



GRANITE HISTORY IN PICTURES

GHS Speaker Series Presentation on
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#1 Peter Gorman House

Address: Woodstock Rd

Date Occupied: 1838

First Occupant: Peter Gorman

Last Occupant: William Cleary

Photo Credit: TC Worthington, 1911

Notes: Housed the 1st Woodstock Store from 1840 until 1879.



1911

Senator Arthur D. Gorman Woodstock,

#2a Woodstock Store

Address: Woodstock Rd

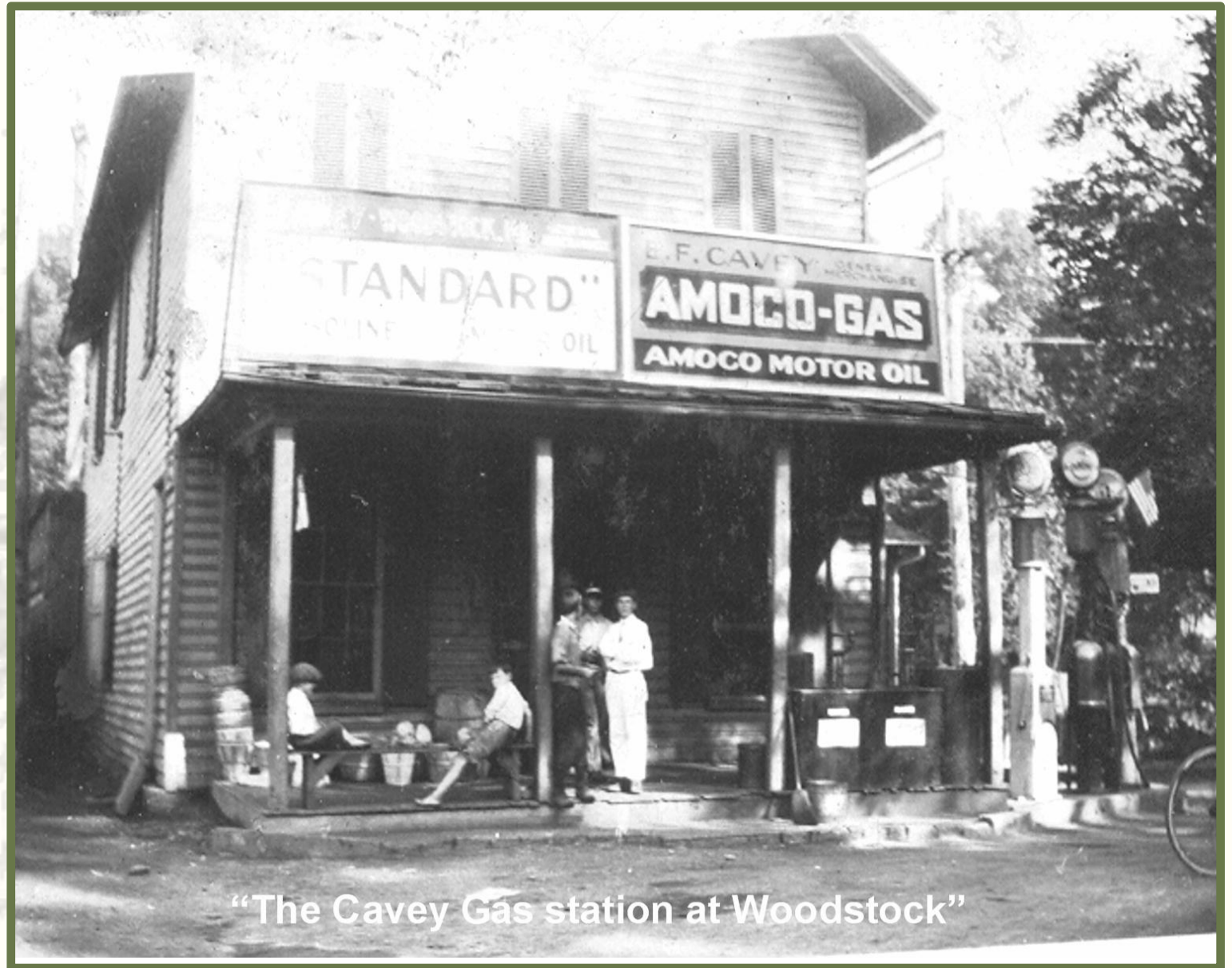
Date Occupied: 1879

First Occupant: Alexander Fahey

Last Occupant: Edward Francis Cavey

Photo Credit: Unknown

Notes: William Cleary planned the store but died before plans were put into action. His widow's 2nd husband, Alexander Fahey, then built the store. Francis Cavey bought and ran the store from 1920 until about 1950.



"The Cavey Gas station at Woodstock"

