

BOWLES FAMILY HISTORY

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This BOWLES FAMILY HISTORY was built upon the record written by Marion Goldman.¹ During the Civil War era, Mary Bowles wrote her name on three locations on the south and east walls of the Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church. Over the years church membership declined, various efforts were made to maintain the building, including wallpaper in 1961, but in the absence of members the building fell into a state of disrepair. In 1979 the Friends of Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church organized to restore and preserve the church property. It was during the 2004 interior restoration that the wallpaper was removed and the graffiti from the previous 140 years was revealed. Marian Golden of the Hancock Historical Society was enlisted to research the background behind the signature: Mary Bowles. Her results were published in the referenced book and form the basic structure of this family history. An effort was undertaken to verify and amplify the family history. As results came in, the family history was amplified until the existing story unfolded. We hope it is interesting reading.

The table of vital statistics for the Bowles family at the end of this Chapter was initially built upon Marion Goldman's research. When obituaries, wills, family bibles, birth certificates, death certificates, or tombstones were found, the data was refined. Thus the data in the table is believed to be the most accurate. So, we start:

We found a report that John Bowles was elected to the Assembly, in Annapolis, in 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811 and 1812, then skip to 1815, 1816 and 1820, 1821.² James H. Bowles was elected as a delegate in 1823 and 1824; we have not determined if John Bowles and James H. Bowles were related to each other or to Samuel Bowles, more research will be necessary. The newspaper found a list of Congressmen, Sheriffs and Assemblymen, elected from Washington County, from 1801 to 1847, made out in the hand-writing of Gen. O. H. Williams (deceased), for many years the Clerk of Washington County. The list was copied in the newspaper. In 1822, James H. Bowles was appointed Judge of elections for District 5 - Hancock.³

On May 15, 1810 a meeting was held to establish **Hagerstown Academy**, an academy for higher education. John Bowles was appointed to the planning committee, which raised \$3,700 by Sept. 8, 1810.⁴ That was enough capital to locate a site and prepare plans; in December the Legislature passed an act incorporating the academy. Building construction was completed in 1813 for the reception of 150 scholars; the first academic year commenced on June 7, 1813. John Bowles' subsequent role is unknown.

Mary Bowles was born Mary Ann Hart on 11 September 1825 in Washington County, Maryland, the daughter of Captain John D. and Elizabeth Hart.⁵ Her father had been a cavalry commander

¹ Mentzer, John W., *Tonoloway, If Its Walls Could Talk*, Published by: Friends of Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church, 6740 Irvine Drive, Mercersburg, PA 17236, pp. 94-96.

² *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 10/24/1877, p. 1. See also Scharf, J. Thomas, *History of Western Maryland*, ISBN 0-7884-2156-7, p. 988.

³ Scharf, J. Thomas, *History of Western Maryland*, ISBN 0-7884-2155-7, p. 993.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 1156.

⁵ Elizabeth Hart died 27 January 1851, aged 62 years, 4 months and 9 days. She is buried in St. Thomas Episcopal Church Cemetery in Hancock.

in the War of 1812 and a descendent of John D. Hart of New Jersey, who signed the Declaration of Independence.

While several Hart families were Tonoloway [Primitive Baptist Church] members during the [Civil War], Mary Ann Hart's name does not appear in any of the church family [records]. Given the proximity of the church to her home, there would most certainly have been a relationship with the member families, and she no doubt attended the church as many non-members attended services at Tonoloway in the late 1800s.

Mary Ann Hart married Nelson McKinley in Washington County on 31 July 1849 and had two children in this marriage. Nelson McKinley was born 5 January 1819, was a merchant in Washington County and died 16 August 1854. He and one of their children were buried in St. Thomas Episcopal Church Cemetery in Hancock. There is no further record of their son, John D. H. McKinley, until he appeared in Columbus, Ohio records in 1887 when he was an adult. Perhaps he was raised by McKinley relatives.

By 1860 Mary Ann Hart, using her maiden name, was living with her brother, Fayette Hart, and his wife, Esther, on the C&O Canal where Fayette was a lock tender. Also living with them were Kate Hart Summers, age 32, and Kate's two living⁶ daughters, Helen, age 5, and Gertrude, age 3. Kate Summers was a sibling of Mary Ann and Fayette Hart. Kate's husband, John W. Summers, had drowned at C&O Canal Lock 53 on 7 December 1858 when he fell into the lock on his way home. The following newspaper article describes his demise:

"A Melancholy Accident

John W. Summers, Esq. A member of the last legislature from this County, and a citizen of the Hancock District, accidentally fell into a Canal Lock near his residence, on Tuesday night 7th inst. and drowned. No person witnessed the accident, but it is supposed that Mr. S., in attempting to pass over the Lock, the night being extremely dark, tripped and fell into it. An hour afterwards his hat was seen floating on the surface of the water by some boatmen and a search was made, his lifeless body was discovered at the bottom of the lock. Mr. S. was one of the most intelligent young men in the County, and was highly esteemed by those who knew him well as a warmhearted friend. He leaves a wife and two children."⁷

Mary Ann Hart McKinley married William Augustus Bowles⁸ in 1869; therefore she wrote her name on the Tonoloway [Primitive Baptist Church] walls after her marriage. Mary Ann's surviving son, John D. H. McKinley, evidently received a good education; in his mother's obituary when she died in 1905, he was referred to as a professor. Records of 1910 indicate he was a widower and employed as a solicitor for a publishing company in Columbus, Ohio. He later moved to Toronto, Canada.

Mary Ann and her husband, William Augustus Bowles,⁹ born 28 November 1824, farmed in the 5th District of Washington County, Maryland, which encompasses the town of Hancock. He was a member of a prosperous family and the grandson of Jacob Bowles, who had settled near Williamsport, Washington County by 1800. William A., Samuel, Mary Ellen, Susan and James

⁶ A third daughter, Ella May Summers, born 29 January 1852, died 4 February 1854.

⁷ *Herald Record & Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 12/___/1858.

⁸ They most likely married at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hancock which his family attended.

⁹ St. Thomas Episcopal Church records.

W. - all were children of James H. and Martha.¹⁰ James H. Bowles owned a plantation just east of Hancock that utilized slave labor in the mid-1800s. This property, located on Tonoloway Creek, included a grist-mill operated by his son, Samuel Bowles. The property also bordered on the C&O Canal, and for a time the aqueduct over Tonoloway Creek was known as Bowles Aqueduct.¹¹ After their father, James H., had died in 1849, Samuel Bowles, his wife Amanda, and his family farmed the homestead and operated the grist-mill for his mother until her death in 1861. His brother, William A. Bowles, had joined the 1849 gold rush to California and remained in the West for the next 14 years. The 1860 census listed a William Bowles, age 35, occupation: Lumberman, with real estate valued at \$5,000 and a personal estate valued at \$400, born in Maryland.¹² After William A. Bowles had returned to Hancock and married Mary Hart McKinley, they lived in a brick house next to Lock 52 and operated a feed store there.

