

# **GLENWOOD CHRONICLES -PART ONE-**

## **THE PECULIAR INSTITUTION: PUTTING A FACE ON SLAVERY IN THE KANAWHA VALLEY**



### **ISSUES TO CONSIDER...**

- Slave restrictions in VA & elsewhere heightened after 1831 Nat Turner Rebellion (57 whites killed): Virginia Criminal Code, Chapter 120, of 1848 stated that “*Any white person assembling with slaves or free Negroes for purpose of instructing them to read or write...shall be confined in jail not exceeding six months and fined not exceeding \$100.00*”
- Many slaves had no official last name while others commonly took the last name of their owners, making it difficult to trace antebellum family genealogy
- Many people (especially former slave owning families) today are uncomfortable talking about slavery—they feel that the past is past, let it be...**BUT IT IS OUR HISTORY**

## **...& OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH**

- U.S. Census Data (esp. 1850 & 1860 slave census & agricultural census)
- Public Records at Kanawha Co. Courthouse (tax records, wills, manumission notices, other documents)
- Personal Records (letters, bills of sale, runaway slave notices, legal documents, etc.)
- Slave Narratives (New Deal interviews with ex-slaves)
- Oral Histories (as yet untapped resource in the Kanawha Valley & West Virginia)

## **KANAWHA CO. SLAVERY 1820-60**

**1820 TOTAL POPULATION = 6,399**  
**Slaves-1,073 (17%) Free Blacks-29 Whites-5,297**

**1830 TOTAL POPULATION = 9,326**  
**Slaves-1,717 (18%) Free Blacks-76 Whites-7,533**

**1840 TOTAL POPULATION = 13,567**  
**Slaves-2,560 (19%) Free Blacks-97 Whites-10,910**

**1850 TOTAL POPULATION = 15,353**  
**Slaves-3,140 (20%) Free Blacks-118 Whites-12,001**

**1860 TOTAL POPULATION = 16,966**  
**Slaves-2,184 (13%) Free Blacks-181 Whites-13,785**

**SLAVES IN VA 1850 = 472,528**  
**TOTAL VA POPULATION = 1.4 million**

**TOP 10 COUNTIES VA:**

- ALBEMARLE 13,338
- CAMPBELL 10,866
- CAROLINE 10,661
- DINWIDDIE 10,880
- FAUQUIER 10,350
- HALIFAX 14,452
- HENRICO 16,109
- MECKLENBURG 12,462
- NORFOLK 10,400
- PITTSYLVANIA 12,798

**TOP 10 COUNTIES WV:**

- BERKELEY 1,956
- CABELL 389
- GREENBRIER 1,317
- HAMPSHIRE 1,433
- HARDY 1,260
- HARRISON 488
- JEFFERSON 4,341
- **KANAWHA 3,140**
- MASON 647
- PUTNAM 632

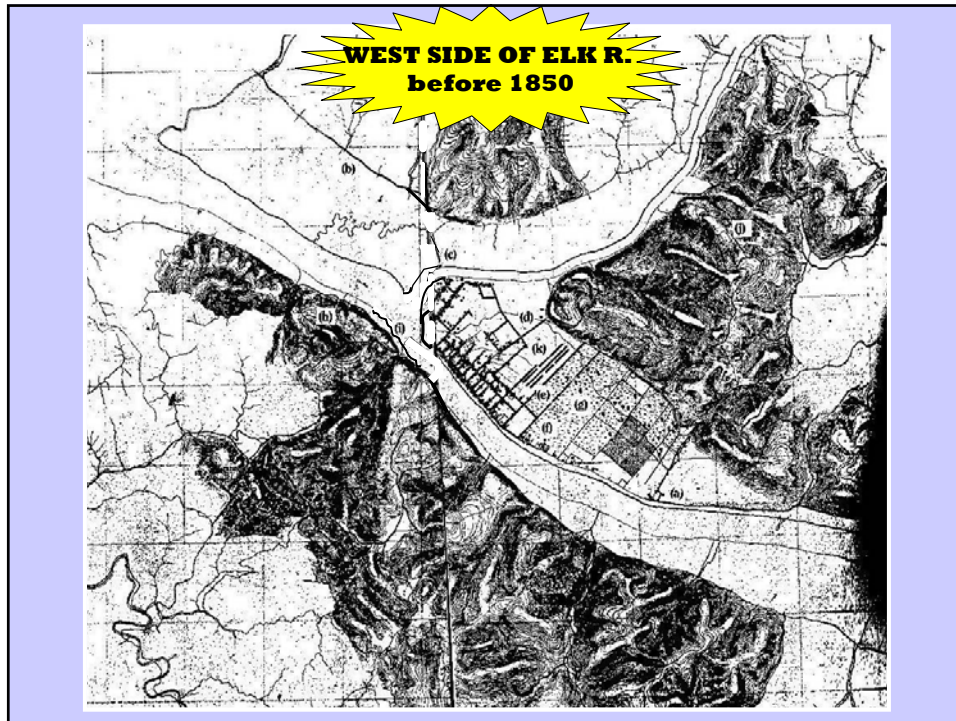
**SLAVES IN VA 1860 = 490,865**  
**TOTAL VA POPULATION = 1.6 million**