#2b Woodstock Store

Address: Woodstock Rd

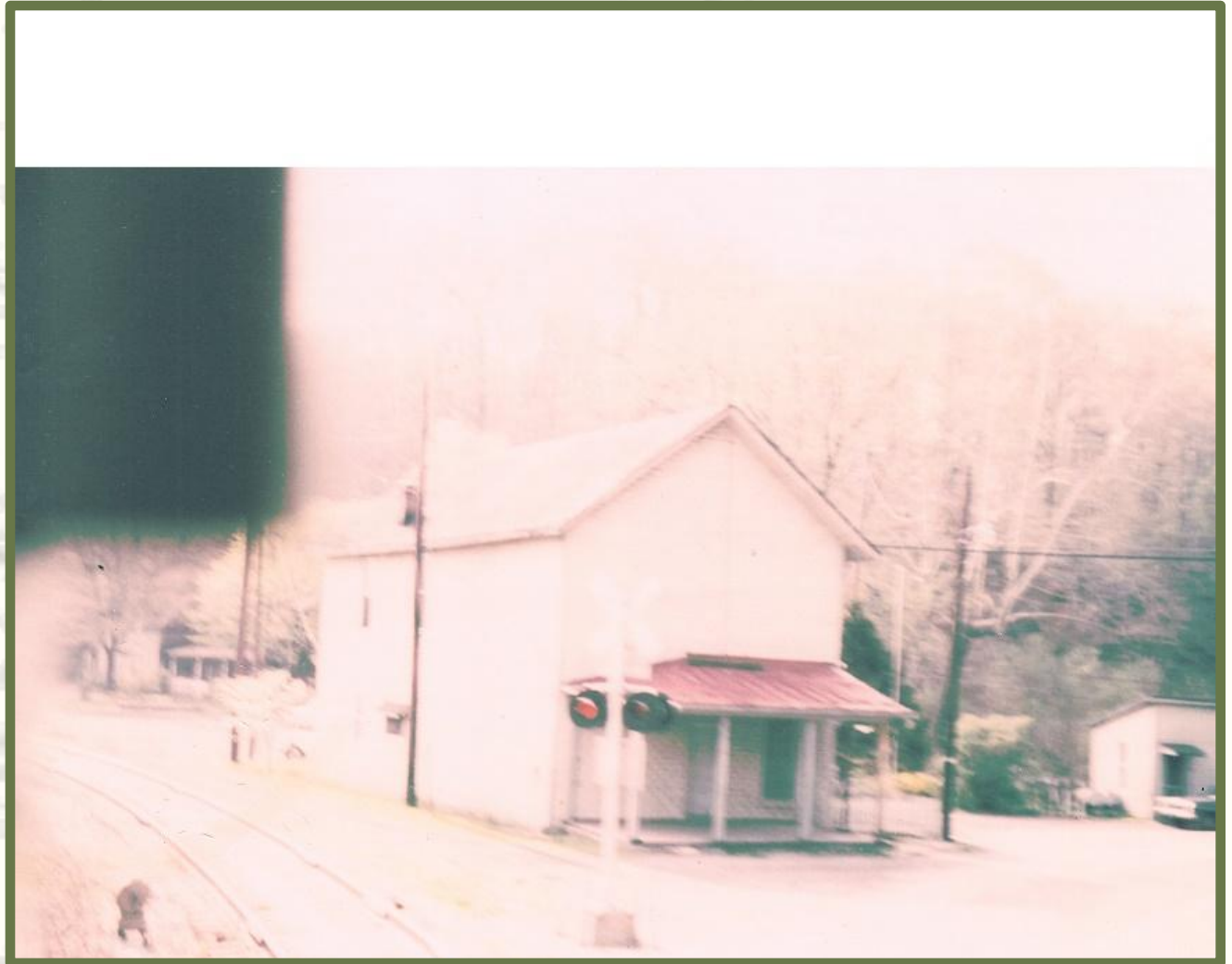
Date Occupied: 1879

First Occupant: Alexander Fahey

Last Occupant: Edward Francis Cavey

Photo Credit: Walter B Merkle, 1970

Notes: Photo shows store building converted to a house. Building demolished after Hurricane Agnes in 1972. In the right background the Old Woodstock Post Office is visible.



#3a Woodstock Train Station

Address: Woodstock Rd

Date Occupied: 1883

First Occupant: B&O Railroad

Last Occupants: None

Photo Credit: Father John Brosnan, Date unknown

Notes: B&O purchased the land from Elizabeth Herbert, widow of Dr Thomas Herbert. Station designed by famed B&O architect Francis Baldwin. An exact replica of the Woodstock station was built in Sykesville a year later. Station was damaged by fire in late 1940s and torn down in early 1950s..



#3b Woodstock Train Station

Address: Woodstock Rd

Date Occupied: 1883

First Occupant: B&O Railroad

Last Occupant: None

Photo Credit: Unknown, Date 1937

Notes: The fellow in the photo is reportedly Charles Francis Peach. In the background can be seen the Woodstock Store..



#4 Humphrey's Dry Goods Store

Address: Woodstock Rd

Date Occupied: 1907

First Occupant: Joseph Donovan

Last Occupant: George Humphrey

Photo Credit: Unknown, Date 1915

Notes: Donovan bought property where the store sits in 1905 and built the store. George Humphrey took over in 1908 and ran the store until about 1930, at which time the store became a private home. The building was torn down when the Woodstock Inn acquired the lot around 1980.