The 1870 census reported that Samuel Bowles, age 43, occupation: Farming & Milling, was living in Hancock, MD, census dwelling 177.¹³ His real estate had a value of \$8,000 and his personal property had a value of \$1,500. Living with him were: wife, Amanda, age 40; son, William, age 9; son, Preston, age 7, daughter, Hattie, age 3; and son, Evan, age 1. Living with them were: [Mary] Ellen Taney (Samuel's sister), age 38; her son, Ethelbert, age 13; her son, Augustus, age 11; Susan Bowles (Samuel's sister), age 31; and Louisa Gray, age 15, domestic servant. This dwelling was near the grist-mill.

That same census reported that William A. Bowles, age 45, occupation: Farmer, was living in Hancock, MD, census dwelling 178.¹⁴ His real estate had a value of \$8,000 and his personal property had a value of \$800. Living with him were his wife, Mary A., age 42; William Dugan, age 35, a farm laborer; Amanda Gray, age 11, domestic servant; and David Baxter, age 32, merchant, with personal property valued at \$400. He was probably the proprietor of the previously mentioned feed store.



That same census reported that John Noble, age 34, occupation: Lock Tender [Lockhouse 52 in Sep 1959 is shown to the left], was living in census dwelling 179; his personal property was valued at \$1,200.¹⁵ Living with him were his wife, Susannah, age 34; daughter, Margaret, age 8; son James, age 4; daughter, Margaret, age 9/12; Margaret Mahaney, age 23, domestic servant; James Hayward, age 30, occupation Lock Tender [Lock 51]; and his

¹⁰ James & Martha Bowles are buried in the Public Cemetery on High Street in Hancock.

¹¹ Hancock Historical Society has an old glass plate showing it as Bowles Aqueduct.

¹² 1860 Census, California, Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz, enumerated on 7/23/1860, p. 113.

¹³ 1870 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Hancock, enumerated on 6/22/1870, p. 28.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

wife, Mary, age 25. The house at Lock 51 was of stone construction, one-and-one-half stories with a full basement. The only known photograph shows it in Jan 1960; the roof and floors were gone, the walls had been stabilized.

We did find a newspaper report that Samuel Bowles was summoned to serve on the PETIT JURY for the November 1871 Term of Court.¹⁶

Circa 1875 William A. Bowles decided to remodel his house by adding a second story and an ell.



The adjacent photograph shows both the second story and the rear ell, with a two story porch. The second story and ell were laid in a common bond without glazed headers; the change in brick pattern is evident in the photograph. The bay window was probably added in the same 1875 remodeling. The chimney was a modern addition; originally the house was heated by fireplaces. A modern (10-1-1997) set of four floor plans is provided at the end of this report. The second story has the same double pile, center stair hall plan as the

first floor. The attic was the terminus of the central stair hall. Note that when the ell was added, the first floor kitchen and the second floor bedroom in the ell were not connected to the main block of the house. The access was via the second floor back porch, or the first floor side porch. The two bedrooms in the attic were finished and the west bedroom had access to an unfinished space over the ell.



The presence of a first floor bathroom is suspect with regard to the 1875 remodeling; the outdoor privy is extant. Actually, there are three modern, exterior brick chimneys not to be associated with the 1875 remodeling. The house currently has an oil-fired hot air furnace providing heat to the first floor only and utilizes the west chimney; the first floor bathroom may well have been carved out at the same time the house was modernized with that furnace,

¹⁶ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 11/15/1871, p. 2.

electricity and a septic field. The Town of Hancock provides water.

As shown in the previous photograph, the property includes a wash/smoke house on the west side. That house had a fireplace for heating the wash water and the smoke room was in the other half. The construction date of the wash/smoke house has not been found. However, its presence would have been consistent with the 1875 remodeling and the subsequent growth in the William A. Bowles family. His brother Samuel died in 1878 and his sister-in-law Amanda died in 1879 and then their four children were raised by William and Mary Bowles. Mary's sister came to live with them and family members visited regularly, which we will see as the story unfolds.

Apparently there were *Pensioners* living in Washington County who were cared for by *Trustees*. In Election District 5, Louisa Younker, *Pensioner*, was under the care of Samuel Bowles, *Trustee*, who was paid \$20.00 for the fiscal year ending June 10th 1877.¹⁷

The same newspaper reported: "**Orphans' Court Proceedings.** - Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 1877. - Samuel Bowles, guardian to Jno. W. Hall, settled 9th account."¹⁸ Sometime in 1868, more or less, John Hall's parents died and the Court appointed Samuel Bowles as his guardian; possibly John Hall lived and worked on the farm in the interim.

The newspaper reported: "**Orphans' Court Proceedings.** - Friday, Dec. 28th, 1877. - Letters of administration on the personal estate of Charles A. Little, dec'd, granted unto William A. Bowles, administrator."¹⁹ William A. Bowles was the brother of Samuel Bowles and apparently was following in his brother's footsteps regarding management and settlement of neighbor's estates. Charles Andrew Little drowned in the freshet of that year.²⁰

On March 20, 1878 a newspaper reported the death of Mr. Bowles:

"NEWS FROM HANCOCK

Mr. Samuel Bowles, an estimable citizen of Hancock, Washington county, in this State, aged about fifty years, died Sunday morning last about 11 o'clock. Some two years ago, Mr. Bowles lost the use of his legs, and in consequence has been confined to his house ever since. His afflictions were greatly increased about three months ago, when he lost the use of both of his arms. He left a large family, who in common with a large circle of friends will sadly mourn his loss. His remains were interred in St. Thomas' Episcopal burying ground yesterday at Hancock, Mr. Bowles being a communicant of the Episcopal church."²¹

Similarly another newspaper reported: "**Deceased.** - Samuel Bowles, Esq., for many years an estimable and prominent citizen of the Hancock District, it is stated, died at his residence in that district on Sunday, the 17th inst., in the 52nd year of his age."²² After Samuel died, William and Mary Bowles assumed the responsibility to raise Samuel's children.

¹⁷ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 8/8/1877, p. 4.

¹⁸ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 10/24/1877, p. 2.

¹⁹ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 1/2/1878, p. 2.

²⁰ *Daily Alleganian and Times*, newspaper, Cumberland, MD, 12/1/1877, p. 1.

²¹ *Daily Alleganian and Times*, newspaper, Cumberland, MD, Wed., 3/20/1878, p. 3.