**TOP 10 COUNTIES VA:**

- ALBEMARLE 13,916
- CAMPBELL 11,580
- CAROLINE 10,672
- DINWIDDIE 12,774
- FAUQUIER 10,455
- HALIFAX 14,897
- HENRICO 20,041
- LOUISA 10,194
- MECKLENBURG 12,420
- PITTSYLVANIA 14,340

**TOP 10 COUNTIES WV:**

- BERKELEY 1,650
- CABELL 305
- FAYETTE 271
- GREENBRIER 1,525
- HAMPSHIRE 1,213
- HARDY 1,073
- JEFFERSON 3,960
- **KANAWHA 2,184**
- MASON 376
- PUTNAM 580



## **GLENWOOD ESTATE**

### **BUILT 1850-52 BY JAMES M. LAIDLEY**

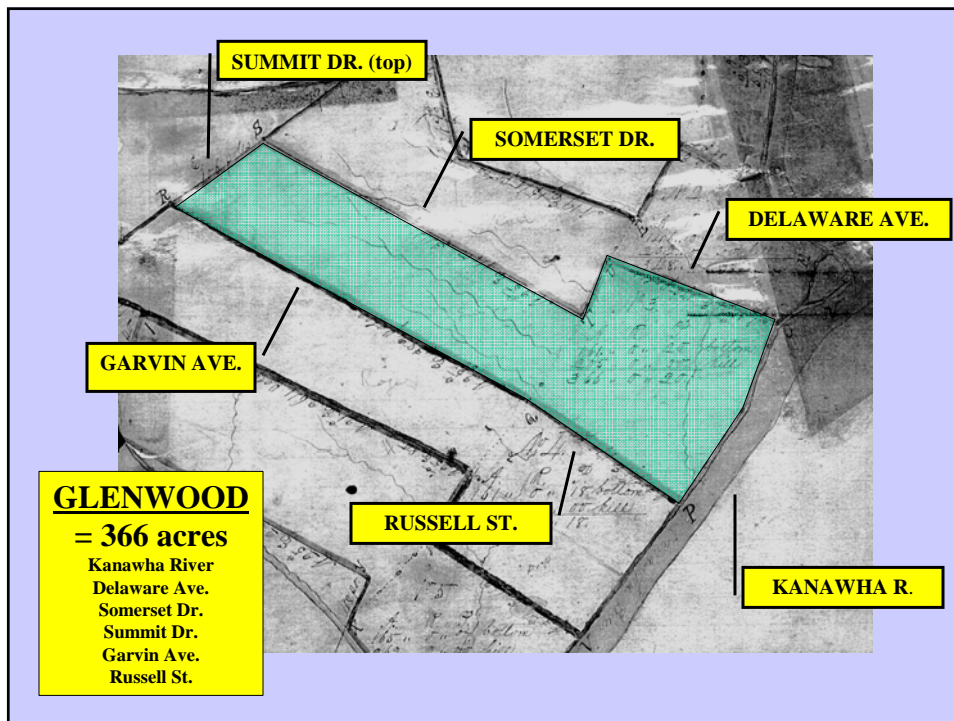
- English mason & builder William Preston constructed “Glenwood” (completed 1852), named for nearby rocky glen through the property at present Matthews Ave. (Preston also built the Adam Littlepage Mansion)
- Glenwood was a modern & stylish 2-story Greek Revival residence with Corinthian columns supporting a front pediment
- Immediately behind the house is the four-room slave “Quarters” & kitchen
- Glenwood was built with local materials—lumber grown on the farm & bricks fired nearby