#5 Woodstock Post Office

Address: Woodstock Rd

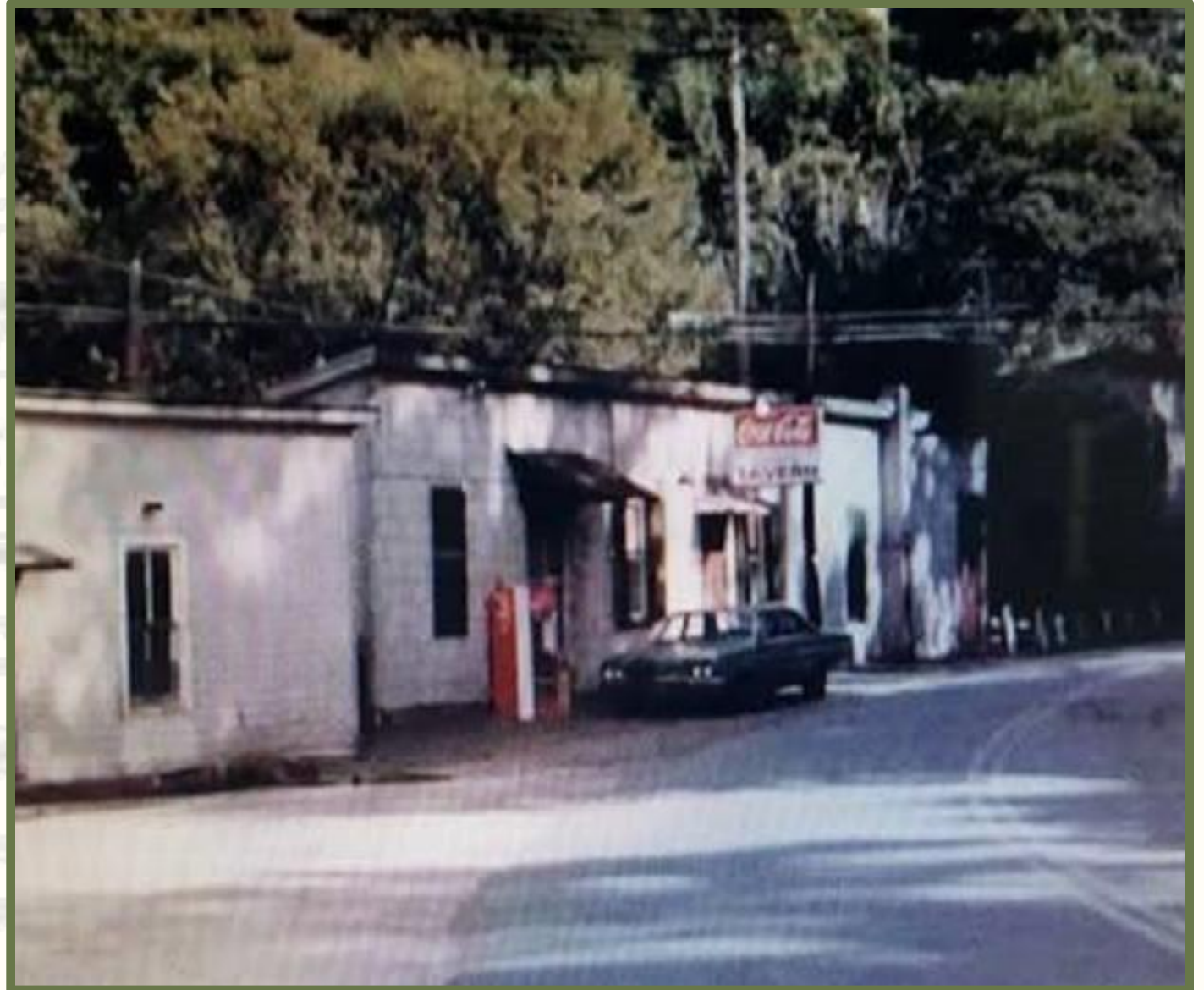
Date Occupied: 1914

First Occupant: Edward Francis Cavey

Last Occupant: N/A

Photo Credit: Unknown, 1960s

Notes: Edward Cavey Built the building and leased to the Postal Service in 1914. Before that the post office operated from the Woodstock store. In this photo The Woodstock Inn and Humphrey's Store are standing to the right of the Post Office.



#6a Woodstock Inn

Address: Woodstock Rd

Date Occupied: 1940

First Occupant: Edward Francis Cavey

Last Occupant: Braglio Family

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1987

Notes: Francis Cavey Built the building in 1940. His son, also Francis Cavey, ran the bar but died in WW2, A series of Cavey's ran the bar until it was sold in 1975 and eventually acquired by the Broglio's. The Dry Goods Store building next door was demolished by the Braglios.



#6b Woodstock Inn Plat

Address: Woodstock Rd

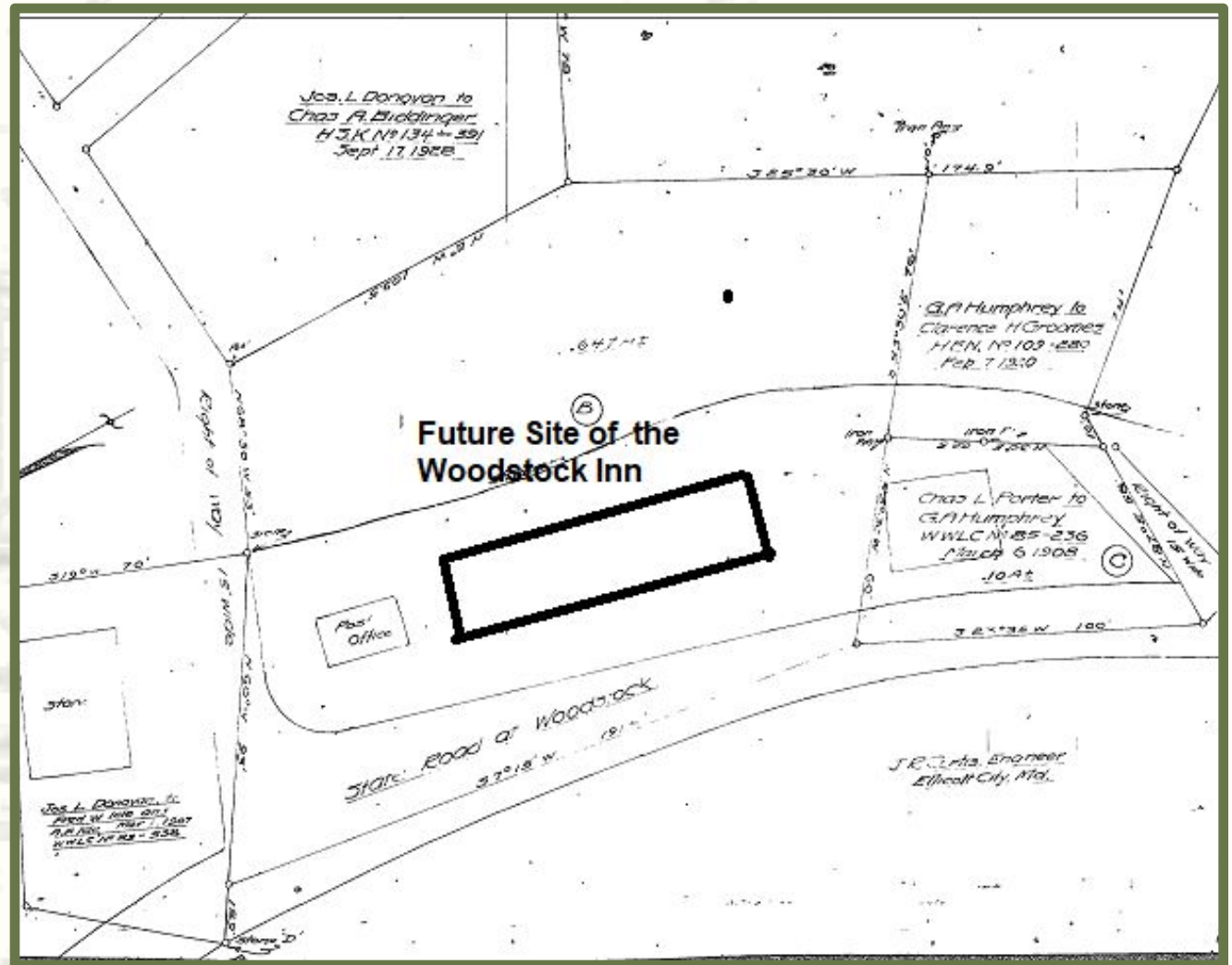
Date Occupied: 1940

First Occupant: Edward Francis Cavey

Last Occupant: Braglio Family

Photo Credit: Utilities Plat, 1939

Notes: This plat is from 1939 and shows the location of Woodstock Store, Post Office and Dry Goods stores. The Woodstock Inn was built in the space between those other buildings in 1940.