²² *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 3/27/1878, p. 2.

The next month it was reported: **Orphans' Court Proceedings.** - Tuesday, April 16th 1878. Last will and testament of Samuel Bowles, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary on the estate of said deceased, granted unto William A. Bowles."²³

Later that year it was reported: "**Orphans' Court Proceedings.** - Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1878. - Wm. A. Bowles, administrator of Charles A. Little, dec'd, settled 1st and final account."²⁴ "William A. Bowles, executor of Samuel Bowles, dec'd, settled 10th and final account as guardian to John W. Hull."²⁵ We surmise that after his brother died, William Bowles picked up guardian duties previously assigned to his brother, Samuel Bowles. "John T. Little appointed guardian to minor heirs of Charles A. Little, dec'd, and settled 1st account as guardian to said minors."²⁶ So, while William A. Bowles administrated the estate of Charles Andrew Little, the older brother, John Thomas Little was given guardianship of Charles Andrew Little's minor children.

Next we read: "**Accidentally Drowned.** - We learn that a young lady, the daughter of Mr. Theophiles Barnet, was drowned on the 4th inst., in the lower lock of the canal, just below Hancock, near the residence of Mr. William Bowles."²⁷ That would have been Lock 51.

During his lifetime, Samuel Bowles had been *Trustee* for Louisa Younker, *Pensioner*. Samuel Bowles died and his brother, William A. Bowles picked up those duties for the same person, Louisa Younker in 1879.²⁸ William A. Bowles was also paid \$20.00 per annum for that service.

Amanda Bowles died June 1, 1879; we need to find the obituary. Both Samuel and Amanda Bowles were buried in St. Thomas Episcopal Church Cemetery on High Street in Hancock.

It was reported: "**Orphans' Court Proceedings.** - Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1879. - Wm. A. Bowles, executor of Sam'l Bowles, dec'd, settled first account."²⁹

Another year passed and it was reported: "**Orphans' Court.** - Friday, April 2, 1880. - Wm. A. Bowles, executor of Sam'l Bowles, deceased, settled second and final account. Wm. A. Bowles, acting guardian to Hattie H., Evan, Wm. and Preston Bowles, settled first and final account."³⁰

The 1880 census reported that William A. Bowles, age 55, occupation: Farmer, was living in Hancock, MD, census dwelling 10.³¹ Living with him were his wife, Mary A., age 54; Susan Bowles, age 35, his sister; William Bowles, age 18, his nephew; Preston Bowles, age 16, his nephew; Evan Bowles, age 11, his nephew; Hattie Bowles, age 13, his niece; Fayette Hart, age 61, his brother-in-law; Jerry Burke, age 40, his servant; and Martha J. Houke, age 24, his cook.

²³ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 4/24/1878, p. 2.

²⁴ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 9/18/1878, p. 2.

²⁵ *Ibid.*

²⁶ *Ibid.*

²⁷ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 12/11/1878, p. 2.

²⁸ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 7/23 & 7/30/1879, p. 4.

²⁹ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 8/27/1879, p. 2.

³⁰ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 4/7/1880, p. 2.

³¹ 1880 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Hancock, enumerated on 6/2/1880, p. 2.

The lock keepers were Joseph Murray, age 70, in census dwelling 1; with his wife Susan age 66, their daughter Susan, age 22, as Assistant, and Hagar their son, age 20, a Laborer. Sarah Barnett, age 39, was in census dwelling 2, with her son Joseph, age 16, a Laborer, and her son Hagar, age 7.³² Since the census taker would have walked from house to house, it is hard to imagine a route with 7 houses between either Lockhouse 51 or 52 and the Bowles house, census dwelling 10.

For his service as *Trustee* to Louisa Younker, *Pensioner*, William A. Bowles was paid \$15.00 per annum in 1880.³³

Amanda Bowles died on June 1, 1879 without a will; William A. Bowles was appointed executor of her estate.³⁴ In his first and final account, after all expenses were paid, William A. Bowles split the residue among the four children. That data has been incorporated in the Table of Bowles Family Vital Statistics at the end of this Chapter.

A few years later we read: "**The May Term. THURSDAY - FOURTH DAY. Trial Docket.** No. 65. State, use of Wm. A. Bowles, guardian, vs. Patrick and Wm. E. Little; judgment by default, extended before a jury; verdict for plaintiff for \$3,500 debt in the bond, to be released on payment of \$132.49, interest and costs."³⁵

The newspaper reported: "**Orphans' Court.** - Friday, Dec. 30, 1887. - William A. Bowles, guardian to Charles A., Ellen F and Annie E. Little, settled fourth account."³⁶ Something must have happened to change guardianship from John Thomas Little to William A. Bowles, further research will be necessary.

The next year was the report: "**Orphans' Court.** - Friday, January 25, 1888. - William A. Bowles, guardian to Annie E., Ellen F. and Charles A. Little, settled fifth accounts."³⁷

The next report found was: "**Orphans' Court.** Friday, April 3, 1891. - Wm. A. Bowles, guardian to Ellen F., Annie E. and Charles A. Little, settled sixth and seventh accounts."³⁸

The next report: "**Orphans' Court.** - William A. Bowles, guardian to Annie E. Little, Charles A. Little and Ellen F. Little settled 8th account."³⁹

In Oct. 1892 the newspaper reported: "**County Commissioners.** William Bowles and William Kealhoffer were appointed as persons to cast the vote for Washington county at the coming election of the Western Maryland Railroad."⁴⁰ Apparently that did not work out too well as we next read: "**County Commissioners.** An order was passed substituting the name of B. A. Betts,

³² 1880 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Hancock, enumerated on 6/1/1880, p. 1.

³³ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 7/20 & 7/27/1881, p. 2.

³⁴ *Estate Account for Amanda Bowles*, Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, dated 4/15/1881.

³⁵ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, Thursday, 5/21/1885, p. 2.

³⁶ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 1/5/1888, p. 3.

³⁷ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 1/31/1889, p. 2.

³⁸ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 4/9/1891, p. 3.

³⁹ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 4/7/1892, p. 2.

