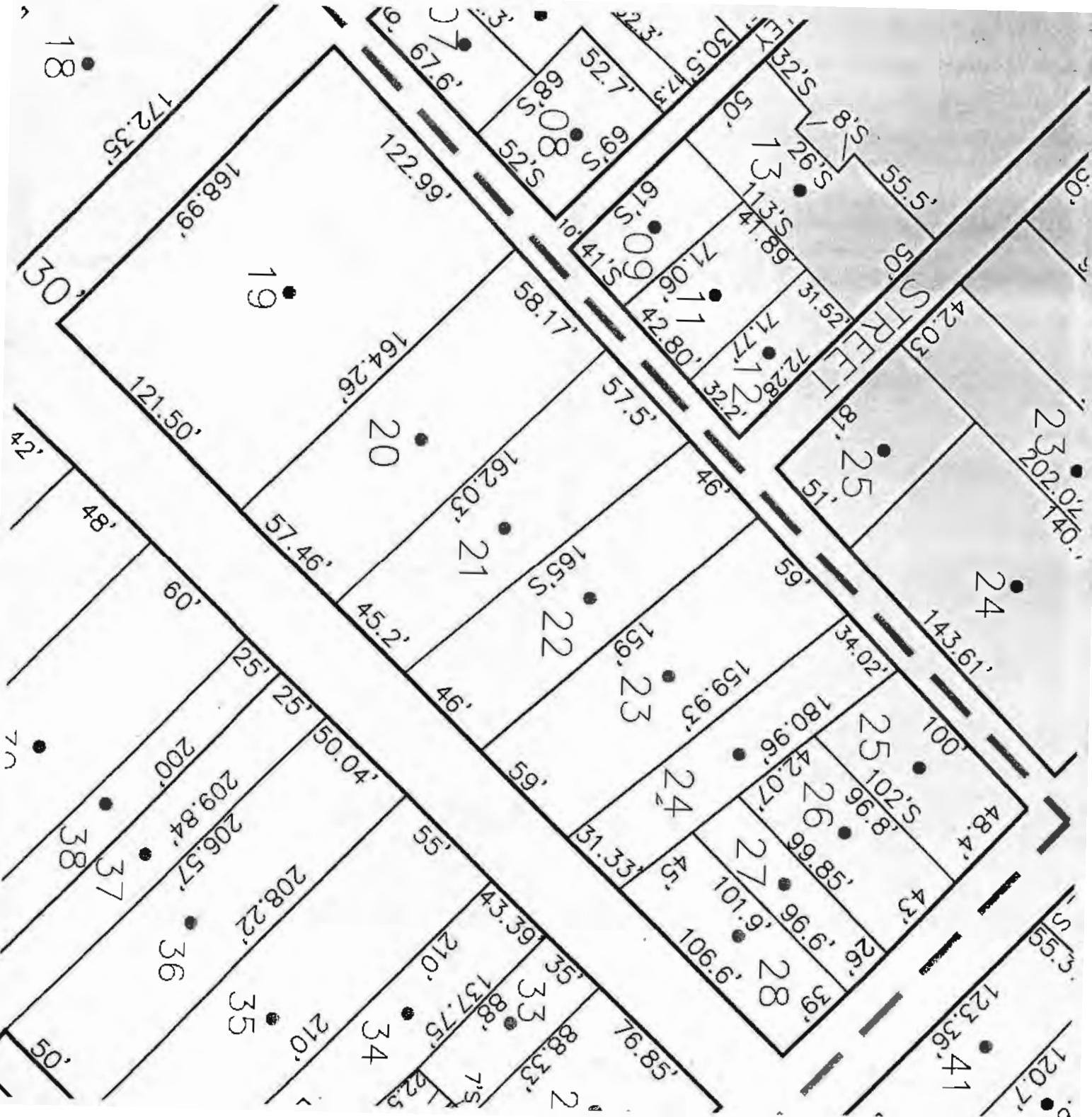
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* Indicates only one side of Street shown.



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- SI ——— 5.8' x 7.0' STOOP/STAIRS
- S2 ——— 8.2' x 12.2' SHED
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RTR ENTERPRISES, LLC		
SCALE: 1" = 20'	APPROVED BY: <i>Michael L. Adkins</i>	DRAWN BY: MLA
DATE: 21 Aug 05	TOWN OF SMYRNA KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE	
MICHAEL L. ADKINS, P.E. 7529 PO BOX 325, CAMDEN, DE 19934	DRAWING NUMBER 1716	



Dec. Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools to John C. Bailey.

This indenture made the thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four 1884, Between the Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools Corporation Created by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware of the first part, and John C. Bailey of the County of Smyrna West County and State of Delaware of the second part. We stipulate that the said the Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools the Corporation aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand two hundred and thirty five dollars Lawful Money of the United States of America to us hereof paid by the said John C. Bailey party of the second part hereof the receipt and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. He the aforesaid John C. Bailey and I do hereby acknowledge and confirm and by these presents do grant bargain and sell alien convey release convey and confirm unto the said John C. Bailey his heirs and assigns, All Three two Lots pieces or parcels of Land situate on the North West side of South Street in the Town of Smyrna aforesaid and bounded as follows, Beginning at a stake on the West West side of South Street in the Town of Smyrna aforesaid and bounded as follows, Beginning at a stake on the North West side of South Street aforesaid Corner for Lot purchased by Nathaniel E. Surgen and running North the Curb of said South Street North forty Eight and one half degrees East Ninety two feet to a Corner for Land of Mary J. Bewley thence with the line of said Mary J. Bewley thence South and three quarters degrees North thirty five degrees West one thousand and fifty Eight feet to the Curb on Cummins Street thence with the Curb on Cummins Street South fifty one and a quarter degrees West Ninety two feet to a stake Corner for the said Nathaniel E. Surgen Lot, thence with the line of said Lot South thirty degrees East one thousand and fifty one feet six inches to the place of Beginning containing fourteen thousand six hundred and Ninety seven Square feet of Land be the above more or less being a part of a Lot of land which was conveyed by Benjamin Robinson and his heirs to the Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna and which deed is recorded in the Records of said City of Smyrna and for West County in Book Case 3. folio 194. The Lots hereby conveyed were laid off by the Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools the Corporation aforesaid and sold at Public Sale at the Hotel of E. J. Clayton (Smyrna House) on the second day of January 1884 at No. one and No. two.

And all and singular the building improvements, fixtures, crops, woods, waters, pastures, mines, rights, liberties, franchises, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said two Lots pieces or parcels of land belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the possession and revenues, demands and demands, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the Estate right title interest property claim demand and possibility of the said the Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools the Corporation aforesaid at Law or in equity of to us or out of the same to us hereof paid and peace thereof To Have and To

...in the name of John C. Bailey.

...of February, in the year of our Lord
 ... 1884. Between the Board of Directors
 ... Corporation created by and existing under
 ... of the State of Delaware of the first part, and John C. Bailey of the
 ... of Virginia that County, and State of Delaware of the second part.
 ... that the said the Board of Directors of the Snyrna Paper Secured
 ... Corporation deposited for use in Circulation of the sum of one thousand
 ... and thirty five Dollars Lawful Money of the United States
 ... to it in kind paid by the said John C. Bailey party of the second
 ... the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt hereof
 ... granted here and said said amount as before
 ... and confirmed and by these presents do Grant here and
 ... shall also be paid to the said John C. Bailey his heirs and assigns. All those two Lots piece or
 ... of Land situate in the North West side of South Street in the Town of
 ... of Virginia as follows: Beginning at a stake on the North
 ... side of South Street in the Town of Snyrna aforesaid and bounded
 ... Beginning at a stake on the North West side of South Street
 ... Corner for East purchased by Nathaniel E. Surgeon and running
 ... the curb of said South Street North forty Eight and one half degrees
 ... East Ninety two feet to a Corner for Land of Mary A. Bailey thence with
 ... the line of said Mary A. Bailey Emma Smith and Isaac Pennington
 ... South thirty five degrees West one hundred and fifty Eight feet to
 ... the curb on Cummins Street thence with the curb on Cummins
 ... Street South fifty one and a quarter degrees West Ninety two feet
 ... to a stake Corner for the said Nathaniel E. Surgeon Lot, thence with
 ... the curb of said Lot South thirty degrees East one hundred and
 ... Eighty one feet Six inches to the place of Beginning Erecting fourteen
 ... and six feet square and said thirty seven square feet of land be
 ... the same more or less being a part of a Lot of land which was conveyed
 ... by Nathaniel E. Surgeon and Anna his wife to the Trustees of the Mechanics
 ... Society of Snyrna and which and is recorded in the Records
 ... of said Snyrna for that County in Book C No 3. folio 134
 ... said Lot hereby conveyed here and off by the Board of Directors
 ... the Corporation aforesaid and said said Public
 ... of said Snyrna (Mary A. Kooner) on the second day
 ... of January 1885 as do see and so too.

... and Snyrna the Building Corporation, fixtures hereof woods water
 ... and appurtenances to the said
 ... of said Snyrna in Virginia appertaining and the
 ... and remains unto the said
 ... the Estate of the said the Board of Directors of the Snyrna
 ... in the name of John C. Bailey.

Should the said act be printed here in this manner and in
 appearance as in the said deed of John C. Gordon, the said
 proper receipt and receipt of him the said John C. Gordon
 in testimony whereof the said the Board of Directors of the Michigan
 North Branch State Paper Mill have hereunto affixed and thereunto
 hath hereunto subscribed his name the day and year first herein
 expressed and sealed.

in presence of
 E. J. Goll-
 Attest
 E. M. Clood Secretary

John C. Gordon
 President
 Board of Directors of the Michigan
 North Branch State Paper Mill
 Michigan, December 1893

Received Feb 15 1894 of John C. Barry Treasurer of the Michigan
 in full of the Contribution money expended in the foregoing year
 \$1235.00
 E. J. Goll-
 John M. Bell President
 Board of Directors of the Michigan
 Paper Mills

State of Michigan
 Kent County, ss.
 E. J. Goll- my Secy
 Impaired appointed May
 25 1877 for seven years

Be it Remembered that on this Thirtieth day of February
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 ninety four personally came before me E. J. Goll- Secretary
 Public for the State of Michigan as Mr. Bell President of
 the Board of Directors of the Michigan Paper Mills
 known to me personally to be such and authorized
 by Resolution of the Board of Directors of the said Michigan
 Paper Mills which Corporation is a party to the foregoing Certificate and
 executed the said Certificate and acknowledged the same to be true and
 and deed of the said Corporation and the seal hereunto affixed is the
 seal of the said Corporation,
 Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year first herein
 expressed

Received for record this 15 day of February 1894
 John C. Gordon Receiver

A True Copy of the original
 Attest of John C. Gordon Receiver

the said and premises heretofore by her said and sold or intended to be
 made in the County of Kent in the State of Virginia Richard M. Johnson his heirs
 and assigns to and for the only proper use benefit and behoof
 of the said Richard M. Johnson his heirs and assigns forever
 the said John C. Bailey and Margaret his
 wife have hereunto respectively set their hands and seals the
 day and year first herein written
 Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
 E. J. Golt

John C. Bailey
 Margaret Bailey
 Wm
 Golt
 1854

Received of the Clerk of the State of the Northern Subdivision of the Western
 District Richard M. Johnson the Consideration Money therein specified
 E. J. Golt
 John C. Bailey

State of Delaware }
 Kent County ss }
 E. J. Golt, District Clerk }
 do hereby certify that on the 16th day }
 of February in the year of our Lord one thousand }
 eight hundred and Eighty four personally came }
 before me E. J. Golt a Notary Public for the }
 State of Delaware John C. Bailey and Margaret }
 Bailey his wife parties to the Indenture known }
 to me personally to be such and mutually }
 acknowledged their Indenture to be their act and deed respectively }
 and that the said Margaret Bailey being at the same time }
 privately examined by me apart from her husband acknowledged }
 that she executed the said Indenture willingly without }
 any coercion or constraint or fear of her husband or displeasure }
 having read my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid?
 E. J. Golt
 Notary Public

Received for Record this 16th Day of June A.D. 1854
 John C. Gooden Recorder
 A True Copy of the original
 Attest John C. Gooden Recorder

Deed Richard M. Johnson and wife to Henry L. Johnson
 This Indenture made this 16th day of June in the year of our
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty four Between
 Richard M. Johnson of the County of Augusta Kent County and
 State of Delaware and William L. his wife of the County
 of Sussex State of Delaware of the one part and Henry L.
 Johnson of the County of Sussex State of Delaware of the
 other part witness that the said
 Richard M. Johnson and William L. his wife for and in
 full satisfaction of the debt of the said Henry L. Johnson
 to the said Richard M. Johnson and wife in the sum of
 five hundred and thirty dollars and no part thereof by the

the said land premises hereby conveyed and sold or intended to be
 with the appurtenances unto the said Richard M. Johnson his heirs
 and assigns To and for the only proper use benefit and behoof
 of him the said Richard M. Johnson his heirs and assigns forever
 the virtue whereof the said John C. Bailey and Margaret his
 wife have hereunto respectively set their hands and seals the
 day and year first herein written
 In presence of
 E. J. Golt

John C. Bailey
 Margaret Bailey

Received the copy of the State of the within and nature of the within
 delivered Richard M. Johnson the Commissionary Mary Trimm proper
 witness
 E. J. Golt

John C. Bailey

State of Delaware } Be it remembered that on this Thirtieth day
 Kent County ss } of February in the year of our Lord one thousand
 Eight hundred and Eighty four personally Chas
 before me } before me E. J. Golt a Notary Public for the
 State of Delaware John C. Bailey and Margaret
 Bailey his wife parties to the said instrument known
 to me personally to be such and legally

acknowledged their signature to be their act and deed respectively
 and that the said Margaret Bailey being at the same time
 privately examined by me apart from her husband acknowledged
 that she executed the said instrument willingly without
 constraint or threat or fear of her husband's displeasure,
 know her own mind and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.
 E. J. Golt

Notary Public

Received for Record this 16th Day of June A.D. 1884
 John C. Gooden Recorder
 A true copy of the original
 attest John C. Gooden Recorder

Deed Richard M. Johnson and wife Do Henry C. Johnson
 The said parties made their State of the copy of same in the year of our
 Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty four Between
 Richard M. Johnson of the County of Sussex Kent County and
 State of Delaware and William R. his wife of the County
 of Sussex of the State of Delaware and Henry C. Johnson of the County
 of Sussex of the State of Delaware Witnesses that the said
 Richard M. Johnson and William R. his wife for and in
 consideration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars to each of them
 the said parties made their State of the copy of same in the year of our

And Henry R Johnson before the sealing the said deed of gift from the said
Receipt whereby he hereby acknowledged to have and to hold of the said Henry R
Johnson his heirs and assigns all that certain lot or piece
of land situated on South Street and running back to the corner
Street in the Town of Sagadahoc County and State of Virginia and
is composed of Lots No 1 and No 2 which were conveyed to said Henry
in fee simple by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Public Schools
by its deed of conveyance and sale bearing date the 15th day of
February A.D. 1884, and recorded in the Recorder's Office in and for said
County aforesaid in Book No 6 page 24, and described as follows to-wit
beginning at a stake on the North West side of South Street at
the corner for lot No 3 of Hannah Sengen and running North
Street North forty eight and one half Acres East thirty two
feet to a corner for lands of M. J. Dewey thence North the line of
the said M. J. Dewey S. W. Smith and Isaac Pennington South thirty
five Acres West one hundred and fifty eight feet to the Corner
on Cummins Street thence North Cummins Street thirty five
one and one quarter Acres West thirty two feet to a stake corner
for land of the said Hannah Sengen thence North the line of lot
No 3, of the said Hannah Sengen South thirty five Acres East one
hundred and sixty one feet and six inches to the place of beginning
Containing Fourteen thousand six hundred and twenty seven
Square feet of land be the same more or less and being the same
lands and premises then were conveyed to the said Richard M. Johnson
in fee simple by John C. Bailey and wife by their deed of conveyance and
sale bearing date the fourth day of February A.D. 1884, and
intended thereby to be recorded. To-wit the North West corner
the building improvements fixtures and appurtenances
Crown right easements liberties privileges hereditaments and
appurtenances whatsoever and to the said lands and premises belonging
or in anywise appertaining and the same and more as are expressed
and contained in the said deed of conveyance and sale of the
Estate aforesaid together with the interest property claims demands and rights
of them the said Richard M. Johnson hereinafter mentioned
at law or in equity of to or out of the said lands and premises
and the things to hold and to have the same and the same
and premises hereby conveyed and sold as aforesaid and
with the appurtenances thereto in full and complete discharge
his heirs and assigns to and for the only proper use benefit
and behoof of him the said Henry R Johnson his heirs
and assigns forever.