# JAMES MADISON LAIDLEY

## 1809-1896

- originally from Parkersburg, came to Charleston as a businessman (founded *The Western Register* in 1829)
- studied law (1831-32) and was a saltmaker who served in the Virginia Legislature (1848-49)
- Laidley married Anna Beuhring (1840) and they had 10 children--son George Laidley was a local educator & superintendent of schools (Laidley Field named for him)
- (1850) Laidley bought 366 acres fronting Kanawha River west of the Elk from Mrs. Joseph Lovell, widow of James Lovell who was the son of James Lovell & Mary Lovell Bream



## **GLENWOOD FARM 1852-1857**

In 1855 (peak production year), James M. Laidley reported:

- **7 slaves that were 16 years or older**
- **9 slaves that were 12-15 years of age**
- 8 horses, mules, asses, jennets (female donkey)
- 100 sheep, cattle, hogs

(from 1855 Kanawha Co. Personal Property Tax Records)

In 1857, Laidley's declining business fortunes (especially the slumping salt industry) led to his sale of the farm to George W. & Amacetta L. Summers (Laidley's niece)

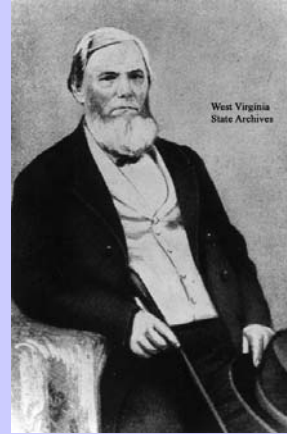
## **JUDGE GEORGE W. & AMACETTA SUMMERS (1857-1868)**





## **JUDGE GEORGE W. SUMMERS** **A UNIONIST WHO OWNED SLAVES**

- lawyer, VA legislator (1831-35)
- U.S. House of Representatives (1841-45)
- VA Constitutional Convention (1850-51)
- candidate for VA governor, lost to Joseph Johnson of Bridgeport (1851)
- Kanawha Circuit Court Judge (1852-58)
- Delegate & floor leader Wash. Peace Conf. (1861)
- pro-Union delegate VA Secession Convn. (1861)
- retired to Glenwood during Civil War (1861-65)
- son George III joined Kan. Riflemen (CSA) at 14, died of measles in camp at 16 (1863)
- oldest son Lewis II did not join either side
- Amacetta died 1867, George died 1868
- Summers Co. & Summers St. named for George



## **WHO WERE NEIGHBORS IN 1860?**

**James Carr - Edgewood est. 1848 (485 acres)** born County Down, Ireland, his family moved to Guernsey Co., Ohio, when he was a boy of seven; grew up as a poor mechanic (plasterer) & moved to the Charleston area 1840s; son Joseph Carr was a prominent Charleston dentist who died 1938

**William "Squire" Gillison - farm est. before 1840 (200 acres)** little is presently known about him except that he was a lawyer, JP, magistrate & businessman who was active in formation of St. John's Episcopal Church 1830s; married to Cornelia, children William & Bertha Gillison Clark

**Spicer Patrick - Forest Hill est. 1855 (410 acres)** born Oneida Co., NY in 1791, was a physician who moved to Charleston 1816; Whig, Unionist, Episcopalian, Delegate to VA Secession Convention 1861 & first WV Speaker of the House 1863; married Lavinia Bream (1<sup>st</sup> wife), son William a well-known riverboat captain who died in Charleston 1942; Dr. Patrick died on his farm 1884 (Patrick St. & Bridge named for him)

**Adam Littlepage - farm est. 1845 (1,200 acres)** from Greenbrier Co., came to Malden ca. 1840 as saltmaker; bought stone house from Robert Thornton 1849; farm burned during Civil War; died at Dublin, VA 1862 & wife Rebecca took over farm; son Adam II was a lawyer & member U.S. House of Representatives (1911-13, 1915-19) who died in Charleston 1921

## FIVE WEST SIDE ESTATES 1860



## VALUE OF ELK RIVER FARMS from 1860 Agricultural Census

- S. Patrick = \$25,000      160 improved acres (410 total)
- G. Summers = \$23,000      200 improved acres (366 total)
- J. Carr = \$12,000      150 improved acres (485 total)
- A. Littlepage = \$10,000      250 improved acres (1,200 total)
- W. Gillison = \$8,000      115 improved acres (200 total)