⁴⁰ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 10/6/1892, p. 3.

of Chewsville, instead of William Bowles, of whom it is said is favorable to a sale to the West Virginia Central. It is generally known that Mr. Betts is opposed to the sale. Wm. Kealhofer, Esq., the other gentleman named for director, appeared before the board and explained his position as being against the sale of the road to the West Virginia Central or other foreign corporations and is in favor of protecting the interests of Washington county's investment."⁴¹

The next year we read: "**Orphans' Court.** William A. Bowles, guardian to Ellen F. Little, Annie E. Little and Charles A. Little settled tenth account."⁴²

William Bowles took on road maintenance as evidenced by a "Statement of Disbursements of Washington County, MD, for the Year Ending June 18th, 1894" wherein he was paid \$50.00 as Superintendent for Road No. 29.⁴³

Later that same year we read: "**THE VALLEY AND SHADOW - Those Who Have Been Ushered Through.** Mrs. E. Catherine Summers died on Tuesday night at "Riverside," the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. A. Bowles, one mile east of Hancock, from consumption, aged sixty-seven years. She was ill for a long period and bore her sufferings with the fortitude of a Christian who sees the star of hope shining afar. Some years back, Mrs. Summers' home was in this city. She leaves one daughter, Miss Gertrude, a well-known music instructor and a popular young society lady of Hancock. Mrs. Summers was related through her husband to Sylvester Summers, of Lock 53, this county. She was a member of St. Thomas' P. E. church, Hancock, from which her funeral takes place this (Tuesday) afternoon. Interment will be made in the cemetery adjoining."⁴⁴

Early the next year it was reported: "**JACOB S. HART.** Jacob S. hart, a former resident of this county, died suddenly of apoplexy on Jan. 11, at Ipava, Ill. He stopped at Hancock, in September, 1892, with his sisters, Mrs. William A. Bowles and the late Mrs. Kate E. Summers, upon his return from the Grand Army encampment at Washington. The late La Fayette Hart, who died near Berkeley Springs, was a brother. Mr. Hart was sixty years old and leaves a wife and six children."⁴⁵ It was from this obituary that we learned the maiden name of Mrs. William A. Bowles.

Still on the guardianship: "**Orphans' Court.** Tuesday, July 23. William A. Bowles, guardian to Annie E. Little, settled eleventh and final account."⁴⁶ Sometime in the preceding year, the other two children must have reached 21 years of age and a guardian was no longer necessary.

By 1900 the children of Samuel and Amanda Bowles were young adults and no longer living with William and Mary Ann Bowles. The 1900 census reported that William A. Bowles, age 75, married 31 years, occupation: Farmer was living in census dwelling 168.⁴⁷ Living with him were

⁴¹ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 10/13/1892, p. 3.

⁴² *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 1/18/1894, p. 5.

⁴³ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 11/8/1894, p. 2.

⁴⁴ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, Thursday, 12/13.1894, p. 2.

⁴⁵ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 1/31/1895, p. 3.

⁴⁶ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 7/25/1895, p. 4.

⁴⁷ 1900 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Hancock, enumerated on 6/8/1900, p. 10.

his wife, Mary A., age 74; Gertrude M. Summers, age 80, his cousin; and Harry Graves, age 28, servant. Gertrude Summers was the editor of *The Star*, the local Hancock newspaper and the first female editor in Maryland.

William's sister, Susan, had moved to Santa Monica, California, and Hattie, and another niece, Ellen Bowles, lived with her. The 1900 census reported a Susan Bowles, age 51, occupation: Head of a Boarding house, and born in Maryland.⁴⁸ Living with her was: Harriet Bowles, age 34, single, niece, occupation: Teacher in Public School and Ellen L. Taney, age 67, widowed, sister, no occupation. Mrs. Taney had 2 children which were both living in 1900. Also in the boarding house were three boarders and two Chinese servants.

Preston Bowles and a cousin, James H. Bowles, lived in Astoria, Illinois. Thus, much of the family had left the Hancock area. The 1900 census reported a James H. Bowles, age 63, married 33 years, occupation Farmer, born in Maryland.⁴⁹ Living with him was: Amanda Bowles, his wife of 33 years, age 54, born in Illinois. She had four children all of whom were living in 1900. Their son, Earl J. Bowles, age 21, occupation: Farmhand was also living with them.

The same 1900 census reported that Charles H. Howard, age 30, and his wife, Annie T., age 25, were living in census dwelling 169, which must have been on the property, a tenant house.⁵⁰ Mr. & Mrs. Howard had been married one year and had no children. James H. Everitt, age 34, married seven years, occupation: Lock Tender, was living in census dwelling 170.⁵¹ Living with him were his wife Ella H. Everitt, age 30; son, James H. age 6; daughter, Christana, age 4; son, John H., age 2; and mother-in-law Elizabeth Houck, age 70. That must have been Lockhouse 52, adjacent to the home place. John H. Moser, age 55, married 20 years, occupation: Lock Tender, was living in census dwelling 171.⁵² Living with him were his wife, Elizabeth, age 42; daughter, Rosa M., age 19; son, John H., age 15; daughter, Grace E., age 12; daughter, Mabel E., age 9; and son, Alexandria, age 6. That would have been Lockhouse 51.

William A. Bowles was active for his age because he was still farming and president of the Hancock Bank when he died 5 July 1903.⁵³

On April 3, 1905 Mary Ann Bowles died; the newspaper reported:

"Death of Mrs. Mary Ann Bowles.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bowles, widow of the late Wm. A. Bowles, died on Monday at noon, at her cottage in East End at the ripe old age of 79 years, after an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Bowles was a very patient sufferer and realizing that she was going to die was all solicitation for the welfare and comfort of those she left behind.

"Mrs. Bowles was one of the oldest inhabitants here and greatly respected and admired by all who knew her. She was a devout member of the Episcopal Church and always occupied her pew as long as her health and the weather would permit. Mrs. Bowles was twice married, her first husband being Mr. Nelson McKinley, and her second husband was the late William A. Bowles, who died [on July 5,] 1903.

⁴⁸ 1900 Census, California, Los Angeles County, Santa Monica, enumerated on 6/6/1900, p. 4B.

⁴⁹ 1900 Census, Illinois, Fulton County, Astoria, enumerated on 6/7/1900, p. 9B.