And it is hereby testified that the said Richard M. Johnson
and William R. Haspel have been duly sworn to before
the said Clerk and have subscribed the foregoing

Rep. of deed and other documents
W. J. Johnson
Henry L. Burt

Richard M. Johnson
Williamina R. Johnson


Received the day of the date of the foregoing indenture of
Henry L. Johnson the grantor therein named the sum of three
thousand dollars in full payment and satisfaction of the
Covenant Money therein mentioned.
Witness my hand
Henry L. Burt
Richard M. Johnson

State of Delaware Be it remembered that on this twentieth day
of June in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and Eighty four before me
Henry L. Burt Notary Public for the
State of Delaware Richard M. Johnson and Williamina R.
Johnson his wife parties to the foregoing indenture known to me
personally to be such and lawfully acknowledged the
said indenture to be true and good respectively and the said Williamina
R. Johnson being at the time then privately examined by me apart from
her husband acknowledged that she executed the said indenture willingly
without compulsion or constraint or fear of her husband or any persons
known or unknown and of her own free will and free assent.
Witness my hand and seal of office this day and year aforesaid.
Henry L. Burt
Notary Public

Received for record this 16. day of June A.D. 1884.
John C. Gooden Recorder
Attest John C. Gooden Recorder

Deed Henry L. Johnson to Williamina R. Johnson
This indenture made this thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty four Between Henry L. Johnson
of the County of Sussex State of Delaware of the
one part and Williamina R. Johnson (widow of Richard M. Johnson)
of the County of Sussex State of Delaware of the
other part witnesseth that the said Henry L. Johnson for and
in satisfaction of the sum of three thousand dollars lawful money
of the United States of America paid to him by the said Williamina
R. Johnson do hereby voluntarily acknowledged that he granted conveyed
and sold unto the said Williamina R. Johnson his wife the
certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of Dover Delaware
containing one acre more or less bounded as follows to-wit
the same being and running North of the same Street

Henry R. Johnson
Williamina R. Johnson
Henry R. Budd

Richard M. Johnson
Williamina R. Johnson

Recd
1894

Received the copy of the state of the foregoing indenture of
Henry R. Johnson the grantor therein named the sum of three
thousand dollars in full payment and satisfaction of the
Circumstances being therein mentioned
\$3000.00 Attest
Henry R. Budd
Richard M. Johnson

State of Delaware Be it remembered that in this twelfth day
of June in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty four personally came
before me Henry R. Budd Notary Public for the
State of Delaware Richard M. Johnson and Williamina R.
Johnson his wife parties to the foregoing indenture known to me
personally to be such and lawfully acknowledged the
said indenture to be their act and deed respectively and the said Williamina
R. Johnson being at the time then privately examined by me apart from
her husband acknowledged that she executed the said indenture willingly
without compulsion, threats or fear of her husband's displeasure
and she will be my hand and seal of office this day and year aforesaid.
Henry R. Budd
Notary Public

Received and read this 16th day of June 1894
John C. Gordon Esquire
A True Copy of the original
Attest John C. Gordon Esquire

Deed Henry R. Johnson to Williamina R. Johnson

This indenture made this thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty four Between Henry R. Johnson
of the Town of Dover Kent County and State of Delaware of the
one part and Williamina R. Johnson (wife of Richard M. Johnson)
of the Town of Magna Kent County and State of Delaware of the
other part Witnesseth That the said Henry R. Johnson for and
in satisfaction of the debt of three thousand dollars lawful money
of the United States of America paid to him by the said Williamina
R. Johnson before the sealing and delivery of these presents the
said Henry R. Johnson personally acknowledged that he granted conveyed
and sold to the said Williamina R. Johnson his wife and she received
and by these presents in full satisfaction of the debt aforesaid
the said Henry R. Johnson has granted conveyed and sold to the said
Williamina R. Johnson his wife all that certain lot of land lying
situate in the town of Dover Kent County Delaware and more
particularly as follows to wit the lot of land lying on the
west side of the street known as the North Commercial Street

Received for Record March 8th A.D. 1904.

David Cooper Recorder

A true copy of the Original,

Attest: David Cooper Recorder.

Deed.

Richard M. Johnson et ux
To
Nathaniel F. Wilde.

This Indenture made this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord ~~one thousand nine hundred and four~~ Between Richard M. Johnson and Williamina R. Johnson his wife of the town of Salisbury Wisconsin County and state of Maryland of the one part, and Nathaniel F. Wilde of the town of Smyrna Kent County and state of Delaware, of the other part witnesseth: that the said Richard M. Johnson and Williamina R. Johnson his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States of America paid to them by the said Nathaniel F. Wilde before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Have and each of them hath granted, bargained, and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents Do and each of them Doth grant bargain and sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said Nathaniel F. Wilde his heirs and assigns all that certain lot piece parcel of land situated on South street and extending back to ~~Williamina~~ ~~street~~ in the town of Smyrna Kent County and state of Delaware the metes and bounds courses and distances whereof are as follows viz: Beginning at a stake on the north west side of South street corner for lot No. 2 of ~~George D. Collins~~ ~~of~~ ~~Hamrah Surgen~~ and running with said South street ~~the~~ forty eight and one-half degrees East ninety two feet to a corner for range of Orley ~~Plot~~ ~~formerly~~ ~~of~~ ~~M. J. ~~Plot~~~~ thence with the line of the said Orley ~~Plot~~ ~~to~~

and William Broadway North thirty-five degrees west one hundred and fifty-eight feet to the curbstone on said Cummins street; thence with said Cummins street south fifty-one and one quarter degrees west ninety-two feet to a stake corner for land of the said George D. Collins formerly of the said Hannah Dwyer; thence with the line of lot No. 3 of the said George D. Collins south thirty-five degrees East one hundred and sixty-one feet and six inches to the place of beginning, and containing fourteen thousand six hundred and ninety-seven square feet of land, be the same more or less; the said lot, piece or parcel of land above mentioned and described and hereby conveyed being composed of lots No. 1 and No. 2 which were conveyed to John C. Bailey in fee simple by The Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools by its deed of bargain and sale bearing date the thirteenth day of February A.D. 1884 and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for Kent County aforesaid in Deed Record P. Vol 6, page 24 etc. It being also the same lot piece or parcel of land which was conveyed to the said Richard M. Johnson in fee simple by the said John C. Bailey and wife by their deed of bargain and sale bearing date the fourteenth day of February A.D. 1884 and recorded in the Recorder's office aforesaid in Deed Record P. Vol 6, page 413 etc; and being also the same which was conveyed to Henry R. Johnson in fee simple by the said Richard M. Johnson and Williamina R. Johnson his wife by their deed of bargain and sale bearing date the twelfth day of June A.D. 1884 and recorded in the Recorder's office aforesaid in Deed Record P. Vol 6, page 414 etc; and being also the same which was conveyed to the said Williamina R. Johnson (wife of the said Richard M. Johnson) in fee simple by the said Henry R. Johnson by his deed of bargain and sale bearing date the thirteenth day of June A.D. 1884 and recorded in the Recorder's office aforesaid in Deed Record P. Vol 6, page 415 etc. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, fixtures, woods, ways, waters, water-courses, rights, easements, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said lands and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining; and the revenues and revenues, remainder and remainders, rents issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Richard M. Johnson and Williamina R. Johnson his wife and of each of them at law or in equity; in, to or out of the same and of every part and parcel thereof To Have and To Hold the said lands and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Nathaniel F. Wilds his heirs and assigns To and for the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said Nathaniel F. Wilds his heirs and assigns

in witness whereof they the said Richard M. Johnson

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Tax Map DC-17-01027-04-24

Prepared By:
Schmittinger and Rodriguez, P.A.
414 S. State Street
Dover, DE 19901

THIS DEED, Made This

30th day of July in the year of our LORD one thousand
nine hundred and ninety-three

BETWEEN, **WILLIAM R. BOWERS AND RUTH I. BOWERS**, husband
and wife, Parties of the first part

-AND-

LUANN GOVE, Party of the first part,

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, for and
in consideration of the sum of One Dollar & No/100 (\$1.00) lawful
money of the United States of America, the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said party
of the second part, her heirs and assigns

ALL that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land
situated in the Town of Smyrna, Kent County, Delaware, said
lot lying on the Northerly side of South Street and being
as shown on a plan of ELLIOTT SURVEYING dated 7/21/93, said
plan being an integral part hereof, said lot being bounded
as follows; on the North by Cummins Street, on the East
by lands now or late of the following: (a) James L. and
Edna Givens, (b) Patricia L. and Robert J. Watson, (c)
Charles J. and Jo Ann V. Murphy, and (d) John W. and Debra
D. Gillespie, on the South by South Street, and on the
West by lands now or late of Irene Moffitt Caley; being
more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at a point in the face of curb line of South
Street at a corner for this lot and lands of the said
Gillespie, said point being located South 52 deg. West 106.67
feet from the intersection of the Northerly face of curb
line of South Street with the Westerly face of curb line
of Delaware Street, said intersection being the said face
of curb lines extended; thence from the said point of
beginning the following five (5) courses and distances:
(1) South 52 deg. West 31.33 feet, measured along the said
face of curb line of South Street, to a point, a corner
for lands of the said Caley, thence with the same, (2) North
34 deg. 01 min. 47 sec. West 159.93 feet to a point, a found
nail in the Southerly side of Cummins Street, thence with
the same, (3) North 54 deg. 11 min. 47 sec. East 34.02 feet
to a point, a corner for lands of the said Givens, thence
with the same, and also in part along line of lands of the
said Watson and Murphy, (4) South 33 deg. 52 min. 36 sec.
East 114.71 feet to a point, a found iron pipe, a corner
for lands of the said Gillespie, thence with the same, (5)
South 30 deg. 51 min. 09 sec. East 44.18 feet to a point,
the point of beginning. Containing within said metes and
bounds 5,332 square feet of land, more or less, and being
known as #110 South Street.

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AND BEING the same lands and premises conveyed unto William R. Bowers and Ruth I. Bowers, husband and wife by deed of John E. Melvin and Sandra J. Melvin, husband and wife, dated June 27, 1983 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Kent County, Delaware in Deed Record Book G, Volume 38, Page 142.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seal, the day and year aforesaid.

SEALED and DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF

_____ William R. Bowers (SEAL)
 William R. Bowers

_____ Ruth I. Bowers (SEAL)
 Ruth I. Bowers

STATE OF _____
 COUNTY OF _____ SS:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 3rd day of July in the year of our LORD, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three personally came before me the subscriber a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid William R. Bowers and Ruth I. Bowers parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and they acknowledged this Indenture to be their Act and Deed.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of office, the day and year aforesaid.

Constantine F. Malmberg III

 Notary Public

Constantine F. Malmberg III.
 Attorney at Law
 Member of Delaware Bar

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This Deed, Made this

27th day of June

in the year of

our LORD one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three (1983).

BETWEEN, JOHN E. MELVIN and SANDRA J. MELVIN, husband and wife, of 15 West Cook Avenue, Smyrna, Kent County, State of Delaware, PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART,

and

WILLIAM R. BOWERS and RUTH I. BOWERS, husband and wife, of 110 West South Street, Smyrna, Kent County, State of Delaware, PARTIES OF THE SECOND PART.

Witnesseth. That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$35,000.00) DOLLARS----- lawful money of the United States of America,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said part ies of the second part, their heirs and assigns,

ALL

that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with the improvements thereon erected situated in the Town of Smyrna, Kent County and State of Delaware, lying on the northerly side of South Street, a short distance west of Delaware Street, being bounded on the south by South Street, on the west by lands now or late of Moffitt, on the north by Cummins Street and on the east in part by lands now or late of Rebecca Broadway, lands now or late of Joseph N. Ziegler, lands now or late of Mabel Slaughter and in part by lands now or late of Roger M. Hunt, and being more particularly described in accordance with a recent survey by Earl D. Smith, Professional Land Surveyor, dated June 16, 1983, as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a drill hole in the curb in the north line of South Street at a corner for this lot and for lands now or late of Roger M. Hunt, said point of beginning being South 52 degrees West 106.67 feet from the intersection of the west line of Delaware Street with the north line of South Street; thence running from said point of beginning with the north line of South Street South 52 degrees West 33.0 feet to a drill hole in the curb at a corner for this lot and for lands now or late of Moffitt; thence running with said lands now or late of Moffitt North 32 degrees 47 minutes 54 seconds West 159.93 feet to a nail in the curb in the south line of Cummins Street; thence running with said south line of Cummins Street North 54 degrees 05 minutes East 33.0 feet to a pipe at a corner for this lot and for lands now or late of Rebecca Broadway; thence running in part with said lands of Rebecca Broadway, lands now or late of Joseph R. Ziegler, lands now or late of Mabel Slaughter South 33 degrees 20 minutes 02 seconds East 114.76 feet to a pipe; thence running with lands now or late of Roger M. Hunt South 31 degrees 17 minutes 20 seconds East 44.0 feet to the point and place of beginning, and containing 5,333.3 square feet of land, be the same more or less.

AND BEING the same lands and premises which were conveyed unto John E. Melvin and Sandra J. Melvin, husband and wife, by deed of Elmer T. Gove and Theodosia H. Gove, husband and wife, dated September 19, 1979 and of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Kent County, at Dover, Delaware, in Deed Record Book G, Volume 34, Page 202.

This Deed, Made this

19th day of September in the year of
our LORD one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine (1979)

BETWEEN, ELMER T. GOVE and THEODOSIA H. GOVE, husband and wife,
of Box 367, Town of Clayton, Kent County and State of Delaware,
Parties of the First Part,

a n d

JOHN E. MELVIN and SANDRA M. MELVIN, husband and wife,
of 6-F Helmsdale Circle, Town of New Castle, New Castle County and
State of Delaware, Parties of the Second Part,

Witnesseth, That the said part 1e of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of
TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND (\$28,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America,
DOLLARS -----
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said

part IES of the second part, their heirs and assigns:

ATTN THAT CERTAIN lot, piece or
parcel of land, with the dwelling thereon erected, situated in the
Town of Smyrna, Kent County and State of Delaware; lying on the north-
erly side of South Street a short distance southwest of Delaware
Street; being bounded on the south by South Street, on the west by
lands now or late of Moffitt, on the north by Cummins Street, and on
the east by lands now or late of Rebecca Broadway, lands of Joseph Ziegler,
lands now or late of Mabel Slaughter, and lands of Roger M. Hunt, and
being more particularly described in accordance with a survey prepared
by Charles C. Brown Associates, Land Surveyors of Dover, Delaware,
dated September 4, 1979, as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a drill hole in the
northerly line of South Street at a corner for this lot and for lands
of Roger M. Hunt; said point of beginning being South 52 degrees West
of and 106.67 feet from the northwesterly intersection of South Street
and Delaware Street; thence running from said point of beginning with
the north line of South Street South 52 degrees West 33.0 feet to a
drill hole at a corner for this lot and for lands now or late of
Moffitt; thence running with lands now or late of Moffitt North 32
degrees 47 minutes 54 seconds West 159.93 feet to a nail set in the
south line of Cummins Street; thence running with the south line of
Cummins Street North 54 degrees 5 minutes East 33.0 feet to a pipe
set at a corner for this lot and for lands now or late of Rebecca
Broadway; thence running with lands now or late of Rebecca Broadway,
lands of Joseph H. Ziegler, and lands now or late of Mabel Slaughter
South 33 degrees 20 minutes 2 seconds East 114.76 feet to a pipe set
at a corner for this lot and for lands of Roger M. Hunt; thence
running with lands of Roger M. Hunt South 31 degrees 17 minutes 20
seconds East 44.0 feet to the place of beginning; and containing
5,333.3 square feet of land, be the same more or less.

AND BEING the same lands and
premises which were conveyed unto Elmer T. Gove and Theodosia H.
Gove, his wife, by deed of George N. Short, Widower, et al, dated
November 14, 1977, and recorded on April 4, 1978 in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Kent County, at Dover, in Deed
Record M, Volume 32, Page 193.

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 REALTY TRANSFER TAX
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 ROBERT J. DONAWAY
 RECORDER OF DEEDS
 KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seals, the day and year aforesaid.

Witness and Believed in the Presence of

James T. Vaughn
as to both

Elmer T. Gove SEAL
 ELMER T. GOVE
Theodosia H. Gove SEAL
 THEODOSIA H. GOVE

State of Delaware,

KENT

County.

ss.

Be It Remembered, That on this 19th day of September in the year of our LORD, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine (1979) personally came before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the county and state aforesaid, ELMER T. GOVE and THEODOSIA H. GOVE, husband and wife,

parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and they have acknowledged this Indenture to be their Act & Deed.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of office, the day and year aforesaid.

James T. Vaughn
 Notary Public



THIS DEED, made this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven (1977).

BETWEEN, GEORGE N. SHORT, Widower, of 912 South DuPont Blvd., Smyrna, Kent County, Delaware; FLOYD SHORT and EDITH SHORT, his wife, of 104 Centerville Road, Brookland Terrace, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware; ETHEL SCHNEIDER and HOMER SCHNEIDER, her husband, of 108 West Third Street, Wyoming, Kent County, Delaware; BETTY LOU JONES MASTEN and FREDDIE MASTEN, her husband, of Greensboro, Maryland; JOHN PAUL JONES, Single Man, of Woodside, Kent County, Delaware; HARVEY MOWBREY JONES, Single Man, of Woodside, Kent County, Delaware; JANE DUNLAP and HOWELL DUNLAP, her husband, of 3701 Chesser Drive, Waco, Texas 76706; DONNA DALY and KENNETH DALY, her husband, of 820 Parkside Blvd., Northridge, Claymont, New Castle County, Delaware; all Heirs of Nancy Short Jones; BEULAH HAZEL RODWAY and THOMAS C. RODWAY, her husband, of 711 East Loockerman Street, Dover, Kent County, Delaware; LEONA HAZEL, Single Woman, of Garden Court Apartments A-2, Dover, Kent County, Delaware; RAYMOND HAZEL and MYRTLE L. HAZEL, his wife, of 3628 Topaz Drive, Ashburne Hills, Claymont, New Castle County, Delaware; all Heirs of Eva Short Hazel; FOSTER SHORT and EVELYN SHORT, his wife, of 1005 New Jersey Avenue, Wilmington Manor, New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware; EARL SHORT and FLORENCE SHORT, his wife, of 2806 Faulkland Road, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware; KATHRYN SHORT, Widow, of Rt. #2, Box 784, Smyrna, Kent County, Delaware; ESTHER SHORT McCRYSTAL and GILTON McCRYSTAL, her husband, of Rt. #5, Box 778, Dover, Kent County, Delaware; RUTH SHORT SINGLETON, of Rt. #5, Box 102-AA, Dover, Kent County, Delaware; DOROTHY SHORT JONES and CHARLES F. JONES, her husband, of P. O. Box 96, Greenwood, Sussex County, Delaware; all Heirs of Harvey Short; WALTER GINN and RUBY GINN, his wife, of Rt. #2, Landenberg, Pennsylvania; and VERNON GINN and KAY GINN, his wife, of Rt. #2, Landenberg, Pennsylvania; Heirs of Virginia Short Ginn; Parties of the First Part; and
ELMER T. GOVE and THEODOSIA H. GOVE, his wife, of Box 367, Clayton, Kent County, and State of Delaware, Parties of the Second Part,

WITNESSETH, That the said Parties of the First Part, for and in consideration of the sum of NINE THOUSAND (\$9,000.00) DOLLARS

lawful money of the United States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said Parties of the Second Part, their heirs and assigns:

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Smyrna, Duck Creek Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware, lying on the northerly side of South Street and having a frontage of 33 feet on South Street and extending back along parallel lines from South Street to Cummins Street between parallel lines of a width of 33 feet, adjoining lands now or late of the Estate of William Broadway, lands now or late of Lulu V. Robinson, lands now or late of James Slaughter, lands now or late of Matthew Ford, and lands formerly of Fanny C. Faunt Le Roy, now of Arthur Moffitt, be the contents thereof whatsoever they may, and having an improvement thereon of a frame cottage.