## GLENWOOD PRODUCTION from 1860 Agricultural Census

200 improved/166 unimproved acres  
 \$200 farm implements & machinery  
 5 horses  
 8 milch cows  
 4 working oxen  
 15 other cattle  
 30 sheep  
 \$750 livestock value  
 \$250 value animals slaughtered

750 bushels wheat  
 1,300 bushels Indian corn  
 50 bushels oats  
 25 bushels Irish potatoes  
 15 bushels sweet potatoes  
 40 gallons wine  
 200 lbs. butter  
 50 tons hay  
\$23,000 farm value

## KANAWHA CO. SLAVE CENSUS (1860)

- S. Patrick = 22 slaves
- A. Littlepage = 9 slaves
- W. Gillison = 6 slaves (self) + 59 slaves (w/two others)
- G. Summers = 15 slaves
- J. Carr = 21 slaves

The image shows a page from the 1860 Slave Inhabitants schedule for Kanawha County, West Virginia. The table lists various slaveholders and their families, including names like S. Patrick, A. Littlepage, W. Gillison, G. Summers, and J. Carr. The table has columns for names, ages, and other details. Red arrows point from the text on the left to specific entries in the table: one points to 'S. Patrick' and another points to 'G. Summers'.

Received June 10<sup>th</sup> 1834 of James C Mc  
Farland three Hundred and fifty dollars in  
full for the purchase of a negro woman  
named Harriet, which said negro woman  
I hereby convey to the said James  
C McFarland and warrant the title to  
to the same against the claims of all  
persons whatsoever Given under my  
hand and seal this day and year  
above written --

R. Aug. Thompson

### COL. GEORGE SUMMERS WILL (died 1818)

Sixth - I give and bequeath to my son George William Summers and to his heirs  
forever one thousand and twenty acres of Land, to be laid off adjoining  
the land devised to my son Albert, to be laid off by corresponding lines so that  
the lower line of the last mentioned one thousand and twenty acres will be also parallel  
to my upper line - I also devise to my son George William Summers my negro boy  
Henson, one young horse or filly, one cow and calf, and one bed and furniture -  
Seventh - To my affectionate wife Nancy Summers I give and bequeath one hun-  
dred and twenty acres of my land to include my dwelling and other houses, and  
all the cleared land adjoining thereto, for and during her natural life - I also  
give and devise to my wife the use of all my negroes and other personal estate  
not herein particularly devised - and at her death the said and since that the said  
negroes and personal estate last mentioned, and the increase of the same three  
of shall be equally divided between my sons Lewis Summers, Collet Summers,  
and George William Summers, and my daughters Jane Summers, Cylena  
Summers and Sydney Summers, to them and their heirs forever.

**JOHN**  
about 30 yrs of age \$600

**LEVI**  
about 26 yrs of age \$550

**LITTLETON**  
about 20 yrs of age \$700

**ESTHER**  
about 23 yrs of age \$600

**LANDY**  
son of Sarah  
about 2 yrs of age \$50

Negro John about thirty years of age	\$600.00
Levi about twenty six years of age	550.00
Littleton about twenty years of age	700.00
William about fourteen years of age	600.00
Maria W. son of Sarah about fifteen years of age - - -	500.00
Loonim son of Leah about eleven years of age - - -	500.00
Henry son of Leah about seven years of age - - -	400.00
Sarah son of Leah about three years of age	50.00
Leah about years of age and her infant child below - - -	600.00
Leah about twenty six years of age	500.00
Esther about twenty three years of age	600.00
Maria about twenty one years of age	550.00
Milly about twelve years of age	500.00
Martha daughter of Leah about five years of age - - -	120.00

## JUDGE GEORGE SUMMERS WILL (recorded 1849) died 1868

- ... that Thenia continue to serve as a Slave for the period of six years from the time of my death, at the end of which time she be set free and emancipated, and receive from my executor the sum of 25 dollars.
- ... I have heretofore offered freedom to my faithful and excellent old man Levi, and he has always declined it, preferring to remain in the family, If after my death he prefers to be free, I do hereby give him his freedom, in full form and fifty dollars in money, but should he prefer to remain as he is, I do hereby enjoin it on my executor to see that he is well taken care of as long as he lives, that he be permitted to work when and as he pleases (he being by nature too industrious to be idle when able to work) and that he be given such small sums of money from time to time, as he may desire and as may be thought reasonable.
- ... my Negro boys Lafayette and Sam, and my negro girl Martha and her son Wesley and my negro girl Jenny with the future increase of said girls. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Amacetta L. Summers, hereby recommending and requesting, that at some future period, according to her own situation and their deservings, she emancipate and set free said negroes.