⁵⁰ 1900 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Hancock, enumerated on 6/8/1900, p. 10.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*

⁵² *Ibid.*

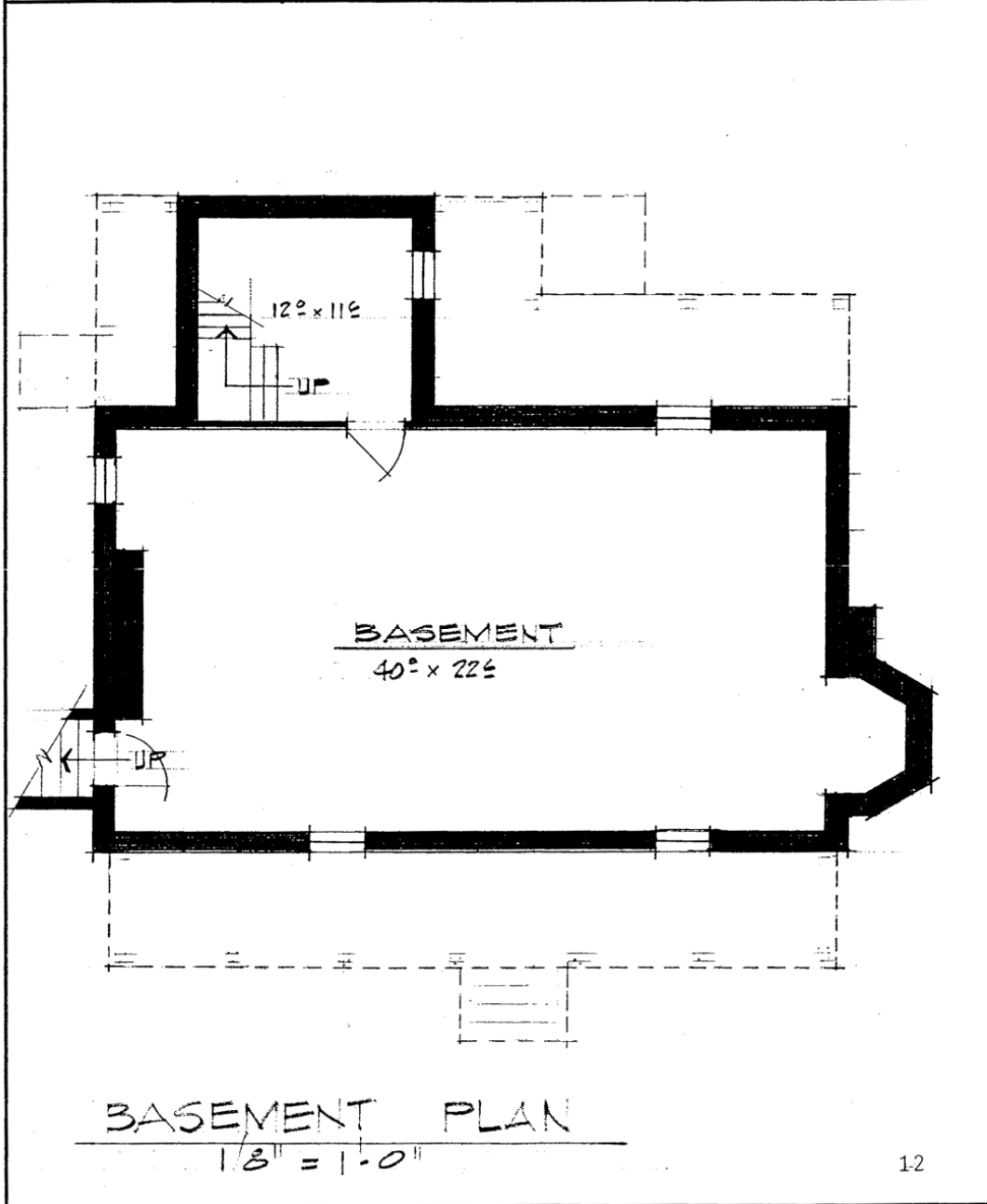
⁵³ St. Thomas Episcopal Church records state that Pastor J. E. Ewall officiated.

Mrs. Bowles is survived by one son, Mr. John D. H. McKinley, by her first husband, who was with her when she died. Mrs. Bowles was a Miss Hart before marriage and those who knew her then speak in the highest praise of younger days. Before the death of Mr. Bowles the family resided at 'Riverside' one mile east of town, but last June Mrs. Bowles removed from the farm to her new cottage on the hill just east of the corporation limits. She was the only aunt of Miss Gertrude Summers, who lived with her. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the Episcopal Church, Rev. John E. Ewell reading the burial service. Interment in the Bowles lot beside the remains of her late husband."⁵⁴

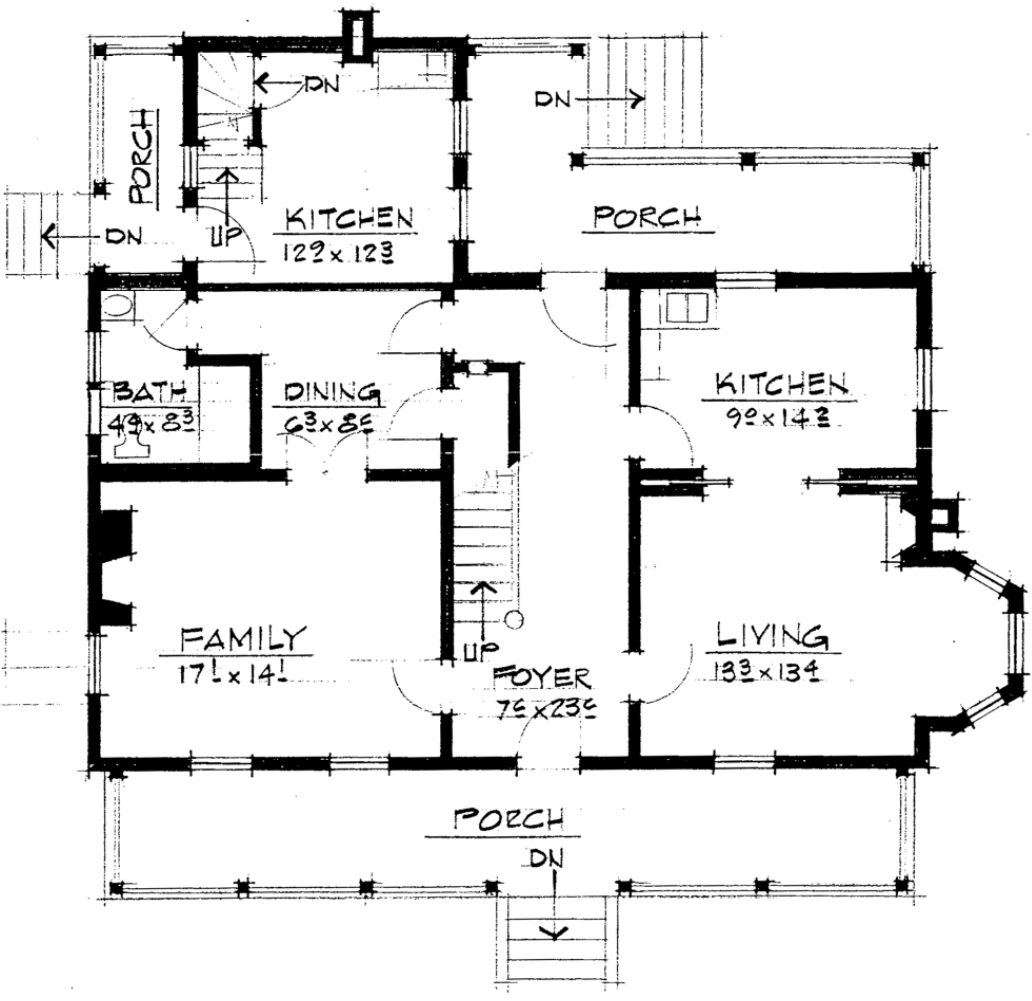
The son, John D. H. McKinley was a Professor in Columbus, Ohio.