AND BEING the same lands which were conveyed unto Bertha Short, Single Woman, by deed of Harry Faunt Le Roy and Fanny C. Faunt Le Roy, his wife, dated October 28, 1936 and of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Kent County, at Dover, in Deed Record W, Volume 14, Page 492. The said Bertha Short died intestate on July 25, 1948 leaving to survive her as her only heirs-at-law eight brothers and sisters as follows, to-wit: George N. Short and Floyd Short, Grantors herein, and Eva Short Hazel, Nancy Short Jones, Harvey Short, Jemina E. Short Simon, Virginia M. Short Ginn, and Florence Short, all now deceased.

Nancy Short Jones died intestate on March 16, 1950 leaving to survive her as her only heirs-at-law two children, a daughter, Ethel Schneider, a Grantor herein, and a son, Harvey M. Jones. Harvey M. Jones died testate on December 28, 1960 and under the terms of his Last Will and Testament dated September 10, 1952 and of record in the Office of the Register of Wills, in and for Kent County, at Dover, in Will Book P, Volume 3, Page 90, did devise the residue of his estate, including his interest in the herein conveyed lands, unto Baltimore Trust Company in trust until the last of the minor children of Harvey M. Jones became of full age, the corpus of the trust then distributed in equal shares among the five children of Harvey M. Jones, to-wit: Betty Lou Jones Masten, John Paul Jones, Harvey Mowbrey Jones, Jane Dunlap, and Donna Daly, Grantors herein.

Eva Short Hazel died intestate on April 10, 1956 leaving to survive her as her only heirs-at-law three children, Beulah Hazel Rodway, Leona Hazel, and Raymond Hazel, Grantors herein.

Harvey Short died intestate on June 27, 1966 leaving to survive him six children, Foster Short, Earl Short, Esther McCrystal, Ruth Singleton, and Dorothy Jones, Grantors herein, and Arthur Short who died testate August 20, 1976 and by the terms of his Last Will and Testament dated December 5, 1961 and of record in the Office of the Register of Wills, in and for Kent County, at Dover, in Will Book R, Volume 4, Page 300, did devise his interest in the said lands unto his wife, Kathryn Short, Grantor herein.

Florence Short died intestate on April 23, 1974 leaving to survive her as her only heirs-at-law two brothers, George N. Short and Floyd Short, Grantors herein; one niece and three grandnieces and two grandnephews, being the heirs of her deceased sister, Nancy Short Jones; two nieces and a nephew, being the children of her deceased sister, Eva Short Hazel; three nieces and three nephews, being the children of her deceased brother, Harvey Short; and two sisters, Jemina E. Short Simon and Virginia M. Short Ginn.

Virginia M. Short Ginn died intestate on February 3, 1975 leaving to survive her as her only heirs-at-law two sons, Walter Ginn and Vernon Ginn, Grantors herein.

Received for Record - December 28th A.D. 1936
in true copy - Enock G. Williams - Recorder
attest: Enock G. Williams - Recorder

Deed
50 G. S. D. R.

Harry Faunt Le Roy, et ux
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Stamp Cancelled

Bertie Short (Single woman)

This Deed, made this 28th day of October in the year
of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-
six (1936)

Between Harry Faunt Le Roy and Fanny C. Faunt
Le Roy, his wife, of the City of Baltimore, Maryland,
parties of the first part, and Bertie Short (Single
Woman) of the Town of Smyrna, Kent County and State
of Delaware, party of the second part.

It is recited, that the said parties of the first part
for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred
Dollars (\$500.00), current lawful money of the United
States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby ac-
knowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said
party of the second part her heirs and assigns,

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land sit-
uated on South Street and extending back to Cummins
Street having a front on South Street of thirty three
feet (33 ft.) and a front on Cummins Street of thirty
three feet (33 ft.) and extending back from South
Street to Cummins Street between parallel lines of
the width of thirty three feet (33 ft.), adjoining lands
of the estate of William Broadway, lands of Gule V.
Robinson, lands of James Slaughter, lands of Matthew
Ford and other lands of the said Fanny C. Faunt Le Roy,
be the contents thereof what it may, and having an
improvement thereon of a frame cottage.

In Witness Whereof, The said parties of the first
part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day
and year first herein written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
Wilbur D. Burton
State of Delaware
Kent County ss.

Fanny C. Faunt Le Roy (Seal)
Harry Faunt Le Roy (Seal)

Be It Remembered, that on this 28th day of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and thirty-six (1936), personally came before me,
the subscriber, a Notary Public for the State of
Delaware, Harry Faunt Le Roy and Fanny C.
Faunt Le Roy, his wife, parties to this Indenture
personally known to me to be such and severally
acknowledged the said Indenture to be their act
and deed respectively.

Received for Record - December 28th A.D. 1934
in true copy - Ernest G. Williams - Recorder
Witness: - Ernest G. Williams - Recorder

Deed
P. 50 U. S. D. P.

Harry Faunt Le Roy, et ux
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Deed Cancelled

Bertie Short (single woman)

This Deed, made this 28th day of October in the year
of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty -
six (1936)

Between Harry Faunt Le Roy and Fanny C. Faunt
Le Roy, his wife, of the City of Baltimore, Maryland,
parties of the first part, and Bertie Short (Single
Woman) of the Town of Smyrna, Kent County and State
of Delaware, party of the second part.

It is recited, that the said parties of the first part
for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred
Dollars (\$500.00), current lawful money of the United
States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby ac-
knowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said
party of the second part her heirs and assigns,

All that certain lot, previous parcel of land sit-
uated on South Street and extending back to Cummins
Street having a front on South Street of thirty three
feet (33 ft.) and a front on Cummins Street of thirty
three feet (33 ft.) and extending back from South
Street to Cummins Street between parallel lines of
the width of thirty three feet (33 ft.), adjoining lands
of the estate of William Broadway, lands of Kate V.
Robinson, lands of James Slaughter, lands of Matthew
Ford and other lands of the said Fanny C. Faunt Le Roy,
be the contents thereof what it may, and having on
improvement thereon of a frame cottage.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first
part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day
and year first herein written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered Fanny C. Faunt Le Roy (Real)

And that the said Fanny C. Faust Le Roy, being at the same time privately examined by me apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly, without compulsion or threats or fear of her husband's displeasure.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

William D. Burton
Notary Public
Appointed Dec. 20, 1934
For Four Years
Delaware

William D. Burton
Notary Public

Received for Record - December 29th A.D. 1936
A true copy - Enock G. Williams - Recorder
Attest: Enock G. Williams - Recorder

Recd
\$3.00 U. S. D. P.

William H. Graham, et al
to

Stamps Cancelled

Norris Graham, et al

This Indenture, made the thirtieth 1st day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty six.

Between William H. Graham and Mattie C. Graham his wife of the Town of Harrington, County of Kent and State of Delaware parties of the first part and Norris Graham and Mary P. Graham his wife of the Town, County and State aforesaid parties of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty seven Hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Have and each of them hath granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do and each of them doth grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part, their Heirs and Assigns

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land and premises with the buildings situate thereon, situated in the Town of Harrington in Kent County and the State of Delaware, lying on the North side of the Road or Street leading from the Town of Harrington to Vernon and on the West side of Elizabeth Avenue, Having a frontage on the said Road or Street of Fifty Two Feet (52) and extending back therefrom a distance of One Hundred and Fifty Feet (150) to a twelve foot alley. Containing Seventy Eight Hundred Square feet (7800) of land be the same more or less.

Wm. F. Need

of Philadelphia, and Thomas and James Skeldig, of New York, for \$10,000. The first trustees were Richard Mansfield, Dr. Arnold Nau-dain, John Eddowes, William Crawford, and John Ginn.

In 1826-'27 the new building was constructed and Rev. Joseph Wil-son elected principal, at an annual salary of \$400. The school was opened October 15, 1827. Miss Isabella Anderson took charge of the female students. In 1830 Samuel G. Appleton succeeded to the princi-palship, but resigned in December. From that date it was closed until Dr. Henry L. Davis took charge in 1832. In 1838 Mr. Harris was principal; then Joseph A. White. In 1840, 33 pupils were in atten-dance. In 1842 William Harris was principal. Rev. J. H. Tyng suc-ceeded him. Mr. Payson Williams opened a female boarding school in the building in 1844. The following were subsequent principals: 1846, Thomas Madden, Rev. Henry Fries; 1855, James McDowell; 1865, Rev. Charles H. Halloway; 1867, J. E. Newman. In 1868 H. A. Woods and W. J. Hicks were joint principals, and in 1871 H. A. Woods became sole principal. Then there were 104 students in attendance. In 1878 the building was leased to the board of public education and the academy was abandoned. Now Mr. W. B. Tharp, principal of public schools, conducts in the building a boarding as well as a day school.

SMYRNA.

Probably the earliest school in Smyrna was the Southern Boarding School, established and controlled by the Friends. It was closed before 1825.

January 29, 1817, The Mechanics' Academy of Smyrna was incor-porated, and remained in operation for a few years.¹

The Smyrna Union School was incorporated February 20, 1852, with a capital stock of \$15,000.²

Rev. F. M. Chatham, in 1866, was principal of the Smyrna English Classical Academy, which occupied The Friends' Meeting-House. The building was destroyed by fire in 1874 and the school was closed.

It is noteworthy that a free school was opened in Smyrna as early as 1818 by the young ladies of the town, incorporated as the Female Union Society. Its object was the education of those too poor to pay tuition at the private schools. The school continued in operation until the adoption of the public school system in 1829. Smyrna Seminary was under the principalship of Tarleton H. Bean, B. E., in 1870-'71. During that year 123 pupils were enrolled.

DOVER.

Dover³ has long enjoyed a reputation for excellent schools. The town was probably founded before 1708, for in that year Oldmixon wrote:

¹ Laws of Delaware, v, 228.

² *Ibid.*, xi, 137.

³ Oldmixon, 155. Humphrey's Hist. Acct. of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 166-169. Luff's Biography, quoted by Scharf. Laws of Delaware, iv, 304-308. Lednum's Rise of Methodism, quoted by Scharf. Letters from Prominent Citizens.

Middleford 219	November 25, 1952
Concord 58, united with District 149 by the General Assembly, March 31, 1891 (19 <i>Del. L.</i> 95)	April 15, 1954
Blocksom 218 (Oak Grove)	September 24, 1964
Concord 216	April 2, 1965
Blades 172, with District 186, listed in 1919-20 State Board of Education minutes in classification of "Incorporated Districts"	July 1, 1966

NOTE: An early private school was Seaford Academy, incorporated January 29, 1819 (Scharf).

SMYRNA

Component school districts of reorganized district, July 1, 1969:

SMYRNA SPECIAL KENTON 9

SMYRNA SPECIAL School District, created by the General Assembly, April 14, 1919 (30 *Del. L.* 157) composed of Smyrna 3, incorporated with Districts 5, 77, and 107 by the General Assembly, March 30, 1881 (16 *Del. L.* 366)

Alley 2	July 1, 1919
Smyrna 135, incorporated by the General Assembly, March 9, 1901 (22 <i>Del. L.</i> 130)	July 1, 1919
Brenford 84 (Silver Spring)	July 1, 1919
Severson 6, consolidated with District 95 by the General Assembly, February 9, 1877 (15 <i>Del. L.</i> 361)	July 1, 1919
Peterson 134	July 1, 1919
Big Oak 4	July 1, 1919
Green Springs 128	May 2, 1929
Taylor's Bridge 127	May 2, 1929
Raymonds 7	May 22, 1929
White Hall 88	May 22, 1929
Woodland Beach 116 (Bombay Hook)	November 1, 1933
Deakynville 67	May 18, 1934
Walkers 68	April 26, 1940
Raymond's Neck 167	April 17, 1942
Bay View 130	August 20, 1942
Cheswold 83 (part)	May 20, 1949
Nelsons 49 (part)	April 22, 1936
Taylor's Bridge 66	August 19, 1949
Clayton 119, created from Districts 2, 84, and 49 in 1873 (Scharf), and incorporated by the General Assembly, March 16, 1893 (19 <i>Del. L.</i> 605)	April 5, 1962
Green Springs 70	June 9, 1927
Blackiston 1	June 18, 1929
Oak Hill 71	May 17, 1935
Hazel's Corner 114, created from District 1 in 1885 (Scharf)	May 17, 1935
Clayton 136	April 22, 1952
Blackiston 137	July 1, 1934

KENTON 9 (Wilds), incorporated March 11, 1885, (17 *Del. L.* 459), with renewed incorporation March 21, 1905 (23 *Del. L.* 100)

Down's Chapel 8	May 15, 1931
Nelsons 49 (part)	April 22, 1936

Kenton 140 (Mt. Friendship)	March 27, 1965
Down's Chapel 139	July 1, 1919
Blanco 138	April 21, 1939

NOTE: An early private school was Mechanics Academy, incorporated January 29, 1817 (5 *Del. L.* 130)

STANTON

Component school districts of reorganized district, July 1, 1969:

STANTON 38

JOHN DICKINSON 133 (Stanton Area)

STANTON 38	
Forest Oak 35	June 28, 1928
Sunnyside 95	June 28, 1928
Harmony 32	April 19, 1956

JOHN DICKINSON 133 was created as a high school district as of July 1, 1964 by the State Board of Education from the Henry C. Conrad School District, superimposed on the Stanton and Marshallton districts. The John Dickinson attendance area (Stanton) became a part of the Stanton School District.

WILMINGTON

Component school district of reorganized district, July 1, 1969:

WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Wilmington Public Schools* developed chronologically in the following manner:

- February 8, 1837—Districts 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 were consolidated (9 *Del. L.* 79)
 - February 9, 1852—The Board of Public Education in Wilmington was incorporated and included the same districts as named in the union legislation of February 8, 1837 (10 *Del. L.* 636)
 - March 30, 1869 —District 3 was added to the incorporated school district of Wilmington (13 *Del. L.* 466)
 - February 24, 1871—The charter of incorporation was renewed and included the original districts, District 3, and half of District 19 (14 *Del. L.* 43)
 - March 10, 1875 —District 19 was added to the Wilmington incorporated district (15 *Del. L.* 55)
 - April 6, 1905 —An incorporation act included Districts 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20½, 78, 78¼, 78½, and 102 (23 *Del. L.* 92)
 - April 14, 1919 —Wilmington was included as an autonomous special school district in a completely new school code (30 *Del. L.* 157)
- *On April 10, 1773, the Public Grammar School for the County of New Castle was chartered in Wilmington, and

De Sch. Dist organization & boundaries
by. Roger Mowrey

I do hereby acknowledge I have received of David Edwards the sum of
four hundred dollars in this deed expressed
witness my hand & seal of office the day & year aforesaid
Harrison J. Hanesy

State of Delaware (Be it Remembered, That on the 11th day of September
1883, personally came before me Edward Land Notary Public
for said State Harrison J. Hanesy and Sallie Hanesy his wife
parties to this indenture known to me personally to be such
and personally acknowledged this indenture to be his act and
deed respectively and the said Sallie Hanesy being at the
same time privately examined by me apart from the said
Hanesy acknowledged that she executed the said indenture fully
without compulsion, or threats or fears of her husband's displeasure.
Given under my hand & seal of office the day & year aforesaid
Edward Land, Notary Public.

Filed for Record this 10th day of March, A.D. 1885.
In my presence, Recorder.
A true copy of Original
Attest, J. Spruance, Recorder

Deed - Frank L. Wright et al. To Samuel P. Wright.

This Indenture, Made the tenth day of February in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five (1885) Between
Frank L. Wright and Fanny J. his wife, Wilber S. Wright and
Fanny R. his wife and John D. Wright and Margie A. his wife all
of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania of the one part
and Samuel P. Wright of the said City and State aforesaid, druggist
of the other part. Witnesseth that the said parties of the
first part for and in consideration of the sum of four thousand
dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto them
well and truly paid by the said Samuel P. Wright - at or before
the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknow-
ledged have granted, bargained and sold released and confirmed
and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell release and con-
firm unto the said Samuel P. Wright his heirs and assigns
All the estate right title interest property claim and demand
whosoever of them the said parties of the first part hereto of certain
All that certain lot or parcel of ground with the buildings and im-
provements thereon erected situate in the town of Burgonia
County and State of Delaware on the Southern side of
Washington Street Northwest of Benjamin Street and Northeast of
New Alley and is contained in the following description
to wit: Beginning at the intersection of the

Bennings Street the West corner thereof and the East corner of the lot hereby conveyed or intended to be and running thence along Bennings Street the Northwest side thereof South forty nine and a half degrees West two hundred feet to Benson's Alley thence with said Alley on the North East side thereof North forty three degrees West eighty one feet to a stake in the Northeast side of the aforesaid Alley corner for lot of Charles S. Smith thence with the line of said Smith's lot North forty nine and a half degrees East two hundred feet to a stake on the Southwest side of Delaware Street corner also for said Smith's lot thence along the Southwest side of Delaware Street South forty three degrees East eighty one feet to the place of beginning containing sixteen thousand and two hundred square feet of ground be the same more or less.