#7a St Alphonsus Church

Address: 10800 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1889

First Occupant: St Alphonsus Church

Last Occupant: Patapsco State Park

Photo Credit: Father John Brosnan, 1920's

Notes: Church built from Fox Rock Quarry granite rubble. The construction was a community effort involving quarrymen and carpenters from all over Granite and Woodstock. The Church was dedicated by Cardinal Gibbons on May 5th, 1889.



#7b St Alphonsus Church Ruins

Address: 10800 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1889

First Occupant: St Alphonsus Church

Last Occupant: Patapsco State Park

Photo Credit: Virginia Brantley

Notes: Church was struck by lightning and burned on July 3rd, 1968.



#8 Woodstock Jesuit College

Address: 10900 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1869

First Occupant: Woodstock College of
Baltimore County

Last Occupant: State of Maryland

Photo Credit: Aerial Photo from Georgetown
Library Archives

Notes: Jesuit occupation lasted until 1969.
In 1972 property was sold to the State of
Maryland and the buildings and surrounding
60 acres were leased to and occupied by the
Woodstock Job Corps Center until recently.



#9 Woodstock Jesuit Cemetery

Address: 10900 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1875

First Occupant: Woodstock College of
Baltimore County

Last Occupant: Archdiocese of Baltimore

Photo Credit: Unknown. Recent Photo

Notes: First burial in 1875. The cemetery is still in use. There are 533 graves now. All grave stones are exactly the same size and shape except for the stones of Cardinals, which are slightly larger.



#10 Fox Rock Quarry

Address: 10900 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1836

First Occupant: Caleb & Cornelius Owings

Last Occupant: Patapsco State Park

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1980s

Notes: Quarry opened by the Owings brothers in 1836. Quarrying continued until the 1930s. James Peach was the last owner before the Woodstock College acquired the property in 1939. Photo is looking down from the back or west rim.



#11 Little Flower School

Address: 10817 Davis Ave

Occupied: 1926

First Occupant: Archdiocese of Baltimore

Last Occupant: Chinese Bible Church

Photo Credit: Unknown

Notes: A two-story cinder block building was erected during summer 1926. The school was opened that fall by three Sisters of Mercy. The school closed during the Depression in 1936 and reopened after WWII in 1946. It closed permanently in 1968.



#12 Little Flower Nunnery

Address: 10817 Davis Ave

Occupied: 1883

First Occupant: Bridget Bortel

Last Occupant: Chinese Bible Church

Photo Credit: Emma Jo Brantley, Date Unknown

Notes: The Bortel family built the house. Later acquired by Patrick Feeney and then by William Peach, who sold the property to build Little Flower School. The nuns administering and teaching at Little Flower lived here. The house was demolished in recent years.



#13 Jacob Albright House

Address: 10813 Davis Ave

Occupied: 1888

First Occupant: Jacob Albright

Last Occupant: Bill & Kathy Skullney

Photo Credit: Unknown

Notes: House passed to Jacob Albright's daughters, Vivian and Ursula and then sold to the Skullney family in 1983. House is an example of 2nd Empire design with a mansard roof, unusual for the Granite area. There's another house almost like it on Woodstock Hill.



#14 Peach Farm House

Address: 14 Moline Court

Occupied: 1870

First Occupant: Andrew Dorsey

Last Occupant: Charles Omlor

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1980s

Notes: The house probably existed when Charles Peach bought the 124-acre farm from Andrew Dorsey in 1882. The Peach descendants sold the farm to Dr Bell in 1940 and then it was auctioned to Pappy Mathena.



#15 Tenant Nelson House

Address: 10715 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1876

First Occupant: Tenant Nelson

Last Occupant: Jeff & Jackie Leach

Photo Credit: John Brantley, 2026

Notes: There was almost certainly a house on this site belonging to Samuel Hamilton as early as the 1790s. Thomas Tenant Nelson bought most of the Hamilton property along Old Court Rd and built the existing house. The house has passed through many hands over the years. Current owners are Jeff & Jackie Leach.



#16a Hernwood School

Address: 10700 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1860

First Occupant: Baltimore County Board of Education

Last Occupant: Charles Calp

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1980s

Notes: This school was built in 1860 and when the new Granite Public School opened, Hernwood School became black only and remained that way until 1950. When the school closed, Woodstock College bought it and then resold it to the Calp family in 1957. The addition on the left side was added when the building became a residence.