⁵⁴ Undated or credited newspaper clipping, property of Hancock Historical Society.

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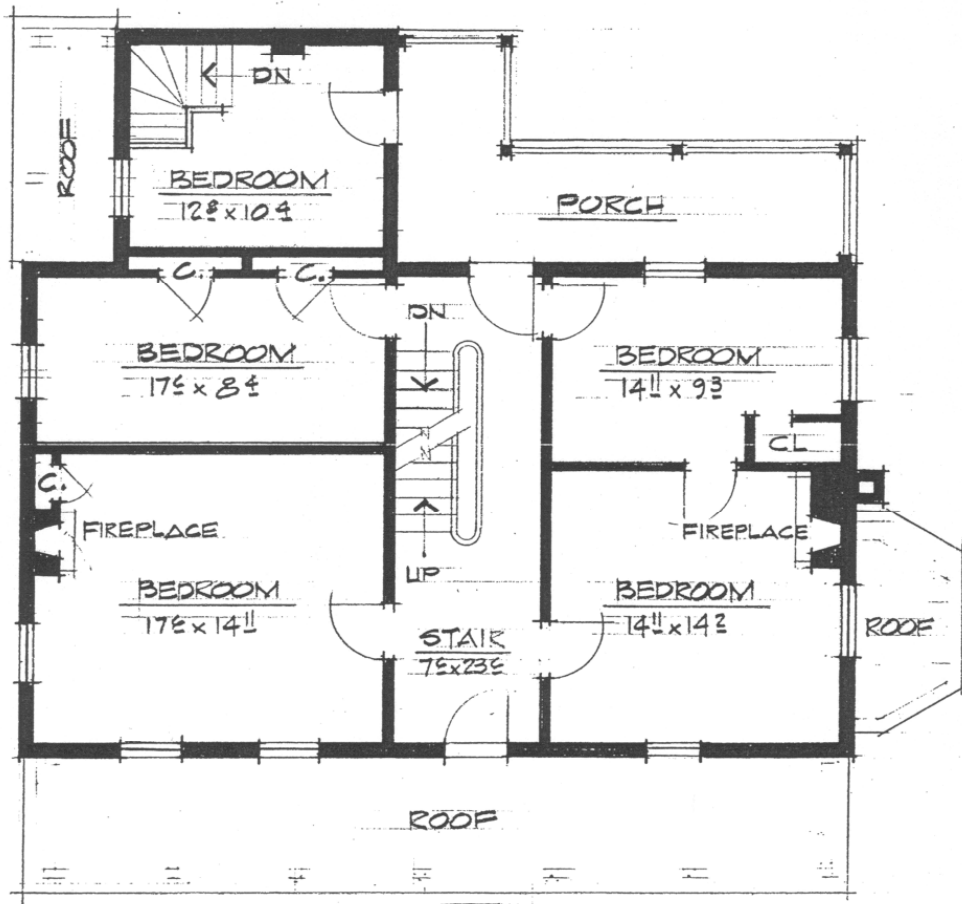


Park	CHOH	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE		Sheet	2
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Feature	FIRST FLOOR PLAN	Date	10.1.97	Date	Account



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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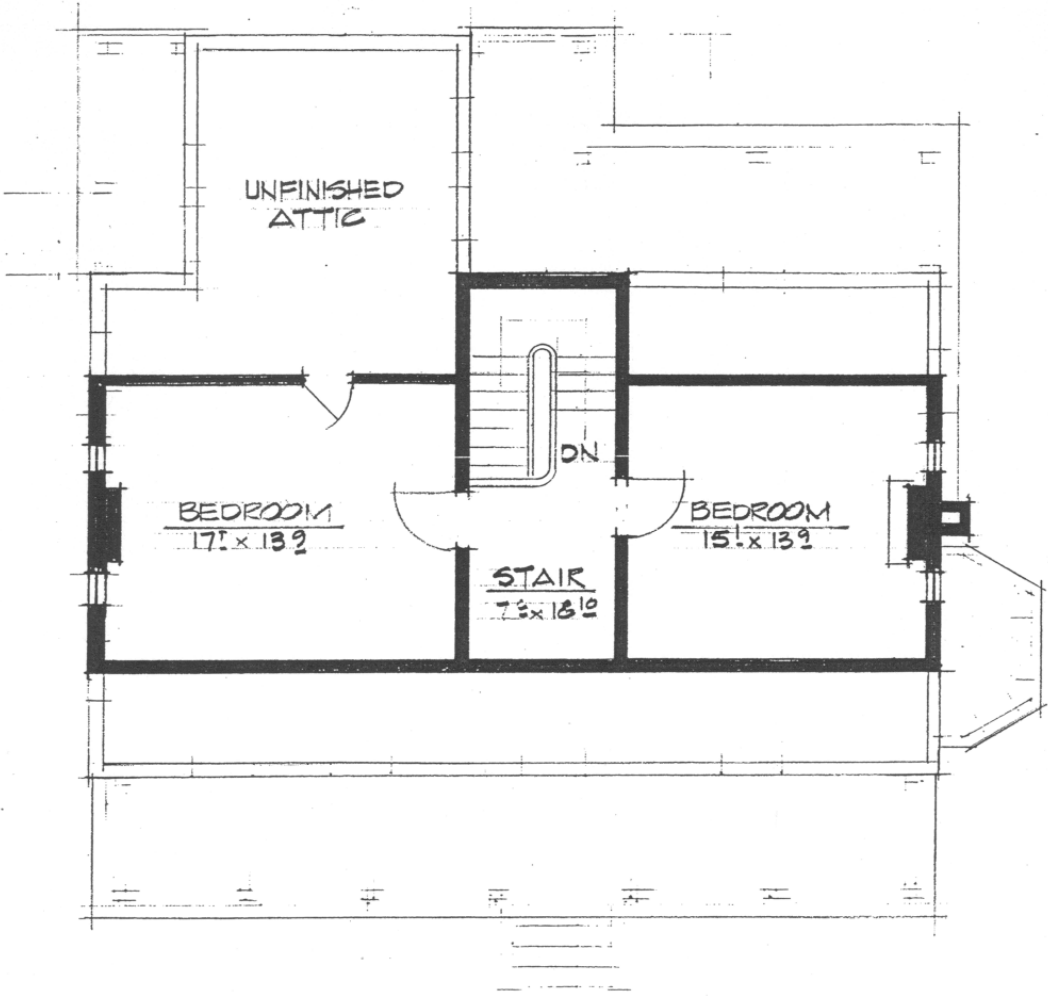
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1'-0"