Also all those lots or pieces of ground numbered three and five and described from a plot held by the trustees of the Baptist Congregation and part of the property conveyed to the aforesaid Baptist Congregation by Isaac Griffin and wife by deed of conveyance dated seventeen hundred and ninety. Number three is bounded and described as follows Beginning at the Southwest corner of Delaware and Commerce Street and running along the side of Commerce Street fifty feet to a corner of lot number two and lot number three the one about to be conveyed in this deed thence North forty seven degrees West sixty one feet to a corner for lots number two and three in the line of lot number four, thence with the line of lot number four South forty four degrees West twenty five and a half feet to a corner for lots number four and three thence South forty seven degrees East sixty one feet to the side of Commerce Street thence along the side of Commerce Street North forty four degrees East twenty five and a half feet to the place of beginning.

And beginning for lot number five at the aforesaid corner of Commerce and Delaware Streets and running along the side of Delaware Street North forty seven degrees West eighty eight and one quarter feet to a corner for lots number four and five, thence with the line of lot number four South forty four degrees West seventy five and a half feet thence North forty seven degrees West twenty seven and a quarter feet thence North forty four degrees East seventy five and a half feet to a corner at the side of Delaware Street thence South forty seven degrees East twenty seven and a quarter feet to the place of beginning for this lot on the side of Delaware Street.

And also all that certain lot or parcel of ground with the building thereon erected situate and being on the Northwestern side of Commerce Street in the Town of Smyrna adjoining lands of Isaac Davis, the Baptist Meeting House lot and other lands and to contain four thousand one hundred and thirty square feet more or less. [The premises first above described being conveyed to the said Benjamin Boonks by Indenture dated

June 10th 1843 Recorded in the Recorder's Office at Dover
vol 5, page 245 &c granted and conveyed to Nehemiah Stockley
reserving thereout the yearly rent or sum of ten dollars payable
the first day of March in every year as therein mentioned. And the
said Nehemiah Stockley by Indenture dated March 11, 1846, recorded
aforesaid in Book Y, vol 5, page 245 granted and assigned the said prem-
ises unto the said Samuel P. Wright in fee. And James R. Clements
and wife in whom the said yearly rent had become legally vested by
a certain Indenture dated March 10, 1856, recorded at Dover in Book
K, vol 4, folio 141 &c, granted release and extinguished the said yearly
rent unto the said Samuel P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever.
And the premises second described being the same which John
R. Rees and others Trustees of the Baptist Congregation by Indenture
dated February 20, 1848, and intended to be forthwith recorded granted
and conveyed unto the said Samuel P. Wright and Alexander Hum-
phreys in fee Reserving thereout the yearly rent or sum of twenty three
dollars payable on the first day of the month of March in every year
forever. And the said Alexander Humphreys by a certain Deed
Poll dated March 17, 1853 and intended to be forthwith recorded granted,
bargained sold and assigned the said premises unto the said Samuel
P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the premises last above
described Simon Spearman by Indenture dated February 9, 1847, re-
corded at Dover in Book W, vol 3, folio 84 & 85, granted and conveyed
unto the said Samuel P. Wright in fee. And the Samuel P. Wright and
wife by Indenture dated July 12, 1847 recorded in Deed Book Vol A
vol 4, folio 88 granted and conveyed one full equal undivided moiety
thereof unto Alexander Humphreys in fee. And the said Alexander
Humphreys by Indenture dated March 17, 1853 recorded as aforesaid
in Book Y, vol 5, folio 12 &c, granted the said undivided moiety unto the
said Samuel P. Wright in fee so that thereby the whole of the said
premises vested in the said Samuel P. Wright. And the said Sam-
uel P. Wright being so as aforesaid seized in his demesne as of fee
of and in the several premises departed this life intestate leaving to
survive him a widow Elizabeth S. Wright who is since also deceased
and issue four children viz: Frank S. Wright, Wilber S. Wright,
John S. Wright, and Samuel P. Wright to and in whom the
same descended and became vested in fee.

Together with all and singular the buildings improvements ways
streets alleys passages waters water courses rights liberties privileges
hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the hereby granted
premises belonging or in any wise appertaining. And the rents
and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the other
right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever
them the said parties of the first part hereto as well as to have
in equity of in and to the same. To Have and to hold the said
entire right title interest of the parties of the first part hereto
three fourths part of the several lots of ground

1936

Ret'n No.	NAME-ADDRESS	Other District Reference	Cap	Real	Personal	Total Real and Personal	County Tax
1743	Spruance, M. E. & E. W. Est. Smyrna Main-Chestnut Sts. Lot with imp.			2500			
	Chestnut St. Lot with imp.			1500			
	Del. Sts. Lot with imp.			2750			
	Del. St.. Lot with imp.			2000			
	Del.-Frazier-Sts. Lot with imp.			<u>2000</u>			
				10750		10750	
1744	Spruance, Edgar E. Est. Smyrna c/o Mrs. H. Schabinger Felton, Del. Commerce St. Lot with imp.			3200			
	Commerce St. Lot with imp.			<u>1800</u>			
				5000		5000	
1745	Spruance, Ralph E. Clayton-Smyrna 53 acres with imp.			6000			
	Glenwood Ave. Lot with imp.			<u>500</u>			
	1 horse				75		
	1 mule				75		
	7 cows				<u>250</u>		
					400	7200	

1934
KC

2035 Wick, John H. Smyrna c

2036 Wick, Mary L. Smyrna c

2037 Wilds, W. Stuart & Fannie B. cc
Main St. Smyrna
Lot with imp. 2000 2000

2038 Wilds, Chas. Stuart c
Smyrna

2039 ~~Wilds, W. Stuart~~ (Lot) Fanny Farm Le Roy.
606 Edgeval Rd.
Roland Park
Baltimore, Md.

South St. - Smyrna
Lot with imp. 2000.

Sunnyside Farm
199 acres with imp. 8000

~~Gummins St.
Lot with imp. 500~~

Mr. Brenford
165 acres with imp. 6000
16700 16700

82510.
Wm. J. J.

2040 Wilds, Ethel K. c
Smyrna

2041 Willey, Emily J. c
c/o Geo. Willey Smyrna

2042 Willey, Geo. E. c
~~N. side duPont Blvd.
1/2 acre with imp. 500~~
~~N. side duPont Blvd.
1st no imp. 500~~

1936

Ret'n No.	NAME-ADDRESS	Other District Reference	Cap	Real	Personal	Total Real and Personal	County Tax
1621	Short, Bertha Smyrna Clayton-Lot no imp.		c	200		200	
	South St. Smyrna Lot with imp. # 11513 From. Farmy Farm Lot. Pgs 268 1/2			2000 2200		2200	
1622	Short, Julia P. Smyrna	3	c				
1623	Short, Blanche May Smyrna		c				
1624	Short, Harvey L. Smyrna State Rd.-Leipsic 60 acres with imp.		c	3000			
	3 horses 5 cows 1 yearling				150 180 20 350	3350	
1625	Short, Foster D. etux Eden Park, New Castle, Del. W. side Main St.-Smyrna Lot with imp.			1500		1500	
1626	Short, Norman B. Smyrna		c				
	5 horses 2 mules 1 colt 13 cows 6 yearlings 1 bull				375 100 40 330 90 15		

194. The day and year aforesaid the said Rebecca M. Collins being
privately examined by us separate and apart from her said husband
and out of his hearing she the said Rebecca M. did declare and
say that she signed sealed and delivered the within and fore-
-going indenture freely and willingly without the fear, compulsion
or ill usage of her said husband or fear of his displeasure
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this day
and year aforesaid.
Daniel Collins
M. Collins

I Received this Deed to Record this twenty fourth day of February
A.D. 1830.
A true copy recorded and compared with the original this 27th
day of February A.D. 1830. Attest John W. Allen, Clerk.

Deed Benjamin Coombe wife to the Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society

This Indenture made the twentieth day of March
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
twenty eight Between Benjamin Coombe of Smyrna
in Dutch creek hundred in Kent County and State of
Delaware and Ann his wife of the one part, and the
Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna
of the other part, Whereas by means of a certain Indenture
made the twenty eighth day of September in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
seven between Thomas Fisher then Sheriff of Kent
County of the one part, and Benjamin Coombe of the
other part recorded in "The office for Recording of Deeds"
at Dover in and for Kent County in Book A. Vol 3 folio
98 the said Benjamin Coombe became seized in fee
simple of a certain lot or piece of ground containing
one acre with the appurtenances thereto belonging
for the description whereof contained in said Indenture
the parties hereto have reference there to the said
lot or piece of ground lying and being in Smyrna
aforesaid on the South East side a twenty feet road
laid out for the perpetual use and benefit of the
adjoining owners commonly called and known by
the name of Holdens Street or road and adjoining
land of the heirs of Robert Wilson and land laid off
to Mary Walker widow of George Walker deceased
of said George Walkers real Estate and being therein
more particularly described, and the said Benjamin
Coombe and Ann his wife being about to sell to the
said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of
Smyrna then Successors and assigns the said lot or
piece of Ground with the appurtenances thereto belonging

Now this Indenture Made witness
that the said Benjamin Coombe and Ann his wife

in consideration of the sum of one hundred and
fifty dollars lawful money of the United States of
America paid to them by the said Trustees of the Mechanics
Benevolent Society of Smyrna before the sealing and delivery
of these presents the receipt whereof and themselves thereof
they the said Benjamin Coombe and Ann his
wife do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained
conveyed released and confirmed and by these presents
do hereby grant bargain sell release convey and confirm
unto the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society
of Smyrna their successors and assigns forever, All that
before mentioned lot or piece of ground lying and being
of the heirs of Robert Wilson deceased to ground allotted
and laid off to Mary Walker widow of George Walker
deceased as dower of the real Estate of the said George
Walker and is contained within the following bounds
to wit: Beginning at a stone on the South
East side of a twenty feet road laid out for the perpetual use
and benefit of the adjoining owners and is commonly called
or known by the name of Holden's road or street corner
also for the heirs of Robert Wilson and running from thence
South thirty eight and a quarter degrees east nineteen and
three tenths perches to a corner of Mary Walkers dower and
thence with South forty eight degrees west eight perches and thirty
five hundredths of a perch and north thirty eight and a
quarter degrees west nineteen and three tenths perches to
the edge of the road aforesaid and on the South East
side thereof and thence with north forty eight degrees East
eight perches and thirty five hundredths of a perch to the
beginning containing one acre neat Measure, and all
buildings fixtures and improvements ways Casements
tenements privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging
and in anywise appertaining and the reversion reversion
and remainder Remainders Rents issues and profits thereof and
all the Estate little Claim dower and possibility of Claim
whenever or right of them the said Benjamin Coombe and
Ann his wife in to and out of the same; So Have and
do hold all the aforesaid lot and premises with the
appurtenances to the said Trustees of the Mechanics benevo
lent Society of Smyrna their successors and assigns to and
to the only proper use and behoof of the said Trustees of
the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna their success
ors and assigns And the said Benjamin Coombe and
Ann his wife and each of them for themselves and each
of their heirs executors and administrators of them
do hereby covenant and warrant to and with the
Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna
and their successors that they the said Benjamin
Coombe and Ann his wife and each of them and the

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executors and administrators of them and each of them the afore-
said lot of ground and premises with the appurtenances
to them the said "Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent
Society of Smyrna their Successors and assigns against themselves
the said Benjamin Coombe and Ann his wife and each
of them and the heirs of them and of each of them and all persons
claiming or to claim from through by or under them or
either of them or the heirs of them or either of them shall
and well warrant and forever defend. In testimony whereof
the said Benjamin Coombe and Ann his wife have hereunto set
their hands and seals the day and year herein first written.

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of us
The word "the" in the 7 line first page
the word "five" in the fourth line third
page and the word South in the 8 line
same page were interlined before signing
Witness

Benj Coombe
Ann Coombe

James R. Clements
Rec^d 20 March 1828 of Ephraim Jefferson one hundred and twenty five
Dollars in full for the Consideration money mentioned in the within
Deed or Indenture
Witness
Joseph Hoppecker

Benj Coombe

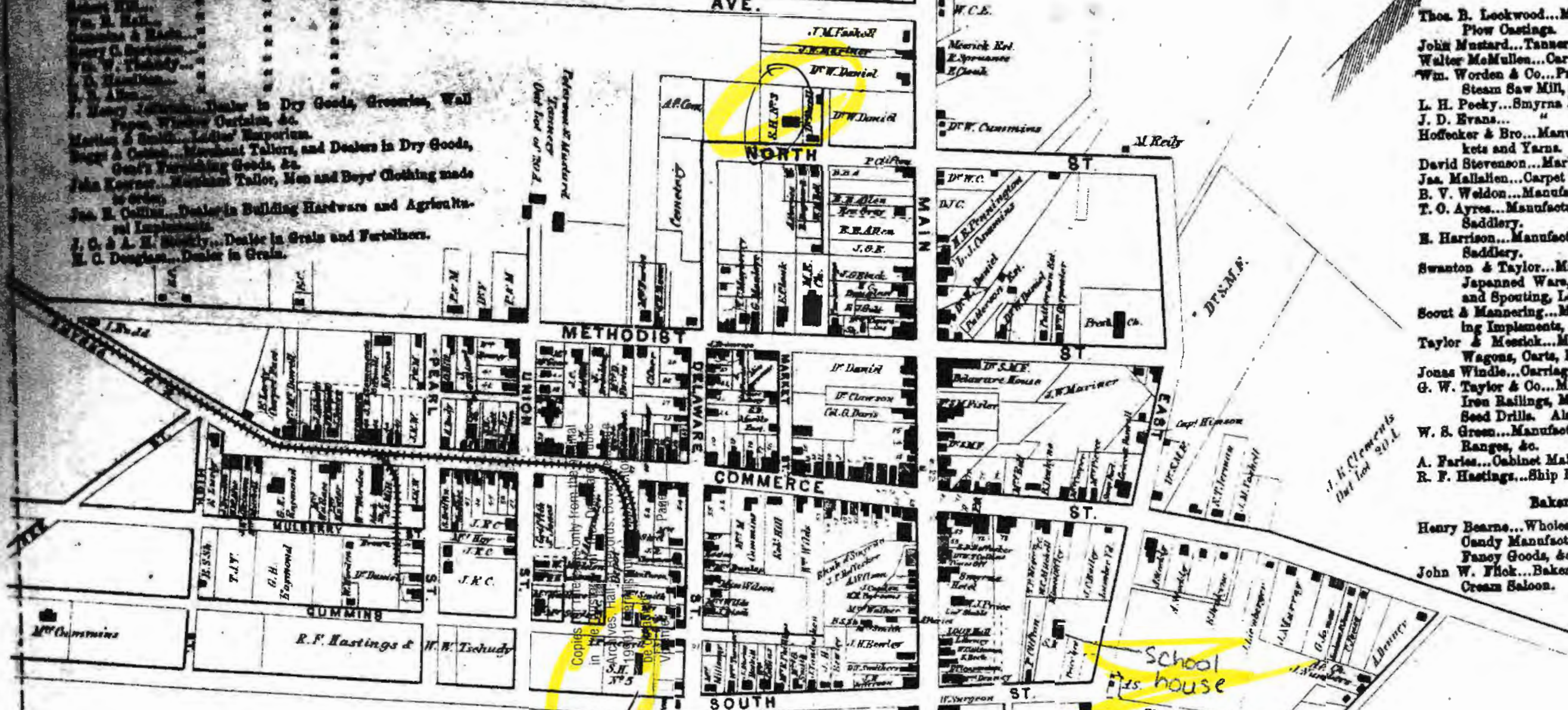
State of Delaware Ist Be it Remembered that on the twentieth
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and twenty eight before me Jacob Stout one of the
Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the State of Delaware Benjamin
Coombe and Ann Coombe named in the foregoing Indenture
and parties thereto came in their proper persons and severally
acknowledged the said Indenture to be their act and Deed re-
spectively and desired that the same might be recorded as such
And I do also certify that the said Ann Coombe wife of the
said Benjamin Coombe being on the same day and year afore-
said privately examined by me separate and apart from her said
husband and out of his hearing she the said Ann Coombe did
declare and say that she signed sealed and delivered the said
Indenture as her act and Deed willingly and freely without
the fear compulsion or ill usage of her said husband or per-
son of her displeasure. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand the day and year aforesaid.

Jacob Stout
A.D. 1828

Received this deed to record this twenty eighth day of March
A.D. 1828
A true Copy recorded and compared with the original this
day of February A.D. 1830

NORTH AVE.

Henry Johnson... Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Wall Paper, Window Curtains, &c.
 Mattson & Smith... Ladies' Emporium.
 Scott & Collins... Merchant Tailors, and Dealers in Dry Goods, Gent's Furnishing Goods, &c.
 John Kerner... Merchant Tailor, Men and Boys' Clothing made to order.
 Geo. H. Collins... Dealer in Building Hardware and Agricultural Implements.
 J. C. & A. H. Moody... Dealer in Grain and Fertilizers.
 H. C. Douglas... Dealer in Grain.