#16b Hernwood School Interior

Address: 10700 Old Court Rd

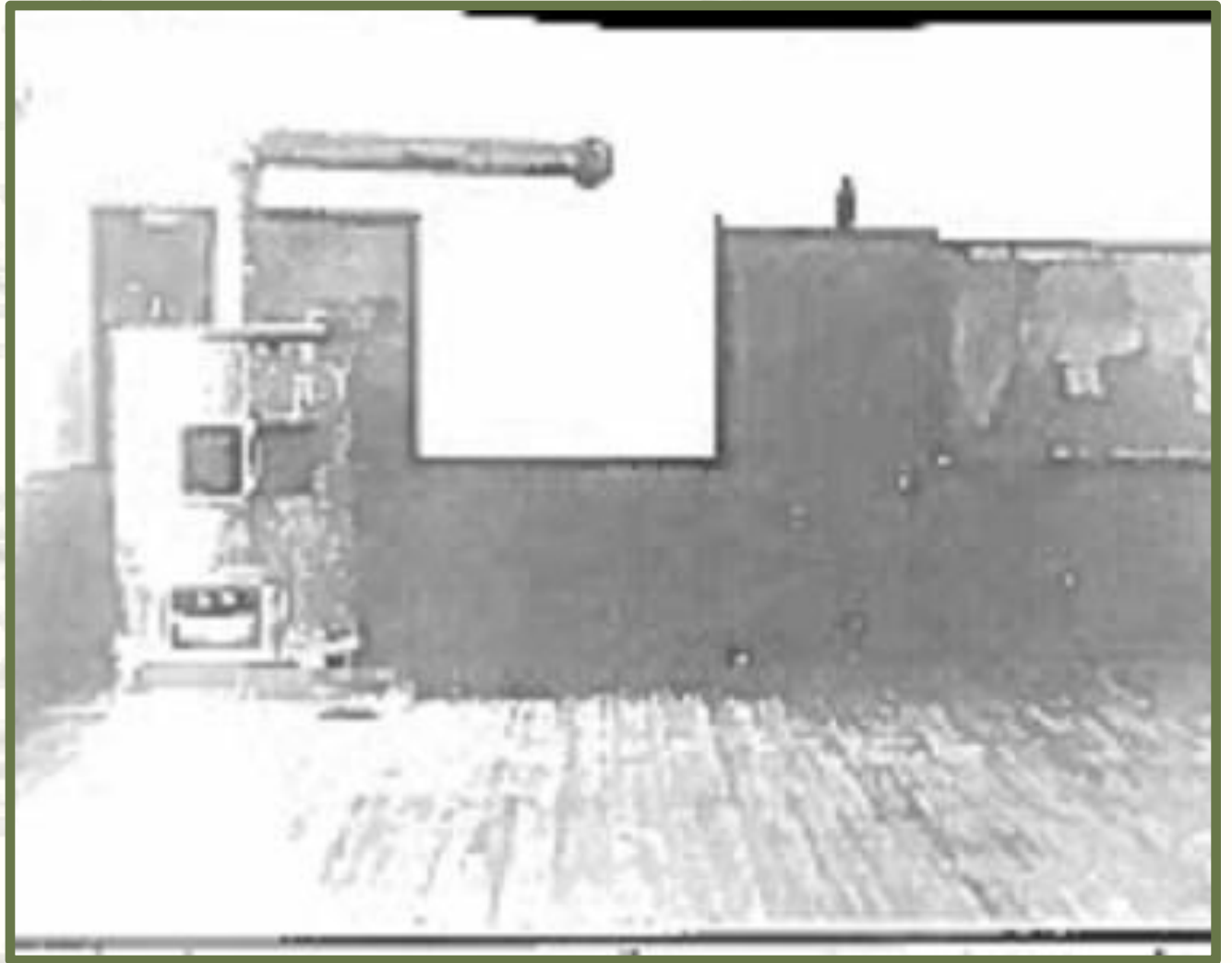
Occupied: 1860

First Occupant: Baltimore County Board of Education

Last Occupant: Charles Calp

Photo Credit: Christine Washington, 1930's

Notes: Grainy picture of school interior with coal stove. This photo appeared in the Louis Diggs book on 7 black communities in Baltimore County, Granite being one of them.



#17a Quarries Presbyterian Church

Address: 10637 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1844

First Occupant: Quarries Presbyterian Church

Last Occupant: Same

Photo Credit: From Beverly Griffith
Collection. Photographer Unknown

Notes: There's dispute as to whether this stone structure was built in 1844 or whether the original church was a frame building and this structure came later. Public school classes were held here until Hernwood School opened in 1860. This structure caught fire in 1926 and was then rebuilt into the current Granite Presbyterian Church. See next photo.



#17b Quarries Presbyterian Church Ruins

Address: 10637 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1844

First Occupant: Quarries Presbyterian Church

Last Occupant: Same

Photo Credit: Unknown Photographer, 1926

Notes: Photo from after fire damaged the church structure in 1926.



#18 Stamm House & Elseroad Ice Cream Parlor

Address: 10637 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1879

First Occupant: Joseph Stamm

Last Occupant: Granite Presbyterian Church

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1986

Notes: Joe Stamm built the house in 1890. The front closed-in porch served as an ice cream parlor operated by James Elseroad, somehow related to Joe Stamm. James Peach bought the house in 1920. His children, Charles and Emma lived there, Emma dying in 1985 when house was sold to the church and converted to church offices.



#19 Granite Public School

Address: 10612 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1879

First Occupant: Baltimore County Board of Education

Last Occupant: Melanie De Boer

Photo Credit: Unknown

Notes: Public School opened for class in 1880 and operated until 1942. The house was converted to a private residence by James & Helen Torrey (nee Gosnell) after they bought the property in 1946. That's when dormers were added to create a 2nd story. This photo is of the original schoolhouse building.



20 a - Odd Fellows Hall - Front

Address: 10613 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1889

First Occupant: Odd Fellows

Last Occupant: Odd Fellows

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1986

Notes:



20 b - Odd Fellows Hall - Rear

Address: 10613 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1889

First Occupant: Odd Fellows

Last Occupant: Odd Fellows

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1986

Notes:



21 a – Gertie's Store

Address: 10529 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1901

First Occupant: Frank Peach

Last Occupant: Michael Morlock

Photo Credit: Pam Adams, Unknown

Notes: The Peach Sister's Store was opened in 1925 at this location by Sophia and Molly Peach, unmarried daughters of the first Peach to settle in Granite, Charles. After Molly passed away in 1948, the store was purchased by Farish & Alice Estep (nee Pennington). Alice's sister-in-law, Gertie, ran the store until 1973.