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ATTIC FLOOR PLAN
 $1/8" = 1'-0"$

TABLE OF BOWLES FAMILY VITAL STATISTICS

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Born in
James H. Bowles	hus	12/30/1780	12/12/1821	11/5/1849	
Martha Swope	wife	2/1799		2/1/1861	
<i>William A. Bowles</i>	son	11/28/1824	1869	4/3/1903	Maryland
<i>Samuel Bowles</i>	son	12/6/1826		3/17/1878	Maryland
<i>Mary Ellen Bowles (Taney)</i>	dau	12/1832			Maryland
<i>James W. Bowles</i>	son	7/1836			Maryland
<i>Susan Bowles</i>	dau	11/1839	Never		Maryland
Nelson McKinley (1)	hus		7/31/1849		
Mary Ann Hart	wife	9/11/1825		4/3/1905	Maryland
<i>Nelson McKinley</i>	son	1/5/1819		8/16/1854	Maryland
<i>John D. H. McKinley</i>	son				Maryland
William A. Bowles (2)	hus	11/28/1824	1869	4/3/1903	Maryland
Mary Ann Hart McKinley	wife	9/11/1825		4/3/1905	Maryland
Samuel Bowles	hus	12/6/1826		3/17/1878	Maryland
Amanda	wife	6/29/1829		6/1/1879	Maryland
<i>William Bowles</i>	son	1861		4/3/1905	Maryland
<i>Preston Bowles</i>	son	1863			Maryland
<i>Hattie Harriet Bowles</i>	dau	10/1865			Maryland
<i>Evan Bowles</i>	son	1869			Maryland
A. B. Taney ⁵⁵	hus	1849			Maryland
Mary Ellen Bowles	wife	1825			Maryland
<i>Edward B. Taney</i>	son	1856			Maryland
<i>Augustus B. Taney</i>	son	1858			Maryland

⁵⁵ 1860 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Hancock, enumerated 9/14/1860, p. 158.

BOWLES SECURITY

Whereas the was on Jan. 26, 1839 granted out of the western shore land office unto James H. Bowles of Washington County a special warrant to resurvey the following part of a tract or parcel of land called Delacarla lying in the county aforesaid originally on Sept. 4, 1775 granted John Ridout for 6,895 acres to amend all errors in the original survey and to add any vacant land thereto contiguous. I hereby certify as surveyor of Washington County that by virtue of the aforesaid warrant carefully resurveyed and laid out the aforesaid part of a tract of land for James H. Bowles and find it contains the quantity of 229 acres and that it lies foul on an elder survey and in the Potomac River and loses thereby the quantity of 16 acres leaving clear the quantity of 213 acres to which I have added $58\frac{1}{4}$ acres of vacant land and have reduced the whole into one entire tract as will appear by the plats hereto annexed. Beginning for the outlines of the resurvey at a bounded white oak tree standing on the west bank for Big Tonoloway Creek near the mouth it being the beginning tree of the original tract called The First Part of Delacarla and running with the lines thereof the 12 following courses: N 35 deg. - 00 min. E 13 per.; N 4 deg. - 00 min. W 8 per.; N 17 deg. - 00 min. W 26 per.; N 40 deg. - 00 min. W 12 per.; N 89 deg. - 30 min. W 16 per.; N 42 deg. - 00 min. W 16 per.; N 5 deg. - 00 min. W 73 per.; N 70 deg. - 00 min. W 100 per.; N 11 deg. - 00 min. E 32 per.; N 20 deg. - 00 min. W 36 per.; N 12 deg. - 00 min. W 50 per.; N 64 deg. - 00 min. W $81\frac{1}{4}$ per. to the 32nd line of a tract of land called Caledonia granted George Frazier Hawkins, then with that line - S 17 Deg. - 45 min. W 213 per. to the end of the 3rd line thereof still with the said land reversed - S 16 deg. - 00 min. E 46 per.; S 75 deg. - 00 min. W 105 per. to the bank of the Potomac River, then running down and binding the said river the following courses and distances - S 74 deg. - 45 min. E $42\frac{1}{2}$ per.; S 31 deg. - 00 min. E 90 per.; S 79 deg. - 00 min. E 80 per.; S 70 deg. - 00 min. E 36 per.; S 56 deg. - 00 min. E 22 per.; S 76 deg. - 30 min. E 36 per. to a line drawn S. from the place of beginning, then by a straight line to the place of beginning containing and now laid out for $271\frac{1}{4}$ acres more or less. Resurveyed May 27, 1831.

Washington County Court House, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book RR 37, p. 161, recorded 8/29/1835.

At the request of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company, the following Deed was recorded August 29th 1835. This indenture made this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five between James H. Bowles of Washington County, State of Maryland of the one part and the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company of the other part. Whereas the said Canal is intended to pass through the land of the said James H. Bowles who has contracted and agreed to sell and convey to the said Company such portion and quantity thereof as may be covered, used occupied by the said Canal or the accompanying works thereof in perpetuity for which purposes the said James H. Bowles is willing to execute these presents. Now therefore this Indenture Witnesseth that the said James H. Bowles for and in consideration of the premises and also in consideration of the sum of two hundred and ninety dollars to them in hand paid by the President and Directors of this said Company at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, align, enfeoff, and confirm unto the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and unto their successors in perpetuity all the part of the said James H. Bowles two Lots in the Town of Hancock which shall or may be occupied by the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal from the upper line of the said Canal to low water mark on the Potomac River and also all the following described land lying along the said river from the said Town to the Big Tonoloway Creek being part of a tract of land called "John and Davy" or by whatever name the same may be called. Beginning on the north side of the C & O Canal on the west bank of the Great Tonoloway Creek at low water mark; thence North seventy nine degrees West two hundred and sixty eight feet passing a stone set on the west bank to a stone corner; thence North seventy & one fourth degrees West two hundred and ninety two feet to a stone corner; thence North sixty one and a half degrees West three hundred and seventy seven feet to a stone corner; thence North sixty six and three fourths degrees West one hundred and seventy five feet to a stone corner; thence North seventy two degrees West eight hundred and thirty three feet, passing a stone placed on the boundary, to a stone corner; thence North seventy seven degrees West two hundred feet to a stone corner; thence North eighty two degrees West eight hundred and ninety feet, passing a stone placed on the boundary, to a stone corner; thence North seventy nine & three fourths degrees West one hundred and thirteen feet to a stone corner; thence North seventy seven and a half degrees West fifteen hundred feet, passing a stone placed on the boundary, to a stone corner in the line dividing Bowles and Rowland; thence South sixty five degrees West one hundred and ten feet to the middle of a deep ravine dividing Bowles and Rowland; thence by the said ravine sixty six feet more or less to the low water mark of the Potomac River; thence by the said low water mark returning easterly four thousand seven hundred and fifty feet more or less to the mouth of the Great Tonoloway Creek; thence Northerly by the low water mark of the west bank one hundred and twenty feet more or less to the place of the beginning, containing nineteen acres and seventy seven rods together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances unto the same belonging or in any wise appertaining; To have and to hold the said lands and premises above described with every the appurtenances unto the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and their successors to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and their successors in perpetuity and to and for no other use, interest or purpose whatsoever. In Witness whereof the said James H. Bowles and Martha