Thos. B. Lockwood... M...
 Plow Castings.
 John Mustard... Tanner
 Walter McMullen... Carri...
 Wm. Worden & Co... Pro...
 Steam Saw Mill, a...
 L. H. Pecky... Smyrna M...
 J. D. Evans...
 Hoffecker & Bro... Manuf...
 kets and Yarns.
 David Stevenson... Harb...
 Jas. Mallen... Carpet M...
 B. V. Weldon... Manufac...
 T. O. Ayres... Manufactu...
 Saddlery.
 E. Harrison... Manufac...
 Saddlery.
 Swanton & Taylor... Ma...
 Japanned Ware, a...
 and Spouting, La...
 Scott & Manning... Ma...
 ing Implements, a...
 Taylor & Meadok... Ma...
 Wagons, Carts, P...
 Jonas Windle... Carriage...
 G. W. Taylor & Co... Ma...
 Iron Railings, Ma...
 Seed Drills. Also...
 W. S. Green... Manufac...
 Ranges, &c.
 A. Faries... Cabinet Mak...
 R. F. Hastings... Ship B...
 Bakers
 Henry Bearn... Wholes...
 Candy Manufac...
 Fancy Goods, &c.
 John W. Flick... Baker,
 Cream Saloon.

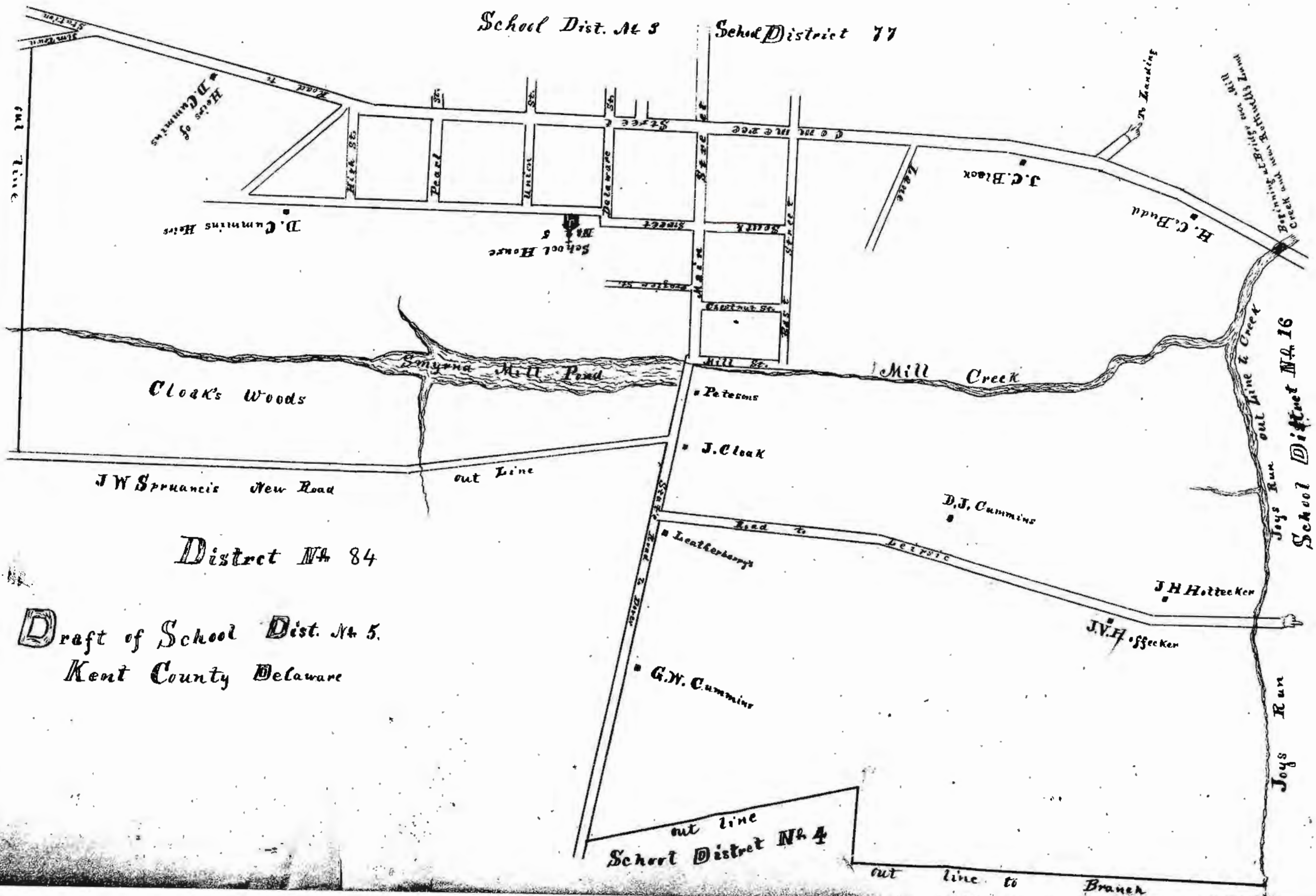
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| 1. G.H. Raymond | 32. M ^r Wright | 63. J. Faries |
| 2. E. Beck | 33. Hoffecker & Bro. | 64. W. Faries Est. |
| 3. M ^r A. Barrett | 34. J.S. Huffington | 65. J.E. Bowley |
| 4. G.W. Cummings | 35. M ^r E. Wright | 66. G.W. Cummings |
| 5. M ^r Roberts | 36. M ^r M. Hazel | 67. W.E. Hall |
| 6. J.H. Primrose | 37. M ^r L. Hazel | 68. J.E. Jefferson |
| 7. Griffith & Bro. | 38. M ^r Green | 69. Spruance & M'gear |
| 8. H.E. Parsons | 39. J.W. Wright | 70. E. Ward |
| 9. J.W. Mariner | 40. W. Denner | 71. M ^r A. Spruance |
| 10. A. Faries Sr. | 41. Circuit Parsonage | 72. W ^m M. Manlove |
| 11. P. Carr | 42. J.E. Huffington | 73. M ^r Catts (P.O.) |
| 12. G.W. Cummings | 43. H. Raughley | 74. J. Wallace |
| 13. J. Chadon | 44. J.S. Huffington | 75. E. Deakne |
| 14. M ^r J. Pittman | 45. M ^r A. Benninghove | 76. J.E. Bowley Store |
| 15. J.E. Clements | 46. T.J. Thompson | 77. J.E. Bowley Store |
| 16. M ^r Tom Pitt | 47. J.B. Cooper | 78. T. B. Lockwood, Founder |
| 17. P. Carr | 48. M ^r Horner | 79. Hoffecker & Bro. |
| 18. E. Beck | 49. J.R. Mariner | |
| 19. R.H. Collins, Est. | 50. J.E. Wilson | |
| 20. J. Reynolds | 51. M ^r L.M. Dowell | |
| | 52. J. Faries | |
| | 53. M ^r Pittman | |
| | 54. J. Faries | |
| | 55. J. Faries | |
| | 56. J.E. Collins | |
| | 57. J.E. Collins | |
| | 58. T.B. Lockwood, Founder | |
| | 59. Hoffecker & Bro. | |

NO. 5

School his house

Oscar Fisher... Watchmak...
 Henry E. Parsons... Wat...
 John C. Bailey... Lumber...
 I. M. C. Witsen...
 Grocery...
 J. B. Cooper & Bro... De...
 Stationery, School...
 Joseph Faries... Dealer in...
 Jane Hunter... Dealer in...
 Geo. H. Hoffecker... Bldg...
 Theo. Carrow... Real Est...
 ties of the Peace.



School Dist. No. 3

School District 77

H. C. Bidd

D. Cummins

School House

J. C. Bidd

H. C. Bidd

Cloak's Woods

Peterson

J. Cloak

D. J. Cummins

J. H. Hotteker

J. V. Hoffecker

G. N. Cummins

J. W. Spruancie's New Road

out line

District No. 84

Draft of School Dist. No. 5.
Kent County Delaware

out line
School District No. 4

out line to Branch

School District No. 16

Joys Run

Joys Run

Creek and Mill
Bridging across on Mill

Joys Run Landing

out line

OUR HOUSE

110 W. Sixth St.,

Smyrna, Del. 19777

History of Delaware, 18th Century

PURSUANT TO A NOTICE GIVEN JANUARY 8, 1833, A MEETING OF THE TAXPAYERS WAS HELD JANUARY 10th FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE ADVISABILITY OF ERRECTING A NEW SCHOOL HOUSE. AT THIS MEETING IT WAS RESOLVED "THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SMYRNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE AND HEREBY ARE AUTHORIZED AND REQUESTED TO ASK FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT IT'S PRESENT SESSION, AN AMENDMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED AN "ACT TO CONSOLIDATE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF SMYRNA" ENABLING THE SAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BORROW, NOT EXCEEDING THE SUM OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERRECTING A SCHOOL HOUSE IN SAID DISTRICT. THE PETITION WAS GRANTED, AND ON FEBRUARY 12th JOHN H. HORRECKER, GEORGE W. TAYLOR, W. H. TORRES AND WILLIAM BELL WERE APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO SELECT A SUITABLE SIDE PLOT ON THE CORNER OF DELAWARE AND COURT STREETS TO BE SELECTED AND PURCHASED BY THE BOARD OF SAID SCHOOLS.

OUR HOUSE

110 W. SOUTH STREET

Spring of 1997

History of Delaware, Kent County

The old school property was sold January 2, 1834.
The land on South Street was divided into
six lots, three of which were purchased by
William M. Bell, TWO by J.C. Bailey (our house)
and one by Mrs. Hannah Surgeon.

OUR HOUSE
110 W. South Street
Smyrna, Ga. 1937

Smyrna Sun Times 100 years ago section March 29, 1937

R. M. JOHNSON has removed the frame part of the school house recently purchased on South Street to Commons Street, adjoining the property of I Pennewell and will fix it up for a dwelling.

Our House

110 W. SOUTH STREET

SMYRNA, DE 19977.

Smyrna Times 100 years ago section dated JANUARY 5, 1984

The property belonging to the public schools of this
TOWN were SOLD AT public AUCTION this MORNING
AS FOLLOWS.

ON SOUTH STREET comprising the brick school house
and yard, divided into three lots 46 x 163 Feet
No 1 JOHN C. BAILEY \$425⁰⁰ No. 2. (having the
school building on it) JOHN C. BAILEY \$810⁰⁰

in the
The back of 110 W. South St. when
moved up next to the Caley's property
soon became our front door



Russie

Estelle

Guy

The EDMONDSON children

1929

LEFT TO RIGHT

Smyrna Business Directory.

Hotel

E. Smith... Proprietor of Delaware House.
William T. Campbell... Proprietor of Smyrna House.

Physicians and Surgeons.

William Davis, M. D.
J. S. Clason, M. D.
Chas. L. Makers, M. D.
W. T. Collins, M. D.
William Cunningham, M. D.
R. C. Groves, M. D.
S. M. Fisher, M. D.
W. L. McCombs... Surgeon Dentist.
D. T. Smith, " "

Druggists.

Jas. F. Hoffbauer... Manufacturing Druggist & Pharmacist.
J. W. Deaney... Dealer in Drugs, Patent Medicines, Perfumery, Paints, Oils, Glass, Vanishing, Putty, &c.

Merchants.

John H. Rowley... Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, Potatoes, Limes, Oats, &c.
Edward Root... Dealer in General Merchandise.
Robert Hill... " " " " " "
Wm. M. Hill... " " " " " "
Cummings & Bastin... " " " " " "
Henry Spessard... " " " " " "
Wm. W. Fishery... " " " " " "
D. Hamilton... " " " " " "
D. Allen... " " " " " "
J. Henry Jefferson... Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Wall Paper, Window Curtains, &c.
Martin & Smith... Ladies' Emporium.
Buggs & Cotton... Wholesale Tailors and Dealers in Dry Goods, Gents' Furnishing Goods, &c.
John Keenan... Merchant Tailor, Men and Boys' Clothing made to order.
Jas. K. Collins... Dealer in Building Hardware and Agricultural Implements.
J. O. & A. H. Stock... Dealer in Groceries and Perfumery.
E. C. Douglas... Dealer in Groceries.

SMYRNA

Duck Creek, Kent Co. Del.
Scale 25 rods to the inch

U.S. Highway No. 102

Col. G. Davis
and

J. C. Clement
and Lot 10 A.

Glenwood Cemetery

Methodist

Methodist

Methodist

Commerce

South

References.

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| A. B. Raymond | 21 | W. H. Smith | 21 |
| A. B. Smith | 22 | W. H. Smith | 22 |
| A. B. Smith | 23 | W. H. Smith | 23 |
| A. B. Smith | 24 | W. H. Smith | 24 |
| A. B. Smith | 25 | W. H. Smith | 25 |
| A. B. Smith | 26 | W. H. Smith | 26 |
| A. B. Smith | 27 | W. H. Smith | 27 |
| A. B. Smith | 28 | W. H. Smith | 28 |
| A. B. Smith | 29 | W. H. Smith | 29 |
| A. B. Smith | 30 | W. H. Smith | 30 |
| A. B. Smith | 31 | W. H. Smith | 31 |
| A. B. Smith | 32 | W. H. Smith | 32 |
| A. B. Smith | 33 | W. H. Smith | 33 |
| A. B. Smith | 34 | W. H. Smith | 34 |
| A. B. Smith | 35 | W. H. Smith | 35 |
| A. B. Smith | 36 | W. H. Smith | 36 |
| A. B. Smith | 37 | W. H. Smith | 37 |
| A. B. Smith | 38 | W. H. Smith | 38 |
| A. B. Smith | 39 | W. H. Smith | 39 |
| A. B. Smith | 40 | W. H. Smith | 40 |
| A. B. Smith | 41 | W. H. Smith | 41 |
| A. B. Smith | 42 | W. H. Smith | 42 |
| A. B. Smith | 43 | W. H. Smith | 43 |
| A. B. Smith | 44 | W. H. Smith | 44 |
| A. B. Smith | 45 | W. H. Smith | 45 |
| A. B. Smith | 46 | W. H. Smith | 46 |
| A. B. Smith | 47 | W. H. Smith | 47 |
| A. B. Smith | 48 | W. H. Smith | 48 |
| A. B. Smith | 49 | W. H. Smith | 49 |
| A. B. Smith | 50 | W. H. Smith | 50 |

Manufacturers.

Thos. H. Lockwood... Manufacturer and Dealer in Pipes and Fire Goods.
John H. Rowley... Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, Potatoes, Limes, Oats, &c.
Edward Root... Dealer in General Merchandise.
Robert Hill... " " " " " "
Wm. M. Hill... " " " " " "
Cummings & Bastin... " " " " " "
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J. O. & A. H. Stock... Dealer in Groceries and Perfumery.
E. C. Douglas... Dealer in Groceries.

Bakers and Confectioners.

Henry Deane... Wholesale and Retail Bread and Cake Baker, Candy Manufacturer, Confectioner, and Dealer in Toys, Young Goods, &c.
John W. Dink... Baker, Confectioner, and Proprietor of Ice Cream Saloon.

Jewellers.

Oscar Fisher... Watchmaker and Jeweler.
Henry R. Parsons... Watchmaker.

Lumber Dealers.

John G. Bailey... Lumber Dealer.
L. M. O. Wilson... " "

Grocery and Provision Dealers.

J. B. Cooper & Son... Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Oils, Edible Oils, and Sausages.
Joseph Farris... Dealer in Groceries and Provisions.
James Hunter... Dealer in Groceries, Provisions and Liquors.

Mechanicians.

Geo. H. Decker... Tailor.
Thos. Cooper... Head Brake Agent, Insurance Agent, and Janitor of the Court.
J. H. Halliday... Stationer and Notary Public.
W. J. Pitt... Livery and Sale Stable.
Henry O. Decker... Stationer and Printer.
Felix Pitt... Stationer.
J. John H. Halliday... Stationer and Notary Public.
Wm. Lee... Stationer and Notary Public.
Jas. H. Decker... Stationer.
J. H. Decker... Stationer.
J. H. Decker... Stationer.
J. H. Decker... Stationer.

Real Estate.

David J. Cummins... Real Estate Agent.
Col. Geo. Davis... Real Estate Agent.
F. Carr... Real Estate Agent.
J. O. Black... Real Estate Agent.
H. O. Black... Real Estate Agent.
H. O. Black... Real Estate Agent.



And act 15. incorporate the Mechanics
Benevolent Society of Smyrna

Sec 1. Be it enacted by the Senate
and House of Representatives of the
State of Delaware in General
Assembly met, That Isaac Peterson
Danl. Meyers, Saml Green, George
Wood, and Saml Boyer and their
successors, be and they are hereby
declared to be one body politic and
corporated to have continued in
office until the first Monday of April
next eighteen Hundred and Twenty
four

Sec 2. And be it enacted that
on the first Monday of April eighteen
Hundred and Twenty four, an elec-
tion shall be held at Smyrna by
the members of the ^{Mechanics} Benevolent Society
of Smyrna for the purpose of electing
^{two} trustees for the management
of the concern, for one year and so
on annually for ~~one~~ ten years

Sec 3. And be it enacted that the
Trustees so elected shall be and they
are hereby constituted a body politic
and corporate. By the name of the
Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent
Society of London, and by their name
shall have perpetual succession
may sue and be sued, plead and
impeach in any Court of Law
or equity.

Sec 4. Be it enacted that the said
Trustees, and their successors by law
appointed shall be capable in Law
to purchase, receive, and hold any
lands, tenements, rents, goods, and chattels
which shall be given or conveyed or
assigned to them for the use of the said
City and to hold the same in trust for the
same in such manner as to them
shall seem most beneficial to the
City.