21 b – Gertie's Store Interior

Address: 10529 Old Court Rd

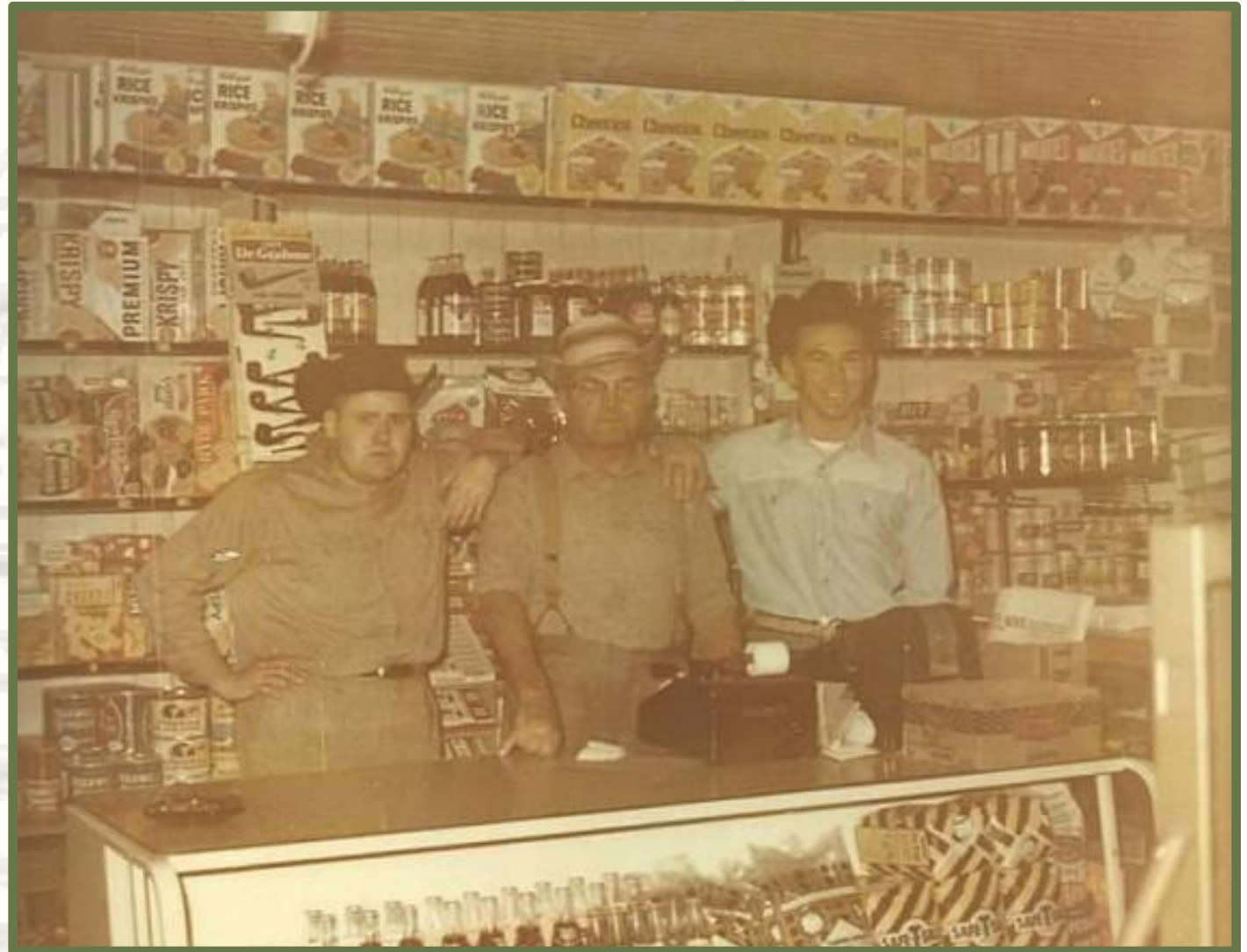
Occupied: 1901

First Occupant: Frank Peach

Last Occupant: Michael Morlock

Photo Credit: Pam Adams, Unknown

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22 – Oliver Putney House

Address: 10600 St Paul Ave

Occupied: 1876

First Occupant: Truman Putney

Last Occupant: John Snyder

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1987

Notes: Truman Putney bought one of the first lots for sale by the Nicholas Owings heirs on a right-of-way: later called St Paul Ave. His son, Oliver, lived there until the 1950s. Then the house was bought by Gene Hamilton and in 1976 by John Snyder. Note that this True Putney was the nephew of the True Putney who first opened the Waltersville quarry.



23 – Charles Platt House & Store

Address: 10608 St Paul Ave

Occupied: 1876

First Occupant: Charles Platt

Last Occupant: Kenneth Jordan

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1987

Notes: Another property bought early on from the Nicholas Owings estate. The original house was a log cabin, part of which is still visible in the basement. Platt was married to Sarah Taggart and he started a store in the basement of the house in the early 1890s. The house was purchased in 1937 by Frank Strehle, Granite's well-known, long-time school bus operator. Frank Strehle's daughter, Dorothy Hunter, lived there until 2015 when it was sold to Ken Jordan.



24 – St Paul's Methodist Church

Address: 10610 St Paul Ave

Occupied: 1878

First Occupant: St Paul's Methodist Church

Last Occupant: Granite Missionary Church

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1987

Notes: The first congregation came from former Methodist congregants of the Marcella Chapel. Local historical lore around Granite has it that Rezin Worthington's daughter, Marcella Dorsey (nee Worthington), was the primary force in establishing the church. The accuracy of that is questionable, since she divorced and remarried and moved to Texas in 1875. More likely, it was Marcella, daughter of Nicholas Worthington, who pushed to establish St Paul's.



25 – Weller's Store

Address: 2803 Hernwood Rd

Occupied: 1874

First Occupant: William Weller

Last Occupant: Donald Golden

Photo Credit: Drawing by Donna Golden, 2012

Notes: William Weller bought the first property on the corner of Hernwood Rd, and what became St Paul Ave, from the estate of Nicholas Owings. Store opened in 1875. The store served as Post Office, a tavern and the local polling place. Weller was a farmer and also operated a quarry. Oliver Fisher, who lived with the Weller family, ran the store until the mid 1920s. The Golden family lived there from the 1950s until the building burned down in the early 1960s.



26 – Edna Taggert House

Address: 10521 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1893

First Occupant: James Taggert

Last Occupant: Dallas Herpin

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1980s

Notes: House built by James Taggert. He was the son of Robert Taggert who came from Ireland. His unmarried daughter Edna, lived in the house after her father died in 1937. This house has become the iconic house of Granite, published often in articles about Granite.