Bowles his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first hereinbefore written. Signed, Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of

H. A. Leonard

Benj. Pendleton

J. H. Bowles {Seal}

Martha Bowles {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

On this eighteenth day of July 1835 before us the subscribers two Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Washington County personally appears James H. Bowles and Martha Bowles his wife whom the subscribers are satisfied of their own knowledge are the persons who are named and described as and professing to be the grantors in the above indenture or conveyance and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned. And the said Martha Bowles wife of the said James H. Bowles did sign, seal and execute the said instrument of writing in our presence and out of the presence and hearing of her said husband. And the said Martha Bowles being by us privily examined apart from and out of the presence and hearing of her said husband whether she doth make her acknowledgement of the same willingly and freely without being induced thereto by fear or threats of or ill usage by her said husband and or fear of his displeasure acknowledged that she doth make her said acknowledgement thereof willingly and freely and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of or ill usage by her said husband or fear of his displeasure.

Acknowledged before and certified by

H. A. Leonard

Benj. Pendleton

Last Will & Testament of Samuel Bowles, Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Will Book __, page 864.

I Samuel Bowles of Washington County in the State of Maryland do hereby make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit:

I give devise and bequeath all my estate real and personal to my beloved wife Amanda Bowles so long as she lives and remains my widow.

I hereby will and direct that where my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years, if my widow consents thereto, all my real estate shall be sold, and one third of the proceeds arriving therefrom shall be absolute property of my widow and the remaining two thirds shall be equally divided amongst my children, share and share alike.

I hereby will and direct that my executor hereinafter named shall, with the consent of my widow, at any time, sell all that portion of my timber land lying North West of where I now reside, and North East of Hancock and containing about one hundred acres; also all that portion of cleared land lying contiguous to Hancock and containing about twelve acres, and commonly known as the "Tobacco Patch," the proceeds arising from such sale to be invested by my executor hereinafter named, until my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years when the principal sum with the accumulated interest thereon, shall be divided as aforesaid, viz: one third to my widow absolutely, and the remaining two thirds to my children, share and share alike.

And I further will and direct that in case my widow should marry again, then she shall only receive such part of my estate as the law would allow her in case I had died intestate.

I further will and direct that my executor hereinafter named and my widow, shall sign seal, acknowledge and deliver to the purchasers, a deed or deeds for all the land heretofore sold by me, for which I have not, or may not have given deeds, upon the payment of such purchaser or purchasers, of the purchase money therefore, or any balance that may be due thereon.

And further, should my brother William A. Bowles sell his property upon which he now resides and moves away before my youngest child becomes of the age of twenty one years, and should my widow desire to go along, I will and direct that my executor hereinafter named together with my widow, shall sell all of my real and personal estate and hereby empower them jointly to execute good and sufficient deed for same, the proceeds of such sales to be reinvested to the benefit of my widow and children as heretofore stated, and subject to the same conditions as in the property now existing.

And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint W. A. Bowles to be executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this fifth day of April A.D. 1877.

S. Bowles {Seal}

Signed, sealed and declared by Samuel Bowles, the above named Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have signed our names as witnesses thereto.

Joseph W. Dolby

James B. Ditts

Fayette Hart

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

On this 16th day of April A.D. 1878 came Joseph W. Dolby, James B. Ditts & Fayette Hart, the three subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will & Testament of Samuel Bowles late of

Washington County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that they did see the said Testator sign & seal said Will, that they heard him publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was in the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to said Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn in Open Court: Test Tho. E. Hilliard, Register of Wills

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

On this 16th day of April 1878, came W. A. Bowles the executor named in the foregoing last Will & Testament of Samuel Bowles, late of Washington County, deceased, and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing is the true & whole Will of said deceased that has come to his hands & possession & that he doth not know nor hath he heard of any other of a later date.

Sworn before Tho. E. Hillard, Register of Wills

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book 86, p 576, 1/22/1885.

At the request of Wm. A. Bowles the following mortgage was recorded January 22, 1885.

This Mortgage made this 26th day of February in the year eighteen hundred & eighty four (1884) us William E. Little and Laura Little his wife. Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty One 65/100 Dollars, now due from us the said Wm. E. Little and Laura his wife to W. A. Bowles, we the said Wm. E. Little & Laura his wife do grant unto the said Wm. A. Bowles the lot of ground with all improvements thereon, lying in that part of the Town of Hancock, Washington County, known as Rowland's Addition to the same, being the lot and improvements conveyed by John T. Little to Wm. E. Little by deed dated February fifteenth 1884, and for a more full description for same we refer to said deed. This mortgage being given to secure the payment of said Note of Five Hundred and Thirty one 65/100 Dollars due W. A. Bowles, said Note dated January 2 1884, due one day after date bearing interest from date. It is further provided that if we truly pay said Note of Five Hundred & Thirty one 65/100 Dollars with all interest thereon to W. A. Bowles then this mortgage is of no effect and void. Witness our hands & seals this 26th day of February 1884.

Witness, Jos. Harrison

W. E. Little {Seal}

Laura B. Little {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit,

I certify that on this 26th day of February, A.D. 1884, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State in and for said County, personally appeared Wm. E. Little & Laura B. Little his wife and did each acknowledge the within mortgage to be their respective act. At the same time also appeared Wm. A. Bowles the mortgagee named in the within mortgage and made oath that the considerations mentioned and set forth are true and bona fide as therein set.

Joseph Harrison, J. P.

I hereby release \$300.00 of the above mortgage. Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of June A.D. 1896.

Test: Geo. B. Oswald, Clerk

W. A. Bowles {Seal}

I hereby release the above mortgage. Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of September, A.D. 1896.

Test: Geo. B. Oswald, Clerk

W. A. Bowles {Seal}