Sec 5. And be it enacted that the
said Trustees or a majority of them shall
have power from time to time to make

and estates. such by laws, rules and
orders not contrary to the laws and
statutes of this State or of the United States,
as they shall find necessary and proper for
the good government of said Society and
to appoint a permanent trustee, and
trustees, the list of whom shall contain
all monies according to the said power
and property delivered to his care and
pay out or deliver out the same to the
uses of the trustees or a majority of them
the said Trustee, before he enters upon
the duties of his office, shall give bond
and security in such sum as the said
Trustees or a majority of them shall think
proper to them and their successors con-
ditioned for the faithful discharge of the
said duties on ~~the~~ them and that he
will when required by said trustees or
a majority of them render a true and
just account of all monies, goods and
chattels received by him on accounts of
and for the uses of said Society, which
Trustee shall receive and retain as the
said Trustees or a majority of them shall allow

194. the day and year aforesaid the said Rebecca M. Collins being
privately examined by us separate and apart from her said husband
and out of his hearing she the said Rebecca M. did declare and
say that she signed sealed and delivered the within and forego-
-ing indenture freely and willingly without the fear compulsion
or ill usage of her said husband or fear of his displeasure
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day
and year aforesaid.
Daniel Godwin
M. Notary

I Received this Deed to Record this twentieth day of February
A.D. 1830.
A true copy recorded and compared with the original this 21st
day of February A.D. 1830. Attest John W. Allen Notary

Deed Benjamin Coombe wife to the Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna

This Indenture made the twentieth day of March
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
twenty eight Between Benjamin Coombe of Smyrna
in Dutch creek hundred in Kent County and State of
Delaware and Ann his wife of the one part, and the
Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna
of the other part, Whereas by means of a certain Indenture
made the twenty eighth day of September in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
seven between Thomas Fisher then Sheriff of Kent
County of the one part, and Benjamin Coombe of the
other part recorded in "The office for Recording of Deeds"
at Dover in and for Kent County in Book A Vol 3 folio
98 the said Benjamin Coombe became seized in fee
simple of a certain lot or piece of ground containing
one acre with the appurtenances thereto belonging
for the description whereof contained in said Indenture
the parties hereto have reference there to the said
lot or piece of ground lying and being in Smyrna
aforesaid on the South East side a twenty feet road
laid out for the perpetual use and benefit of the
adjoining owners commonly called and known by
the name of Holdens Street or road and adjoining
land of the heirs of Robert Wilson and land laid off
to Mary Walker widow of George Walker deceased as town
of said George Walkers real Estate and being herein after
more particularly described; and the said Benjamin
Coombe and Ann his wife being about to comply to the
said "Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of
Smyrna" their Successors and assigns the said lot or piece
of Ground with the appurtenances thereto belonging



Now this Indenture Witnesseth
that the said Benjamin Coombe and Ann his wife

in full consideration of the sum of one hundred and
thirty five dollars lawful money of the United States of
America paid to them by the said Trustees of the Mechanics
Benevolent Society of Smyrna before the sealing and delivery
of these presents the receipt whereof and themselves thereof
they the said Benjamin Coombe and Ann his
wife do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained
sold conveyed released and confirmed and by these presents
do hereby grant bargain sell release convey and confirm
unto the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society
of Smyrna their successors and assigns forever All that
before mentioned lot or piece of ground lying and being
situated in Kent County aforesaid adjoining to ground
of the heirs of Robert Wilson deceased to ground allotted
and laid off to Mary Walker widow of George Walker
deceased as dower of the real Estate of the said George
Walker and is contained within the following bounds
and bounds to wit Beginning at a stone on the South
East side of a twenty feet road laid out for the perpetual use
and benefit of the adjoining owners and is commonly called
or known by the name of Holden's road or Street corner
also for the heirs of Robert Wilson and running from thence
South thirty eight and a quarter degrees east nineteen and
three tenths perches to a corner of Mary Walkers dower and
thence with South forty eight degrees west eight perches and thirty
five hundredths of a perch and north thirty eight and a
quarter degrees west nineteen and three tenths perches to
the edge of the road aforesaid and on the South East
side thereof and thence with North forty eight degrees East
eight perches and thirty five hundredths of a perch to the
beginning containing one acre neat Measure, and all
the buildings fixtures and improvements ways easements
tenements privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging
or in anywise appertaining and the reversion reversions
remainder remainders Rents issues and profits thereof and
all the Estate title Claim dower and possibility of Claim
power or right of them the said Benjamin Coombe and
Ann his wife in to and out of the same. So Have and
do hereby all the aforesaid lot and premises with the
appurtenances to the said Trustees of the Mechanics benevo
lent Society of Smyrna their successors and assigns to and
for the only proper use and behoof of the said Trustees of
the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna their success
ors forever And the said Benjamin Coombe and
Ann his wife and each of them for themselves and each
of them their heirs executors and administrators of them
do hereby grant and warrant to and with the
Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna
their successors and assigns that they the said Benjamin
Coombe and Ann his wife and each of them and the

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executors and administrators of them and each of them the afore-
said lot of ground and premises with the appurtenances
to them the said "Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent
Society of Smyrna their Successors and assigns against themselves
the said Benjamin Coombe and Ann his wife and each
of them and the heirs of them and of each of them and all persons
claiming or to claim from through by or under them or
either of them or the heirs of them or either of them shall
and well warrant and forever defend. In testimony whereof
the said Benjamin Coombe and Ann his wife have hereunto set
their hands and seals the day and year herein first written.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us
The word "the" in the 7 line first page
the word "first" in the fourth line third
page and the word South in the 8 line
same page were interlined before signing
Witness

Benj Coombe 
Ann Coombe 

James R. Clements
Recd. 20 March 1828 of Ephraim Jefferson one hundred and twenty five
Dollars in full for the Consideration money mentioned in the within
Deed or Indenture
Witness
Joseph Hopper

Benj. Coombe

State of Delaware ss: Be it Remembered that on the twentieth
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and twenty eight before me Jacob Stout one of the
Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the State of Delaware Benjamin
Coombe and Ann Coombe named in the foregoing Indenture
and parties thereto came in their proper persons and severally
acknowledged the said Indenture to be their act and Deed res-
pectively and desired that the same might be recorded as such
And I do also certify that the said Ann Coombe wife of the
said Benjamin Coombe being on the same day and year afore-
said Privately examined by me separate and apart from her said
husband and out of his hearing she the said Ann Coombe did
declare and say that she signed sealed and delivered the said
Indenture as her act and Deed willingly and freely without
the fear compulsion or ill usage of her said husband or fear
of his displeasure. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand the day and year aforesaid.

Jacob Stout
J. M. Marshall

Received this deed to record this twenty eighth day of March
A.D. 1828
A true Copy recorded and compared with the original this eighth
day of February A.D. 1830
Attest John W. Mansfield

1893
April 27

Bill of Lumber furnished to Mr. J. New for
School District No. 3 Kent County

1	-	4	Sills	24 feet Long	6 by 8	- - - -	384
2	-	4	Corner posts	18 1/2 feet	4 by 6	- - -	148
3	-	45	Join	22 feet	3 by 9	- - -	2227
4	-	9	Diagonal	24 feet	4 by 8	- -	576
5	-	26	Rafters	16 feet	5 at bottom 4 at top	3	468
6	-		Straddling	3 by 4	890 feet	- -	890
7	-		Braces	4 by 5	160 feet	- -	160
8	-	833	feet of	Lath at	62 1/2 lbs		4853

\$72.79
529

Given
to the weather

\$79.08
~~Amount~~

Rec^d. Impno Oct 14. 1833 of Tho: J. L.
R. Pay Seventy-eight dollars and
eight cents in full of the within
bill of Lumber furnished School
District No 3 Clark County. —

Doll^s 78.08 } 3

Isaac Walker

of MacArthur
with Lumber
of District No 3

of MacArthur
Ball M^r
\$ 78.08

Recd. Apr. 11. 1832 of Messrs Tho: & J. R. Rues five
dollars and twenty two cents for 60 Chestnut
Rail, and 27 wh: oak posts for School district
in Kent County. James Schawley

\$5²²/₁₀₀

Commissioner of the General Land Office

1839

April 13th To 1200 feet of pine boards @ .125 \$15.00

Rec^d 17th Augt Payment

J. Tamminson
[Signature]

Dr School Commissioners District No 3 City of New York

1833		\$	cts
Jan ¹⁵	To Balance on Settlement	4	17 1/2
Mar ⁷	" Board season Oak Wood @ 350	1	45
Apr ⁷	" 1 Sweeping Brush	"	50
June 22	" amount paid Mike Blackstone for work	"	50
Oct. 78	" Cash for postage on Letters from Dover	"	06
		6	98 1/2

Rec^d 26 Oct 1833 the above
The P. S. Rees

Rec^d 26th Oct 1833 from board
of School District No 3
two hundred and twenty
five dollars for three quarts
tuition upto first Nov^r
D. S. P. W. P. Gilbert

Rec^d 10th April 1833 from
Commissioners of School Dist^{rict}
No 3 seventy five dollars for
two 90 tuition ending first
day February last
D. S. P. W. P. Gilbert

School District No 3 in Ken-County
 1893 In acct with Commissioners

Jan 21	"	Paid to the Commissioners at set	9	18
July 21	"	Paid J & E Ferrabee per Bill	97	29 1/2
Mar 11	"	Do Wm Burrows receipt	"	50
Apr 1	"	Do James Toney " Do	1	00
Oct 14	"	Do Isaac Walker " Do	78	08
" 26	"	Do William Gilbert " Do	225	00
Oct 4	"	Do James Ruth " Do	31	75
April 10	"	Do Wm Gilbert " Do	75	00
Oct 26	"	Do S Spearman " Do	1	75
" "	"	Do J & M P. Rees " Do	6	98 1/2
			<u>526</u>	<u>47</u>
1893				
Oct 26	"	amt due Commissioners	75	42

1893 Corp. Coor

July 21	"	By this sum rec ^d of Mrs. Burton shff in full of execut ⁿ against C. Appleton	185	43
" 5	"	John Thomas for	1	33
Sept 4	"	Cash of Tho. H. Au-kin collector for 1893 up to this date	185	00
" "	"	Robert Bailey for	4	25
" 28	"	Wm Sharp late collector	23	00
" "	"	Cash from school fund	52	04
Oct 26	"	amt due the Commissioners this day	75	42
			<u>526</u>	<u>47</u>

A list of the scholars attending school in Charge of Wm. Gilbert in School district no 3 in Kent County.

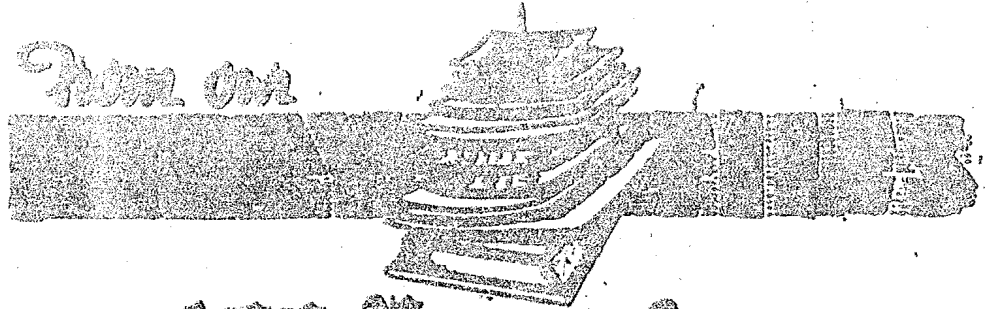
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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Mabrina Register | 22 Alexander Pritchett |
| 2 Sarah C. Cummins | 23 George Webb |
| 3 Frances Ann Cummins | 24 Samuel Register |
| 4 Jane Green | 25 David Cummins |
| 5 Elizabeth White | 26 Abel Reese |
| 6 Mary Cummins | 27 James Begg |
| 7 Frances Ann Reynolds | 28 Thomas Lambdin |
| 8 Ann Stevenson | 29 John Cross |
| 9 Elizabeth Paily | 30 Thomas Harris |
| 10 Nancy George | 31 John Serrickson |
| 11 David Clayton | 32 Thomas Sutton |
| 12 Charles Hockley | 33 Hentisoff Wright |
| 13 Edwin Wilmer | 34 William Thomas |
| 14 George Cummins | 35 John Thomas |
| 15 Jarvis Parston | 36 William Potter |
| 16 John Perkins | 37 Thomas Shane |
| 17 Ebenezer Perkins | |
| 18 Thomas Ford | |
| 19 Henry Parrott | |
| 20 Charles Lambdin | |
| 21 Joseph Fairbanks | |

37 in charge of Wm. Gilbert
 49 " " " Miss Mansfield
 86 Aggregate

A list of scholars attending the school in Charge of Miss Mary Mansfield in School district no 3 in Kent County.

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Elizabeth Stevenson | 26 Mary Ann Edwards |
| 2 Lydia Stevenson | 27 Mary C. Thomas |
| 3 Rachel Paily | 28 Elizabeth Spearman |
| 4 Sarah Eliz. Peterson | 29 Martha Ann Meredith |
| 5 Margaret Peterson | 30 Mary Ann Faries |
| 6 Susan Webb | 31 Sally Ann Woodall |
| 7 Emily Clayton | 32 Martha Wright |
| 8 Elizabeth Pate | 33 Mary A. Faries |
| 9 Victoria Pate | 34 Sally Ann Purnell |
| 10 Mary Elizabeth Mitchell | 35 Hester Ann Powell |
| 11 Mary Ann Eaton | 36 Mary Towns |
| 12 Rebecca Mares | 37 William Edwards |
| 13 Rhoda Ann Reese | 38 John Eaton |
| 14 Mary Elizabeth Lambdin | 39 William C. Perkins |
| 15 Sarah Emily Cross | 40 Theodore Haughey |
| 16 Ann W. Cummins | 41 Daniel Pash |
| 17 Martha Cummins | 42 William Stevenson |
| 18 Elizabeth Bowers | 43 Daniel Stevenson |
| 19 Sally Ann Pisher | 44 George D. Collins |
| 20 Mary Ann Jones | 45 Samuel Clayton |
| 21 Margaret Purnell | 46 Philip Basin |
| 22 Susan Stevenson | 47 Presley Spearman |
| 23 Sally Ann Clayton | 48 James Abbott |
| 24 Hannah Green | 49 William Smith |
| 25 Elizabeth Green | |

From Our



100 Years Ago

The property belonging to the Public Schools of this town were sold at Public Sale this morning as follows: On South Street, comprising the brick school house and yard, divided into three lots of 46 by 163 feet; No. 1, John C. Bailey, \$425; No. 2, (having the school building on it) John C. Bailey, \$810; No. 3, (adjoining the house occupied by Joseph L. Beckett) Mrs. Hannah Surgeon, \$470. The playground on the opposite side of the street, divided into three lots of 46 by 138 feet; No. 4 for \$315; No. 5, \$350, and No. 6, \$385, all knocked off to William M. Bell. The lot on North Street, 133 by 175 feet on which is a frame school house, known as Nos. 3 and 77 to W.W. Tschudy, for \$820. The sale aggregated \$3,575. This sum will go into the building fund of the new school house.

The following officers of McDonald Encampment No. 2 - Patriarchs - I.O.O.F., of this town, were elected last evening: Chief Patriarch, George M. Stevenson; High Priest, E.C. Faries; Senior Warden, John A. Wright; Junior Warden, John R. Harris; Scribe, E.M. Fowler; Treasurer, Abel S. Faries. Smyrna conclave, No. 45, I.O.H., elected the following officers for the ensuing term last Wednesday: Archon, J.H. Primrose; Provost, John Cosgriff; Secretary, George M. Stevenson; Financier, James H. Groves; Treasurer, Jonathan B. Evans; Prelate, William H. Baggs; Inspector, E. Harry Beck; Warden, John Wilkinson Jr.; Sentinel, A.L. Quillen; Trustees, William H. Baggs, William E. Hall, Richard M. Johnson; Medical Examiners, Drs. William T.

McCleary and Miss Ida White, both of Kent County, Ross - Green, December 19th, at the home of the bride in Magnolia by Rev. S.N. Pilchard, Dennis D. Ross and Miss Anna D. Green, both of Kent County, Short - Warrington, Dec. 16, at the M.E. parsonage, Magnolia, by Rev. S.N. Pilchard, Henry Short and Miss Margaret Warrington, both of Delaware, Sipple - Tilghman, December 20, at the M.E. parsonage, Leipsic, by Rev. E.C. Adkins, John Sipple and Miss Lydia Tilghman, both of Kent County.

The Newark Ledger makes the following mention of the wedding of a well known gentleman, until the past eighteen years a resident at the Alley Mills, near this town: "On Thursday night, Mr. D.J. Murphey, one of our very esteemed citizens, was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Crawford, at the residence of the bride's mother, at Avondale, Chester County, Pa.

More Marriages - Baker - Hartup, at the residence of the bride's mother in Thoroughfare Neck, this morning, January 2, by Rev. D.F. Waddeil, William

E. Baker and Miss Clara Hartup, Jones - Walker, in Philadelphia, December 31st, by Rev. D.F. Waddell, Thomas Jones and Miss Annic E. Walker, both of Thoroughfare Neck, Rowe - Titus, in West Philadelphia, December 24th, by Rev. J. Addison Henry, George R. Rowe of Middletown and Miss Kate C. Titus of Philadelphia.

On last Monday evening 60 or 70 citizens gathered at the rooms of Miss Mary E. Savin to witness the charade, "Madcap". Characters: "Miss Emelina Boggs" was taken by Miss Kate Bell; "Miss Araminta Boggs" by Miss Laura Doughten; "Margaret Westmore" by Miss Elva Carrow; "James Morley" by Olin I. Hough; "Shakespeare Tennyson Hogg" by L.M. Price; "a Policeman" by Mrs. E.M. Cloak, which was very much enjoyed. It was followed by Miss Lizzie Myers of Philadelphia reciting "A Legend of Bregenz" which was beautifully rendered. The pantomime, "Chinese Restaurant" was enjoyed by all, as well as the singing of two pieces by a quartette of gentlemen, J. Ed. Hoffecker singing the solos.