27 – Granite Supply Co.

Address: 10501 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1908

First Occupant: Robert & Emma Shear

Last Occupant: Nettie Taggart

Photo Credit: Unknown, 1937

Notes: House was built by Robert Shear. He married Emma Peach, oldest daughter of Charles Peach. In 1919 James & Mary Miller (nee Taggart) bought it and leased it to OT Gosnell for a store. The Waltersville Company Store had burned down previously, so the Granite Supply Co. was Granite's primary store until 1955, when Nettie Taggart, OT's wife's niece, who had run the store that whole time, retired. The store also served as the Granite Post Office.



28a – Granite Village Cemetery

Address: 2730 Melrose Ave

Occupied: 1824

First Occupant: James Hamilton

Last Occupant: Leslie Pahl Farm

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1969

Notes: Originally a Hamilton family cemetery, then some quarry workers were buried there. There are 19 gravestones. The earliest, Susanna Hamilton (nee Baker), wife of James, was buried in 1824. Last burial was Robert Taggart in 1870. Cemetery is at the back, southeast corner of the current Pahl farm.



28b – Granite Village Cemetery Distant View

Address: 2730 Melrose Ave

Occupied: 1824

First Occupant: James Hamilton

Last Occupant: Leslie Pahl Farm

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1969

Notes: Cemetery seen from a distance
enmeshed in a clump of trees.



29 – Blacksmith Shop

Address: 10500 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1837

First Occupant: James Hitchcock

Last Occupant: Arthur Butts

Photo Credit: Unknown

Notes: James Hitchcock was Granite's first blacksmith who bought the property in 1837. Noah Worthington acquired it in 1851 and leased it. Then Arthur Butts bought the shop and the house at the corner of Sylvan Dell Lane and Old Court and ran the shop until the Waltersville Quarry closed in 1925.



30 – Waltersville Company Store

Address: 10322 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1840

First Occupant: Lemuel Offutt

Last Occupant: Amanda Blunt

Photo Credit: Unknown

Notes: Lemuel Offutt, heir to Captain Alexander Walters and the Waltersville Quarry, built the company store and Offutt's heirs, the Blunt family, owned it and leased it to various operators until the building burned down in 1912. The store served as Post Office and Polling Station. Rooms on the 2nd story provided housing for quarry workers.



31 – Waltersville Quarry

Address: 10322 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1832

First Occupant: True Putney & Hugh Riddle

Last Occupant: Guilford & Waltersville Granite Company

Photo Credit: Unknown

Notes: Local lore has it that Alexander Walters quarried the first granite on his property. If so, he quarried surface stone. True Putney & Hugh Riddle, stone cutters from New Hampshire, leased mining rights and opened the first pit. Walters' heirs, first Lemuel Offutt then the Blunts, leased mining rights to a series of operators, ending with the Guilford & Waltersville Granite Co, which closed in 1925.



32a – Weller Quarry

Address: 10322 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1832

First Occupant: Willlliam Weller

Last Occupant: Amanda Blunt

Photo Credit: MD Geological Society, 1898

Notes: William Weller opened the quarry on land purchased from Nicholas Owings, around 1876 or 77. He died and Amanda Blunt purchased the land around the quarry at an estate auction. She closed the quarry in order to eliminate competition to the Waltersville Quarry. The quarry was later leased by the Blunt heirs in 1946 to Joseph Schlee as a site for Sylvan Dell Swimming Pool.