**CELINA SUMMERS  
(Col. George's daughter) &  
PERRY HARDEN EMANCIPATION  
at Walnut Grove - 1862**

Know all Men by these presents, that I, Celina L. Summers, of Walnut Grove, Putnam County, Virginia, have emancipated, and set free, and by these presents, do emancipate and set free, my Negro Man, Perry Harden, who became my property, in a division of the Slaves, belonging to my father, George Summers, deceased, after the death of my Mother - Mrs Ann S. Summers - and I do hereby give grant and convey, unto him the said Perry Harden his freedom, and liberty, in full, and ample manner - hereby discharging and releasing him forever from all further servitude as a Slave to me, or to my heirs, executors, administrators or distributees, and each and every of them.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1862.

Walnut
Celina L. Summers *(seal)*  
Geo W. Summers  
Van B. Morris

**PERRY & VIRGINIA HARDEN  
in 1880 census**

resided on Donnally St. in Charleston w/seven children  
(Alice, Mariah, James, Silas born into slavery pre-1865)

Household	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Marital Status	Place of Birth
3032	Nardine Kelly	18	W	White	Washing	Married	Virginia VA
	Alice	10	F	Black	Washing	Single	Virginia VA
	Mariah	8	F	Black	Washing	Single	Virginia VA
2622	Perry Harden	32	M	Black	Washing	Married	Virginia VA
	Virginia	28	F	Black	Washing	Married	Virginia VA
	James	10	M	Black	Washing	Single	Virginia VA
	Silas	8	M	Black	Washing	Single	Virginia VA
3722	George	38	M	White	Washing	Married	Virginia VA
	Caroline	35	F	White	Washing	Married	Virginia VA
722	Frank W.	1	M	White	Washing	Single	Virginia VA
	William	1	M	White	Washing	Single	Virginia VA
2822	William	1	M	White	Washing	Single	Virginia VA
	Caroline	1	F	White	Washing	Single	Virginia VA



**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
West Virginia State Department of Health

1964  
**CHARLESTON**

1. PLACE OF DEATH Charleston  
County Kanawha District \_\_\_\_\_ Registered No. 112  
Town or City Charleston No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Dist. No. 2024)  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: STATE \_\_\_\_\_ (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)  
County Kanawha Length of residence where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. mos. da.  
Town or City Charleston District Charleston (Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
No. 407 Donnelly St Street \_\_\_\_\_

3. FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Local Registrar's Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_)

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

4. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. Single Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) Single

6. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Married of \_\_\_\_\_ (or) Wife of \_\_\_\_\_

7. DATE OF BIRTH July 5 1862

8. AGE Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.

9. TRADE, PROFESSION or particular kind of work done, as spinner, weaver, bookkeeper, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

10. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS, in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

11. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED \_\_\_\_\_ 12. TOTAL TIME (years) spent in this occupation \_\_\_\_\_

13. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Charleston (State or Country) West Virginia

**IMMEDIATE FATHER**

14. NAME Perry Harden

15. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) \_\_\_\_\_ (State or Country) \_\_\_\_\_

16. MARRIED NAME Virginia Payne

17. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) \_\_\_\_\_ (State or Country) \_\_\_\_\_

18. INFORMANT W. J. Donnelly (Address) 407 Donnelly St.

19. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place St. Paul's Church Date 2-10-38

20. FUNERAL DIRECTOR (Signature) Harper & Harrell (Address) Charleston (City or Town) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_  
Fr. Dir. License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Embalmer No. 204

21. FILED 2-18-38 W. J. Donnelly Registrar.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

22. DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) February 8, 1938

23. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from NOV. 1 1937 to February 8, 1938 I last saw him alive on Feb. 8, 1938. death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ P. M.  
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of onset \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other contributory causes of importance: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of operation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
What test confirmed diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_ Was there any autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_  
24. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of injury \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify City or Town, County, and State)  
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, specify \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed) W. J. Donnelly M. D. (Address) 603 1/2 Court St. Charleston, W. Va.