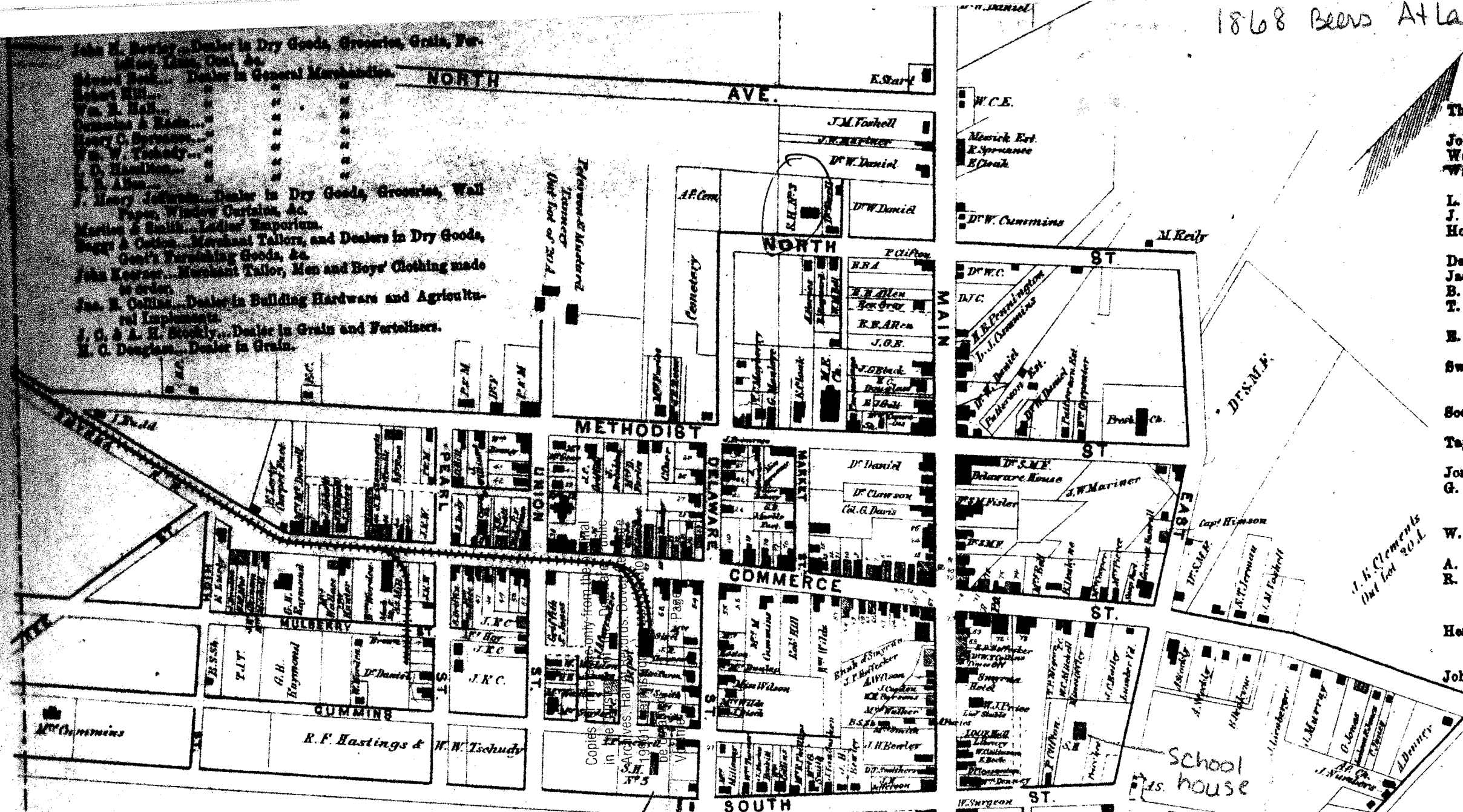
50 Years Ago

The frigid cold spell of last week which sent the mercury in the thermometer down to zero temperature, brought the first ice skating of the winter at Lake Como and afforded a delightful pastime for young and old during the Christmas holidays. By New Year's Eve the thaw spoiled the sport.

At the meeting of the Citizens' Hose Company last week, eight

Mary Louise Deakynce; solo, Ruth Gooden; recitation, Manfield Ennis; solo, Mrs. Frank H. Hynson; Grange Journal, Ruth Pryor; songs, refreshments and a social hour.

Dr. W.L. Vaughn of Smyrna has sued the Town of Smyrna for \$1000 for injuries sustained Christmas a year ago while the Christmas decorations were being put up. Dr. Vaughn, it is alleged, was crossing the street



John H. Beery... Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Grains, &c.
 Robert Hill... Dealer in General Merchandise.
 J. Henry Johnson... Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Wall Paper, Window Curtains, &c.
 Martin & Smith... Ladies' Emporium.
 Scott & Cotton... Merchant Tailors, and Dealers in Dry Goods, Gent's Furnishing Goods, &c.
 John Kearney... Merchant Tailor, Men and Boys' Clothing made to order.
 Jas. E. Collins... Dealer in Building Hardware and Agricultural Implements.
 J. C. & A. H. Stockly... Dealer in Grains and Fertilizers.
 H. C. Douglas... Dealer in Grains.

Theo. B. Lockwood... Manuf Plow Castings.
 John Mustard... Tanner and Walter McMullen... Carriage Wm. Worden & Co... Propriet Steam Saw Mill, and L. H. Pecky... Smyrna Mael J. D. Evans...
 Hofferker & Bro... Manufactu kets and Yarns.
 David Stevenson... Marble M Jas. Mallison... Carpet Man B. V. Weldon... Manufactu T. O. Ayres... Manufactur of Saddlery.
 B. Harrison... Manufactur of Saddlery.
 Swanton & Taylor... Manufa Japanned Ware, Cool and Spouting, Lantern Scout & Manning... Manuf ing Implements, and B Taylor & Messick... Manufa Wagons, Carts, Plows, Jonas Windle... Carriage Mak G. W. Taylor & Co... Manufac Iron Railings, Machin Seed Drills. Also, Rej W. S. Green... Manufactur of Ranges, &c.
 A. Faries... Cabinet Maker and R. F. Hastings... Ship Builder
 Bakers and
 Henry Bearne... Wholesale an Candy Manufacturer, C Fancy Goods, &c.
 John W. Flock... Baker, Conf Cream Saloon.

References.

1. B. H. Raymond	32. M. Wright	63. J. Faries
2. R. Beck	33. Hofferker & Bro	64. W. Faries Est.
3. M. A. Barrett	34. J. S. Huffington	65. J. H. Bowley
4. W. W. Cummins	35. M. E. Wright	66. G. W. Cummins
5. M. Roberts	36. M. M. Hazel	67. W. E. Hall
6. J. M. Parsons	37. M. L. Hazel	68. J. H. Jefferson
7. Griffith & Bro.	38. M. Green	69. Spruance & Megear
8. H. E. Parsons	39. J. Wright	70. E. Ward
9. J. W. Mariner	40. W. Denney	71. M. A. Spruance
10. A. Faries Sr	41. Circuit Parsonage	72. W. M. Manlove
11. T. Carr	42. J. S. Huffington	73. M. Catts (P.O.)
12. G. W. Cummins	43. H. Raughley	74. J. Wallace
13. J. Chadon	44. J. S. Huffington	75. B. Deakne
14. M. J. Pitman	45. M. A. Benninghove	76. J. H. Bowley Store
15. J. E. Clements	46. T. J. Thompson	77. Patterson Est.
16. M. Van Holt	47. J. B. Cooper	78. E. Cloak
17. P. Carr	48. M. Horner	79. E. J. Holt
18. R. Beck	49. J. W. Mariner	80. L. Davis Est.
19. B. L. Collins, Ret.	50. J. E. Wilson	81. W. M. Bell
20. S. Reynolds	51. M. L. M. Dowell	82. T. B. Lockwood, Foundry
21. W. Boyd	52. J. Faries	83. Hofferker & Bro.
22. H. M. Broadway	53. M. J. Pitman	84. W. M. Mallon
23. H. Bearne	54. J. Faries	85. J. F. Reese
24. J. E. Clements	55. J. Faries	
25. J. E. Clements	56. J. E. Collins	
26. J. E. Clements	57. Misses Barlock	
27. J. E. Clements	58. H. Bearne	
28. J. E. Clements		
29. J. E. Clements		
30. J. E. Clements		

Jewels
 Oscar Fisher... Watchmaker and Henry R. Parsons... Watchmaker
 Lumber I
 John C. Bailey... Lumber Dealer. I. M. O. Witsen...
 Grocery and Pro
 J. B. Cooper & Bro... Dealers in Stationery, School Books, Joseph Faries... Dealer in Grocer Jane Hunter... Dealer in Groceries
 Miscella
 Geo. H. Hofferker... Editor Time Theo. Carrow... Real Estate Age tice of the Peace.

NO. 5

School house

Col. G. Davis

W. C. Eliason

D. E. D. Thomas Maberry & others, to, Jacob Penington.


This Indenture made the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, between Thomas Maberry, Israel Peterson, John R. Dickson, George Stormson, and Benjamin Smith Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna as a body Politic and Corporate by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware passed January thirtieth eighteen hundred and twenty four, all of Smyrna Kent County and State of Delaware of the one part, and Jacob Penington of Smyrna County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of eighty three dollars lawfull money of the United States of America paid to them by the said Jacob Penington before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof and themselves thereof satisfied, they the said Trustees as aforesaid do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargained, sold, & conveyed released and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell and release convey and confirm unto the said Jacob Penington him his heirs and assigns forever, all that lot or parcel of ground, situated lying and being in the Town of Smyrna Kent County and State of Delaware, which they purchased of Benjamin Coombe and Ann his wife as proved bearing date March the twentieth eighteen hundred and twenty eight, ~~except so much thereof as the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna hath deeded to the Trustees of the Mechanics Academy of Smyrna.~~ The part now hereby conveyed beginneth at a stake on the south East side of a twenty foot road laid out for the perpetual use and benefit of the adjoining owners, and is commonly called or known by the name of Elders road or Street Corner also for the lot of the Trustees of the Mechanics Academy of Smyrna, and from thence south forty eight degrees West five perches and twenty eight hundredths to a stake a corner of Mary Walker, widow of George Walker, Dover, and from thence with said line south thirty eight and one fourth degree East nineteen perches and three tenths to a stake and from thence North forty eight degrees East eight perches and thirty five hundredths to a stake in the line of Robert Wilsons heirs, from thence with said line North thirty eight and one fourth degree West twelve perches and three tenths to a stake a corner of Trustees of Mechanics Academy of Smyrna's lot, from thence with line of said lot South forty eight degrees West three perches and seven tenths to a stake and corner of said Trustees of Mechanics Academy lot, and from thence North thirty eight and one fourth degree West seven perches to place of Beginning containing one hundred and thirty four perches and one tenth of a perch, and all the buildings, fixtures, and improvements, ways, easements, tenements, privileges, and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion, reversions, remainders, remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof and all the estate, title, claim, done and possibility of claim, done, or right of them the aforesaid Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna in to and out of the same, To Have and To Hold all the aforesaid lot and premises with the appurtenances to the said Jacob Penington his heirs and assigns forever, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Jacob Penington his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna and each of them for themselves and each of them and the heirs, executors and administrators of them and each of them do grant and covenant to and with the said Jacob Penington his heirs and assigns that they the said Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna and each of them and the heirs, executors and administrators of them, their and each of them, the aforesaid lot of ground and premises, with the appurtenances to him the said Jacob Penington his heirs and assigns against themselves the aforesaid Trustees of the Mechanics Benevolent Society of Smyrna and each of them and the heirs of them and each of them and the heirs of each of them, and all persons claiming or to claim from through by or under their or either of them or the heirs of them or either of them

D E D. Elizabeth Haughey, to School District n^o 5 in Kent County,
Consideration \$140:00.

This Indenture made this tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, Between Elizabeth Haughey of the Town of Bryana in Duck Creek Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware of the one part - and School District n^o five in Kent County (the said District being in Duck Creek Hundred afo^rd) of the other part - Witnesseth that the said Elizabeth Haughey for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and forty dollars lawfull money of the United States of America to her in hand paid at or before the inscaling and delivery hereof the receipt whereof she doth hereby acknowledge, Hath given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, infeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents she the said Elizabeth Haughey doth give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, infeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said School District n^o five in Kent County all that lot or parcel of ground and premises situated, lying and being in the Town of Bryana aforesaid, Beginning at a stake

on the South East side of a twenty foot road, laid out for the perpetual use and benefit of the adjoining owners and is commonly called or known by the name of Boldens road or street -
 come also for the lot of the Trustees of the Mechanics Academy of Bryana, and from thence running South forty eight degrees West five perches and twenty eight hundredths of a perch to a stake a corner for lands laid off to the widow of George Wadler dec'd for down in his estate, thence with said line South thirty eight and a fourth degrees East nineteen perches and three tenths to a stake, and from thence North forty eight degrees East eight perches and thirty five hundredths to a stake in the line of Robert Wilsons heirs, from thence with said line North thirty eight and one fourth degrees West twelve perches and three tenths to a stake a corner of the lot of the said Trustees of the Mechanics Academy of Bryana, from thence with the line of said lot South forty eight degrees West three perches and seven tenths to a stake and corner of said last mentioned lot, and from thence North thirty eight and one fourth degrees West seven perches to the place of Beginning containing one hundred and thirty four perches and one tenth of a perch of land to the same more or less: - it being the same lot of ground and premises which Benjamin Gormbe dec'd and Ann his wife by their Indenture duly executed and acknowledged, and recorded in the office for recording of deeds at Down in Kent County 1814 in Book C No. 3 folio 194 sold and conveyed to the Trustees of the Mechanics 1824 Society of Bryana, and which the said Trustees, viz. Thomas Mabury, Isaac Peterson, John A. Dickson, Ormy Minson and Benjamin Smith by their Indenture duly executed and acknowledged - bearing date the 1st day of February A. D. 1830 and recorded in the said Office sold and conveyed to Isaac 1834 Drinnington now deceased, who by his last will and testament of record in the office of the Register of Wills 1834 in and for Kent County aforesaid devised the same by the residuary clause of said Will (he being seized of the same at the time of making his said will and at his death) to the said Elizabeth Haughy in fee - Together with all and singular the buildings, fixtures, and improvements, ways, waters, easements, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the pensions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, property, interest, claim and demand of the said Elizabeth Haughy of or to the said above described lot or parcel of ground, tenements, hereditaments, and premises and every part and parcel thereof. To Have and To Hold the said lot or parcel of ground, tenements, hereditaments and premises hereinabove described & conveyed with all and singular the appurtenances unto the said School District in Kent County forever, to and for the use of the said School District forever. In Witness whereof the said Elizabeth Haughy hath hereunto set her hand and affixed her seal the day and year first herein written.

Signed sealed and delivered
 in the presence of us - the said "Foram"
 having been first intimated on the 28th line
 above.

Elizabeth Haughy. 

D. Lockwood.
 P. Sprouner's

Received on the day of the date of the foregoing Indenture from Dnoch Sprouner the sum of one hundred and forty dollars in full of the consideration money therein expressed.

Elizabeth Haughy.

Witness
 D. Lockwood
 P. Sprouner's

State of Delaware } Be it remembered that on the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 Kent County, ss. } hundred and forty seven, before me David Lockwood of Notary and Public Notary in the Town of Bryana in the County aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified and authorized by law to take the
 acknowledgments of deeds and the private examinations of free looms, personally appeared Elizabeth Haughy the
 decedent named in the foregoing Indenture, and acknowledged the said Indenture to be her act and deed, freely
 and desired that it might be recorded. In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and official
 seal the same day and year above written.
 D. Lockwood, Not. Pub. Del.

No. 6626

APPLICATION

OF

Ed. Rees, & ^{and 107}
(^{Truyana})
Kent County Del

Apr 24 1880

Cancelled

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APPLICATION

of Delaware dated April 5, 1880

Of John S. Reynolds of the County of Kent and State of Delaware in the
Kent County Mutual Insurance Company, (a Corporation existing under the Laws of the State of Delaware),
 for insurance against loss by Fire for the sum of One Thousand
 dollars, to wit: On

VALUE MAIN BUILDING AND ATTACHMENTS SEVERALLY.
 (In this blank state only the use and kind of building, number of stories, and distance to the nearest building.)

No.	ESTIMATED VALUE.	INSURED VALUE.	PER CENT.	PREMIUM NOTE.
<u>one</u>	<u>1500</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>100</u>
<p><u>A small brick building having a chimney with a small stove</u> <u>from chimney attached with stove inside in the</u> <u>center of a level lot of ground located between</u> <u>and South streets in the town of Sussex forming and</u> <u>the estimated value is fifteen hundred dollars and is</u> <u>insured for one thousand dollars, and being the united</u> <u>interest of J. S. Reynolds for term of years as aforesaid</u></p>				
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> When personal property, state where kept.</p>				

Applications on personal property must be particularly described. Instead of "etc.," use a definite term, as the case may require; to illustrate, to cover merchandise not enumerated in full, add "and other goods in the line of business." The application and Note must be signed by owner of property, who will be fully bound by the application.

THE AGENT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A PERSONAL SURVEY.

(QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY SURVEYOR AND ANSWERED BY APPLICANT.)

Is the above estimate on building or buildings a cash valuation, not including the grounds? It is a valuation without the land
 State the size of cellar, if any, and how used. A small cellar of about 12x14 for fuel
 By whom owned? By John S. Reynolds
 By whom occupied, and for what purpose? By the school of the said town
 How warmed? By stove
 Are the chimneys built from the ground? If not, how? They are built from the ground
 How are the stove-pipes secured? By being let into brick flues
 The distance the ashes are kept from the nearest building—how many yards? _____
 Location of pump or well. A pump in the yard of said premises
 If already insured, in what Company, and for what amount? Not insured in any other company
 What kind of roof? Shingle roof
 Is there a trap-door, and easy access to roof from within? No trap door
 Are buildings or building protected by lightning-rods? No lightning rods
 The above described property—where situated? In the town of Sussex in the State of Delaware

Estimated value, \$ 1500 Insured value, \$ 1000 Premium Note, \$ 100 Interest to 1st day of Jan'y next, \$ 112

The applicant hereby agrees that there is no understanding nor agreement for insurance, and further that notwithstanding the payment of above interest on Premium Note to January 1st next, that he has no claim on the Company by virtue of this application or otherwise, for any loss or damage by fire to the property above described, until the application is duly approved in accordance with the By-Laws of the Company.