32b – Weller Quarry Converted to Sylvan Dell Swim Club

Address: 10322 Old Court Rd

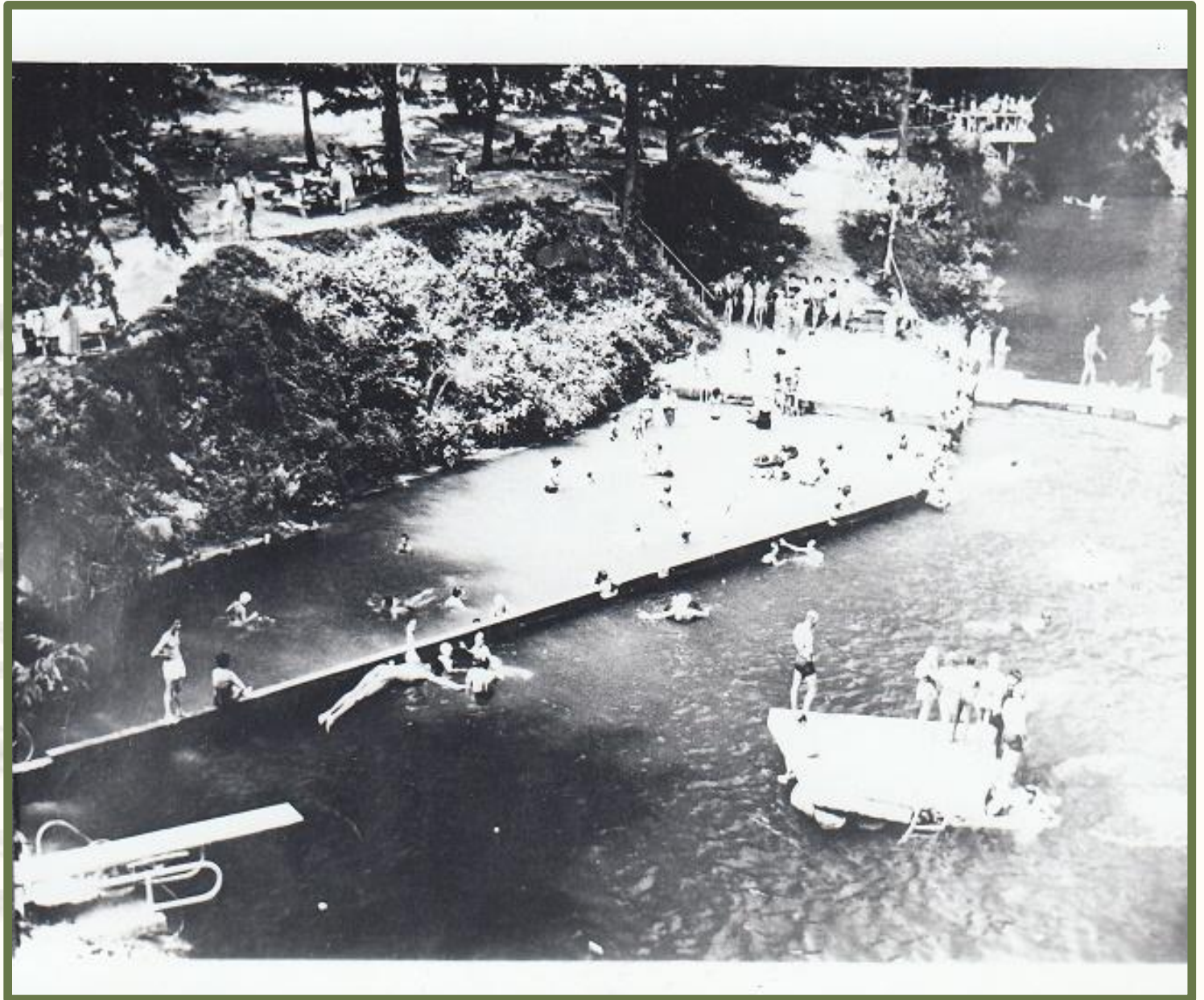
Occupied: 1946

First Occupant: Joseph Schlee

Last Occupant: Same

Photo Credit: Unknown

Notes: The pool closed in the early 1960s.



33 – Sylvan Dell Dance Hall

Address: 10426 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1946

First Occupant: Joseph Schlee

Last Occupant: Bobby Gamber

Photo Credit: Bev Griffith, 1987

Notes: Joe Schlee built a concession stand and dance hall to serve swimming pool patrons. The building served as a residence after the pool closed. The dance floor area has now been walled in as living space.



34 – The Ice Pond

Address: 10322 Old Court Rd

Occupied: N/A

First Occupant: N/A

Last Occupant: N/A

Photo Credit: Bev Griffith, 1988

Notes: A very large, shallow, still swampy area formed by Granite Branch which provided for loads of community skating activity in the 1940s, 50s and 60s. The pond sits up the hill just to the north and west of Waltersville Quarry.



35 – Schlee House

Address: 10428 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1901

First Occupant: Unknown

Last Occupant: Kenneth Schlee

Photo Credit: Bev Griffith, 1987

Notes: Joe Schlee bought property in 1946.



36 – Mount Welcome

Address: 10322 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1778

First Occupant: Samuel Wright Walters

Last Occupant: Damien Pantazes

Photo Credit: Unknown, 1930

Notes: The date of 1750 is most often given by locals as the date Mount Welcome was built. However, Samuel Walters was 3 years old then and didn't leave the Eastern Shore for Granite until 1778 at the earliest.



37 – Kate Kemp (nee Worthington) House

Address: 2700 Melrose Ave

Occupied: 1880

First Occupant: Kate Worthington

Last Occupant: Acevado Franciso

Photo Credit: Bev Griffith, Unknown

Notes: When Noah Worthing died in 1882, his nephew Rezin Hammond Worthington, Jr, inherited 1/3 of his holdings. That passed to Kate, his only living child. The farm passed through various of her relatives until it was bought by the Mitchell family in 1953 who ran the farm. The house lot is now separate from the farm, which is owned by the Pahl family.



38 – Woodside

Address: 10225 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1891

First Occupant: Atwood Blunt Jr

Last Occupant: Stephen Ferrandi

Photo Credit: Bev Griffith, 1994

Notes: Atwood Blunt Junior built the house in 1891. It was owned by him and his descendants continuously until Bob & Beverly Griffith bought it in 1988.



39a – Bremen Trail Farm House

Address: 10114 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1878

First Occupant: Nicholas Worthington

Last Occupant: Elsie Trail (nee Dell)

Photo Credit: Bev Griffith, Unknown

Notes: Nicholas Worthington, son of John Worthington of Griffith's Adventure, inherited the farm property. TC Worthington acquired and probably built the house. He sold property along Old Court Road to the Trail family. Bremen lived there from about 1915 until his death in 1954. His widow, Elsie, continued there until her death. House demolished in 1980s when the Stanfields developed much of the Trail property.



39b – Bremen Trail Farm Jousting

Address: 10114 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1878

First Occupant: Nicholas Worthington

Last Occupant: Elsie Trail (nee Dell)

Photo Credit: Unknown, 1930

Notes: Baltimore County Democratic Club hosted annual jousting event on the farm property for many years. Bremen Trail was a mainstay in county politics, including serving as sheriff, board of commissioners and county executive.



39c – Bremen Trail Farm Gate

Address: 10114 Old Court Rd

Occupied: 1878

First Occupant: Nicholas Worthington

Last Occupant: Elsie Trail (nee Dell)

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1980s

Notes: The flintstone gate at the entrance to the farm property at Old Court Rd. This photo taken at the time the house was being demolished.



40 – John “Archie” Trail Farm

Address: Current Tallowtree Rd

Occupied: 1911

First Occupant: John E Trail

Last Occupant: Emma Trail (nee Dell)

Photo Credit: None

Notes: John E Trail bought property along Old Court Rd about 1910 and moved to Granite from Montgomery County. He died in 1919 and his son, Archie, took over the farm. His widow, Emma, lived there until the property was developed by the Stanfields in the 1980s.



41a – Ben Lee's Cabin

Address: 9236 Dogwood Rd

Occupied: 1822

First Occupant: Noah Worthington

Last Occupant: Ben Lee

Photo Credit: Beverly Griffith, 1970

Notes: Noah Worthington inherited land from his father in 1822. This cabin was a tenant house built on his property. The remnants of the manor house foundation are very close by. This property was part of that purchased by Bremen Trail in 1910. Ben Lee worked on the Trail farm and was given the right to live in the cabin until his death, which occurred in 1972.



41b – Ben Lee's Cabin 50 Years Later

Address: 9236 Dogwood Rd

Occupied: 1822

First Occupant: Noah Worthington

Last Occupant: Ben Lee

Photo Credit: Leah Fauver, 2022

Notes: Cabin as it appeared 4 years ago.