## THE HARDEN FAMILY

- Perry Harden, wife Virginia (Ginnie), & son Silas Henry (Syke) were slaves owned by Judge George W. Summers - *George Summers, Pages From the Past, 1935*
- Perry & Ginnie's daughter Alice Harden Prillerman was wife of John Prillerman, ex-slave & brother of WVSC professor & president Byrd Prillerman - *Summers, Pages From the Past*
- Perry Harden's son James was father of Silas Harden (1889-1947) - *WV State Archives online death records Kanawha Co.*
- Silas Harden's wife was Elizabeth Harden Gilmore (1910-86), first licensed female mortician in WV & prominent civil rights leader - *WV State Archives online death records Kanawha Co.*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
WEST VIRGINIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

B-15022  
**14584**  
Dist. No. 200 Serial No. 1779

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. Place of Death: **FANAWHA**  
 (a) County **CHARLESTON INDEPENDENT**  
 (b) Magisterial District **CHARLESTON**  
 (c) City or town **CHARLESTON**  
 (d) Address **1539 Second Avenue**  
 (e) Length of stay in this community (yrs., mos., or days) **11**  
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2. Home (Usual Residence) of Deceased:  
 (a) State **W. Va.** (b) County **Kanawha**  
 (c) City or town **Charleston**  
 (d) Street No. **1539 Second Avenue**  
 (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. **years**

3. (a) Full Name **SILAS HARDEN**  
 (b) If veteran, name and no. **No.** (c) Social Security **No.**  
 4. Sex **Male**  
 5. Color or race **Negro**  
 6. (a) Single, married, widowed, or divorced **Married**  
 7. Name of husband or wife **Elizabeth M. Harden**  
 8. (a) If alive, give age **36**

9. Birth date of deceased (mo., day, yr.) **Feb. 29, 1889**  
 10. Age **57** Years **10** Months **18** Days

11. Birthplace **Charleston, Kanawha, West Va.**  
 12. Usual occupation **Mortician**  
 13. Name **James Harden**  
 14. Birthplace **Charleston, W. Va.**  
 15. Maiden Name **Caroline Brown**  
 16. Birthplace **Charleston, W. Va.**

17. (a) Informant's name **Elizabeth M. Harden**  
 (b) Address **42 Alderson St. Char., W. Va.**  
 (c) Date thereof **12-20-46**  
 (d) Cemetery or crematorium **Spring Hill Cem.**  
 (e) Location **Charleston, W. Va.**

18. (a) Funeral director (signature) **Ed. Harden**  
 (b) Address **42 Alderson St. Char., W. Va.**  
 (c) License No. **629** Embalmer No. **254**  
 (d) Filed **1-14-47** Registrar **Rebecca Humphreys**

19. (a) Date of death **Dec. 16** in **46** at **4:15 P.M.**  
 20. I certify that death occurred on the date above stated; that I attended deceased from **Dec. 15, 1946, to Dec. 16, 1946** and that I last saw him alive on **15** in **46**  
 Immediate cause of death **Cerebral thrombosis.** Duration **20 hrs.**  
 Other conditions **None**  
 (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide **None**  
 (b) Date of occurrence **None**  
 (c) Where did injury occur? **None**  
 (d) Did injury occur about **None** (City or town) (County) (State)  
 (e) Public place? **None** (Specify type of place)  
 (f) Means of injury **None**  
 (g) Signature **Ed. Harden** M. D. or other **None**  
 (h) Address **Charleston, W. Va.** Date signed **None**

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY IN INK. Every item of information should be carefully completed. The correct use of abbreviations is suggested. Informant's name with the cause of death clearly and legibly.

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Know all men by these presents that I George W. Summers...for & in consideration of the faithful services of my beloved servant Sam, known as Sam Powell...do hereby emancipate and set free ...and by these presents release & discharge...from all further service as a slave....Given under my hand and seal, this the first day of January 1865.