APPROVED

April 24th 1880

John S. Reynolds APPLICANT

SURVEYOR

John S. Reynolds PRESIDENT

DIRECTORS

about 2 miles from Camden, in Kent Co. Del. and
known as the Woodside Mill

1879
July 1 \$400 - taken off of No. 1 and placed on Smelling within
100 ft of Mill - see app. on file.

School Districts Nos 5 & 107 Smyrna.

~~Apr 24 10 1 On a 2 story brick school house 40x24 with
a 1 story frame building attached 18x24 1500 1000~~

Cancelled
1881
Cancelled

~~Situated between Cummins, and South Sts Smyrna, Del.~~

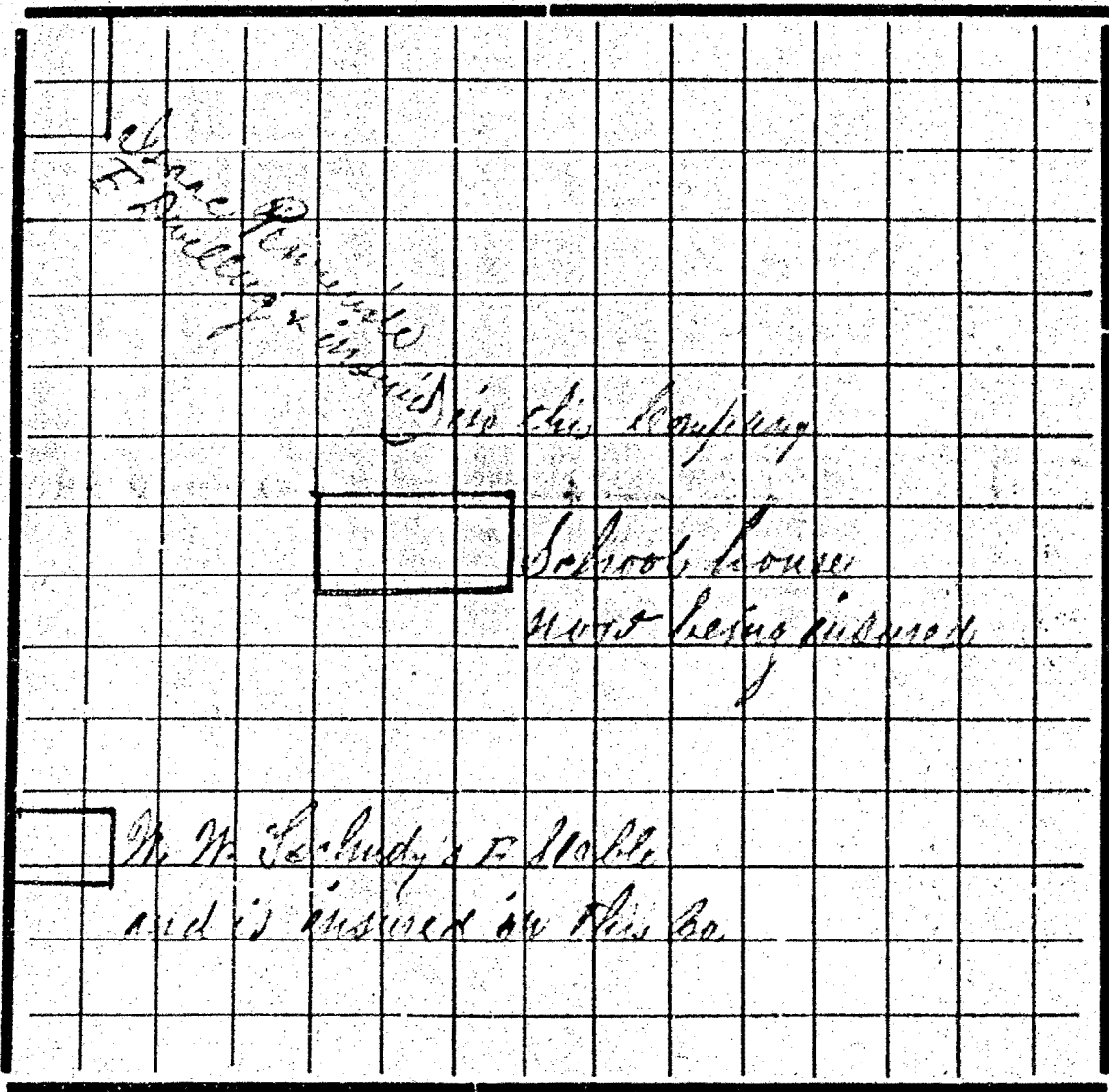
James K. Torbert, Frankford

April 22 9 1 On a 2 story frame dwelling 16x24 2000 1165

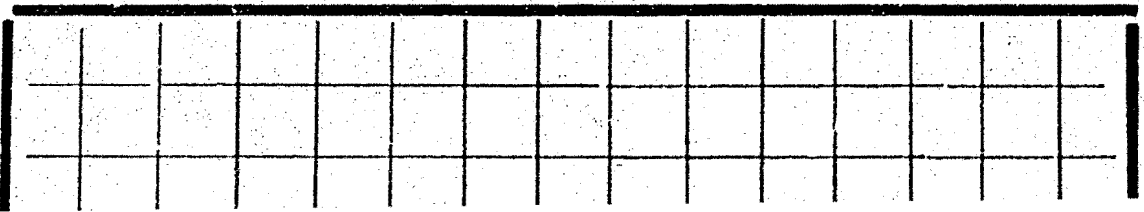
Delaware St

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Scale 100 feet to an inch. Each \square rep



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poses herein mentioned shall include the necessary repairs or additional sum of the proceeds of the chairman vered to the er to the Clerk ublic record. of the several exhibit their of Chapter 42, voters of said of April next, all money due lays they shall sioners of the ditionally: the

School Histories

RESOLUTION

CHAPTER 308.

OF FREE SCHOOLS.

AN ACT to consolidate the Public Schools of the Town of Smyrna.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met (two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. That on and after the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881, the United School District Nos. 3 and 77, and the United School District Nos. 5 and 107, in Kent County, as now bounded, or as they may hereafter be bounded, shall form one united school district by the name of the "Smyrna Public School," and shall be governed by a board of directors to be composed of seven members who shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. That the "Board of Directors" of the said "Smyrna Public Schools" shall be constituted as follows: the two present commissioners of each of the said united districts Nos.

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3 and 77 and Nos. 5 and 107, whose terms of office will not expire on the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881, shall be members of the said "Board of Directors" until the time for which they were originally elected shall have expired: Two members of the said "Board of Directors" shall be elected by the School voters at the annual election to be held on the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881. That is to say: The school voters of united school district Nos. 3 and 77 shall at said annual election elect one member of the said "Board of Directors," and the school voters of the said united school district Nos. 5 and 107 shall also at said annual election elect one member of the said "Board of Directors," which two members of the said "Board of Directors" so elected on the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881, shall serve for the term of three years: The remaining member of the said board shall be elected by the other six members of the said board at the first meeting of the said Board which shall be held on the first Monday after the first Saturday of April, A. D. 1881, and annually thereafter, and who shall serve for the term of one year. And thereafter the school voters in the said united district comprising Districts Nos. 3, 5, 77, and 107 shall meet at the brick school-house in united district Nos. 5 and 107, or in such other place as the said Board may appoint, on the first Saturday in April in each year, at 2 o'clock P. M., and hold an election for two members of the said "Board of Directors," who shall serve for the term of three years. In case of a tie vote at any election the presiding officer of such election shall give an additional vote.

SECTION 3. That a majority of the board shall form a quorum, and any vacancy occasioned by non-election, death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the said board at any stated meeting for the whole or residue of the term, as the case may be; and if any member of the board, or any person elected a member thereof, shall absent himself from its stated meetings for three successive sessions without sufficient excuse, the board may, at its option, declare his place vacant, and may fill such vacancy as herein provided.

SECTION 4. That the members of the said board shall be a corporation by the name of "The Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools," and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and shall have and possess all the powers, rights, privileges, and franchises of a corporation necessary and proper to establish and maintain good schools for the education of all the children within the district aforesaid, that are by law entitled to be educated in the public schools; and shall have full control of all the real and personal

Term constituted for the present
Election of Directors
Term of Directors

Quorum Vacancies

Name of Corporation

Powers

102. SMYRNA'S FIRST KINDERGARTEN BUILDING

An Act of Assembly in 1829 established the public school system in Delaware. As the result of that legislation, Smyrna was divided into two school districts, namely No. 3 and No. 5. By 1854 population expansion on the south side of Commerce Street necessitated the erection of a two-storey brick structure on West South Street. It was surrounded by a large yard. In the 1880's the kindergarten movement, originating in Germany, developed in the United States, and took hold in Smyrna in the latter years of that decade.

By that time a small frame Victorian cottage had been erected on Cummins Street on a part of No. 5's lot. According to oral tradition the ladies of the town organized the private kindergarten, and held classes in the cottage. Albeit the venture was short-lived. Later the building was moved to West South Street and turned around.

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It is one of Smyrna's smallest Victorian Cottage structures. However, it is three bays wide on the first floor, one room deep, but two storeys high. The most unique feature being its twin separated dormer gables protruding from the A-shaped roof line. Windows were six over six. The porch was a later addition.

For many years it was a tenant property owned by the Short Estate. Recently it has been purchased by Elmer Gove.

SCHOOLS.—Probably the earliest school in Smyrna, and one which attained the most celebrity, was a Friends' school, known as the Southern Boarding school. The school exercises were performed in the building on Mt. Vernon Street, now owned by Mrs. M. Fidler, and the students boarded in the building now the residence of John Mustard. This institution was closed before 1825, and little can be learned concerning it.

By the first division of the county into school districts, according to the act of 1829, Smyrna formed a portion of Districts No. 3 and 5. Two frame school-houses were erected, one on North and the other on South Street. At a later date District No. 77 was created out of No. 3, and District 107 out of No. 5. No new buildings were erected in the new districts, but the schools conducted as before. In 1854 it was found necessary to provide more ample accommodations for the scholars, and the building on South Street was removed and a two-story brick structure, twenty-six by forty feet, erected. Both buildings are still standing, though no longer used for school purposes. The building in District No. 3 received several additions and alterations, and was used for school purposes until 1884. The growth of the schools and the advantages of the graded-school system led to the consolidation of the schools. In 1881 an act was passed enabling the commissioners to consolidate, and on April 4th of that year a meeting of the commissioners of Districts No. 3, 77, 5 and 107 was held, which resulted as follows: The board organized by electing George H. Raymond president; E. M. Cloak, secretary; P. Hoffecker treasurer. On July

13th of same year, George H. Raymond resigned his position as commissioner, and William M. Bell was chosen his successor.

In September 1881, L. Irving Handy was elected principal, which position he filled until 1887, when he resigned and accepted the position of superintendent of the public schools of Kent County. Pursuant to a notice given January 8, 1883, a meeting of the taxpayers was held January 19th for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a new school-house. At this meeting it was resolved, "That the Board of Directors of the Smyrna Public Schools be, and hereby are, authorized and requested to ask from the General Assembly at its present session, an amendment to the act entitled an 'Act to Consolidate the Public Schools of Smyrna,' enabling the said Board of Directors to borrow, not exceeding the sum of sixteen thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a school-house in said district." The petition was granted, and on February 12th John H. Hoffecker, George W. Taylor, W. A. Faries and William M. Bell were appointed a committee to select a suitable site. A lot on the corner of Delaware and South Streets was selected and purchased of the heirs of Mr. Catts. The plan of a building, as draughted by C. E. Graham & Sons, of Wilmington, was adopted on April 3d.

The contract for the building was awarded to T. W. Farree & Bro., of Yorklyn, on the 2d of May. On May 29th William M. Bell, W. A. Faries and G. W. Taylor were appointed a building committee. The building was completed and accepted in January, 1884. It is a brick structure, cruciform in shape, having four transepts, each twenty-five by thirty-five feet, two stories high and forming eight rooms. The centre building is thirty-five feet square, three stories high, and is surmounted with a dome and belfry, making a total height of ninety-two feet. The total cost of the building was fourteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight dollars. The old school property was sold January 2d of that year. The land on South Street was divided into six lots, three of which were purchased by William M. Bell, two by J. C. Bailey and one by Mrs. Hannah Surgeon. The lot on North Street was purchased by W. W. Tschudy. In June, 1884, Edward B. Gordon and Harry R. Bell were graduated as the first alumni of the public schools. The first commencement exercises were held June 26, 1885, when a class of five was graduated. At the present time twenty-three have graduated. There are at the present time in the public schools eight departments.



..The Smyrna Public Schools..



The first free school in town was opened in a building on east Commerce street now owned as a place of residence by John W. Tucker formerly the Davis property. It was started by the young ladies of town prominent among whom were Mrs. Ann Spruance and the Misses Mary and Ann Patterson. It was incorporated as the Female Union Society, January 22, 1818, its object being to educate those who were unable to pay the tuition at the private school's. This institution was continued until the adoption of the public school system. When Kent County was divided into school districts according to the act of 1829, Smyrna formed that portion known as Districts No. 3 and No. 5. Two frame schoolhouses were erected, No. 3 being on North street now the residence of colored people and No. 5 being on

South street, now the residence of Nathaniel F. Wilds. At a later date district No. 77 was created out of No. 3 and No. 107 out of No. 5. In 1874, the year the SMYRNA TIMES was established, the frame structure known as No. 5 was supplanted by a two story brick schoolhouse, more commodious and better adapted to meet the increasing demand. The growth of the school and the advantages of the graded school system soon made itself felt and lead up to the consolidation of the schools and the building of our magnificent school building.

Consolidation of the Smyrna Public School.

The act enabling the school commissioners to consolidate the schools was passed by the Legislature of 1881 and on April the 4th of the same year the commissioners of No. 3, 77, 5, and 107 met and effected an organization

with George H. Raymond as president, E. M. Cloak, secretary, and James P. Hoffecker treasurer. In July of the same year Mr. Raymond resigned the presidency and was succeeded by Mr. W. M. Bell who took an active interest in the cause of education and with John H. Hoffecker, were largely instrumental in getting the new school building. In fact the plan of our High School was originally thought out by Mr. Bell before it was given to the architects. Pursuant to a notice given July the 8, 1883 a meeting of the taxpayers was held for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a modern High School building and it was resolved to petition the legislature for the right to borrow \$16,000 for the purpose of building the new structure. The petition was granted February 12th and John H. Hoffecker, W. M. Bell, George W. Taylor and William A. Faries were appointed a committee to select a site. The contract was awarded to T. W. Farre and Bro., the second of May and on the 29th of May W. M. Bell, W. A. Faries and George W. Taylor were appointed a building committee. The lot was purchased of the heirs of Samuel Catts, Sr., for \$1800 and the present magnificent edifice was hastened to an early completion, and was accepted and ready for occupancy in February 1884. The building is cruciform in shap, having four transepts, each 27x30 feet, two stories high and forming eight rooms. The centre building is 35 feet square, three stories high and is surmounted with a dome and belfry, making a total height of 92 feet. The third floor or Assembly Room is used as the department of the Principal. There are now nine departments and eleven grades.

At the opening of the new school building, February 1st, 1884, Mr. L. Irving Handy was Principal; Miss Elizabeth Parrott, 1st assistant; Miss Emma Hough, 2nd assistant; Miss Annie Doughten, 3rd assistant; Miss Elizabeth McDowell, 1st primary; Miss Katherine L. Storm, 2nd primary; and Miss Mary Spruance, 3rd primary. On June 20th 1885, Miss Carrie K. Budd was elected as teacher of the



FACULTY OF THE SMYRNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Left to Right, Top Row.—Miss Emily Spruance, Miss Anna Beckett, Miss Lizzie McDowell, Miss Anna Middleton, Miss Mary Spruance.

Left to Right, Bottom Row.—Miss Emma Hough, Vice Principal G. W. Payne, Principal J. P. Burdette, Miss Lizzie Parrott.

fifty dollars per annum - We estimate the number of children in the 4th district between the ages of five years and twenty one years to be seventy five.

School District No. 5 - Is situate in Duck Creek hundred including a part of the town of Smyrna:

Beginning at the mouth of Cook's gut on the East side of Peterson's mill pond, and from thence running in a South Easterly direction to the Northernmost corner of a farm belonging to Dr Thomas Jamison now in tenure of Anderson Melvin, from thence running in a Northerly direction to the head of Carmin's gut alias Pearman's branch, thence down said gut or branch to Mill

The Long boat and boat of Appeal designate this district as No 5 and appoint the Mechanics Academy as the place of meeting of the School voters,

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creek, thence down said creek to Bothwell's bridge, thence in a Southerly direction along the road to Smyrna and passing along Commerce Street through the afs^d. Down to a place in the road leading from Smyrna by Jim Down to the Maryland line, where a line running South seventy six and a quarter degrees East from the mansion dwelling late of James Sibbitt dec^d, will intersect it (the afs^d road) from thence running about South fifty-five degrees East passing a little South of the buildings on land of Isaac Davis Esq. which is now in tenure of William A Budd, also passing a little South of an old grave yard at the East side of the afs^d. Davis's farm to a large Chesnut tree at the edge of Peterson's mill pond, thence down the afs^d Mill pond to the place of Beginning. - ~~A convenient place for the school voters of the last described district is at the Mechanics Academy - There are two schools in operation in the afs^d district with thirty scholars each, the sum paid one of the teachers is three hundred dollars per annum - the sum paid to the other is one hundred and forty-two dollars per annum. We estimate the number of children in the afs^d district between the ages of five years and twenty one years to be ninety. -~~

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