Historical Survey of Eastport

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Feb. 13: Scott Madry QGIS Training



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Mar. 6 - May 8: DCIC Lab

Ten one-hour sessions





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#1: Field Work



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On Creating a PALS Eastport Property Inventory (PEPI)

- Combining 2 GIS zoning layers:
 - Single-Family Residence Neighborhood Conservation (R2-NC) District
 - Office and Commercial Design (OCD) Overlay
- Extracting intersecting Parcels and Parcel Points:
 - Created a PEPI to determine which houses to target (800+ points / 600+ parcels)
- Digitizing and incorporating the 2002 "EHT Traceries, Inc." study of Eastport:
 Section G. Geographical Data (pages 48-157), resulting in 759 house

descriptions

Address	Date	Property	Stories	Form/Style	Structural	Roof	Outbuilding	Status
		Type (Use)			System			
505 Burnside Street	1930- 1959	Residential (Single Dwelling)	2-1/2	Colonial Revival	Asbestos Shingles	Front Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date

#1 Field Work

- Methodology
 - Obtained GIS layers from Shawn Wampler:
 R2-NC zoning district + OCD district
 - Created a PALS Eastport Property Inventory to determine which houses to photograph (817 polygons --624 parcels)
 - Traveled to Eastport and photographed in teams of two
 - Assigned file names using the format Grid#-Address-View-Date
 - Uploaded images into Box in folders by street name
 - Compared present images to 2002 EHT Traceries survey descriptions
 - Recorded in PALS Inventory the differences in property descriptions and current images



....Fieldwork

Findings

- Significant change since 2002 "EHT Traceries, Inc." survey
 - Combination of community change and surveyor knowledge of architectural features
- Up-to-date letter of introduction for surveyors to present to homeowners would be helpful
- Photographing is the quickest part
- File naming, quality control, and comparing past survey records to new photographs is very time consuming
- Training/additional resources in architectural feature identification would be helpful

#2 Chain of Ownership Research

Goal: Use subset of addresses to complete a proof of concept method for collecting complete chain of ownership information for a set of addresses in Eastport

- Time: Each address took around 1.5 hours to do in-depth research
- Tools: Maryland Land Records website; Google Form: Annapolis Home Ownership Survey (converted from Jane McWilliams' "Building History Manual" survey form), Google Sheets: Group worksheet for tracking progress; Annapolis Home Ownership Survey results
- Results: 50 properties surveyed in depth as a proof of concept.



... Chain of Ownership Research

Methods:

- Created spreadsheet with proof of concept addresses assigned to each group member
- Created Google Form to capture each change of ownership modeled on paper form
- Used SDAT (State Dep. of Assessments & Taxation) to begin address search using first Liber and Folio numbers available
- Followed chain of Liber and Folio numbers in Maryland Land Records database until the trail went cold
- Moved onto next address

...Chain of Ownership Research Next Steps: Census Records

- Could provide more demographic information on historical homeowners.
- Would allow the collection of information on residents (renters, etc) who are not homeowners.
- Bring to light residents who might have been obscured by official records.
 - Women
 - Minorities
 - Extended Families



#3 Maps / GIS <u>Step 1:</u> Digitizing Eastport Sanborn Maps at the Library of Congress



We purchased and tested new equipment: Nikkon DSL Camera / lenses / tripod / boom arm / Bananagrams & marbles...



GIS Step 2: Georeferencing of the Images



Placing ground control points (GCPs) on map a of Eastport from the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Anne Arundel County.

After placing the control points, QGIS is able to overlay the historic map over the Google map.



GIS Step 3: Merging Sanborn Map Sheet Images



Seven map pages from the 1930 Sanborn merged into a single map.

2002 SURVEY COMPARISON

Address	Date	Property Type (Use)	Stories	Form/Style	Structural System	Roof	Outbuilding	Status
501 Burnside Street	1930- 1959	Residential (Single Dwelling)	1-1/2	Colonial Revival Bungalow	Weatherboard	Front Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date
503 Burnside Street	1930- <mark>1</mark> 959	Residential (Single Dwelling)	1-1/2	Colonial Revival Bungalow	Stucco	Front Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date
505 Burnside Street	1930- 1959	Residential (Single Dwelling)	2-1/2	Colonial Revival	Asbestos Shingles	Front Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date
507 Burnside Street	1905- <mark>1</mark> 908	Residential (Single Dwelling)	2-1/2	Colonial Revival	Aluminum	Side Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date
509 Burnside Street	1905- <mark>1</mark> 908	Residential (Single Dwelling)	2-1/2	Colonial Revival	Weatherboard	Front Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date
510-512 Burnside Street	1908- 1913	Residential (Twin Dwelling)	2-1/2	Vernacular Queen Anne	Weatherboard/ Aluminum	Front Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date

Asbestos

Fibers of the mineral chrysotile, an excellent heat insulator. - Bucher

Asbestos Shingle

A shingle composed of cement reinforced with asbestos fibers; manufactured in the early-late 20c in various sizes, shapes, and textures. – *Bucher*





GIS Step 4: Overlaying GIS layers



Example Property: 505 Burnside



505 Burnside: Fieldwork











505 Burnside: Chain of Ownership

13 recorded transfers:



Pamela Bixby Avery (1993 - 1998)Wayne and Jana Fisher (1998 - 2003)

Matthew Newkirk and Mary O'Hara (2003 - 2009)

> Jean C. Tullier (2009 - 2016)

Stephen S. Webster (Current Owner)

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This Deed. Made this

28th

in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one ADOLPH KLIMES and FRANCES L. KLIMES, his wife

THAT for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.0 valuable considerations, paid her by the parties of the second part the party of the first part is hereby acknowledged, she, the said has bargained and sold and by these presents does grant and convey the second part, their heirs and assigns, forever, in fee simple,

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Next Steps: eVis

- Event Visualization Tool
- Can incorporate images and other data such as our chain of custody data in a database to add points to map the data
- eVis Browser then provides a means to view the data together on the map.



Final Products Digitized & Searchable City Directories:

- 1910, 1924, 1928-29, 1939, 1956
- with Eastport "datafied"
- ► New GIS layers:
 - Hopkins Atlas of AAC Eastport map: 1878
 - Integrated Sanborn GIS layers for Eastport:
 - ▶ 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930, 1959
- Complete Photo Inventory of Eastport
- Complete Updated Architectural Survey
- Deep Chain of Ownership Documentation & Methodology for subset of properties
- Complete 1940 Digitized & Searchable Individual Household Census records for Eastport:
 - 1930, 1920, 1910 & 1900 in progress

- ArcGIS Online Demo & QGIS Desktop Demo
- Integrated Eastport Inventory of Properties Form





Location / Parcel map / Owner / Tenants / Profession / Race (pre-1940s) / Legal desc. / Architectural desc. / Chain of ownership / Photo