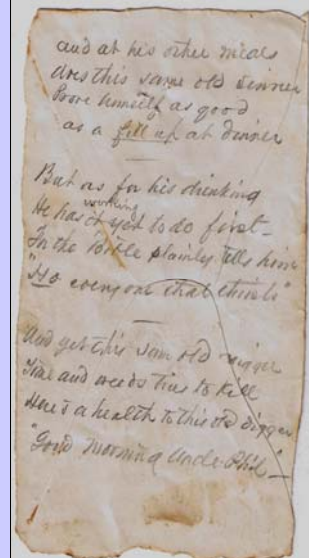
WHY SO LATE?

WV RATIFIED THE 13<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT ON FEB. 3, 1865

Know all men by these presents that I George W. Summers of Kanawha County in the State of West Virginia for and in consideration of the faithful services of my beloved servant Sam known as Sam Powell have emancipated and do hereby emancipate and set free the said Sam Powell and by these presents release and discharge the said Sam Powell from all further service as a slave to me my heirs executors administrators and assigns hereby intending to confer on the said Sam Powell full freedom from this date -  
 Given under my hand and seal this the first day of January 1865 -  
 Witness  
 Lewis Summers  
 Geo. W. Summers



## UNCLE PHIL (AT GLENWOOD?)



## NAN STEWART

### SLAVE NARRATIVE New Deal project

Age 87  
Middleport  
Meigs Co., Ohio  
1937

340017  
Sarah Probst  
Reporter  
Audrey Weigman  
Author-Editor

Middleport  
District Three  
Meigs County 86  
240-Folklore

NAN STEWART  
Age 87

"I was borned Charl'ston, West Virginia in February 1890."  
"My mammy's name? Her name was Kath'rin Paine an' she was  
barned down Jackson County, Virginia. My pappy was John James, a  
couple an' he was borned at Rock Creek, West Virginia. He was'd  
over head with Lightburn's Retreat. They all crossed de river at  
Burlington Island. Yes, I had two bruthers and three sistahs. Deir  
was Jim, Thomas, he refuged from Charl'ston to Put'roy and it tuk  
him fo' months, den de was sistah ADAH, Carrie an' MIE. When I  
rite young I wurked as houn' maid fo' sambah quality white folks  
an' I tash on I was sure' fo' de chilluns in sum homes, heah abouts."  
"Oh, de slaves quarters, dey was undah de san' ruf with Marse  
Bunt's big houn' but in de back. When I was littl' I slept in a  
trun'l bed. My mammy was mighty 'tialer an' clean, why she made us  
chilluns wash ouah feets ebery night fo' we git into de bed."  
"When Marse Bunt moved up to Charl'ston, my mammy and pappy  
liv' in log cabin."  
"My gran' mammy, dus I 'member her? Honey chile, I shure dus.  
She was my pappy's mammy. She was one hum'ard and fo' years ol' when  
she die rite in her cheer. De' mawhin' she eat a big hearty breakfast.

## THE HUNT FAMILY

"My mestah wuz **Marse Harley Hunt** an' his wife wuz **Miss Maria Sanders Hunt**. Marse and Miss Hunt didn't hab no chilluns of der own but a nephew Marse Oscar Martin and niece Miss Mary Hunt from Missouri lived with 'em. Dey's all kind to us slaves. De Hous' wuz great big white frame with picket fence all 'round de lot. When we lived Charl'-stun Marse Hunt wuz a magistrate. Miss Hunt's muthah and two aunts lived with 'em."

My master was **Mr. Harley Hunt and his wife was Miss Maria Sanders Hunt**. Mr. & Miss Hunt had no children of their own but **a nephew, Mr. Oscar Martin, and niece, Miss Mary Hunt from Missouri, lived with them**. They were all kind to us slaves. The house was a great big white frame with picket fence all around the lot. **When we lived in Charleston Mr. Hunt was a magistrate. Miss Hunt's mother & two aunts lived with them.**

## WHO WERE THE HUNTS?

### 1850 CENSUS

- Holly Hunt was 44 years old, born in NY
- Maria Hunt (wife) was 41 years old, born in VA
- Holly's occupation listed as "Milling"
- real estate = \$5,000

### 1860 CENSUS

- Holly, Maria, & 14 year old Oscar Spencer (nephew Oscar Martin) lived in household
- Holly's occupation listed as "Master Cooper"
- real estate = \$12,000
- personal estate = \$6,000 (includes slaves owned)

## HOW MANY SLAVES DID THE HUNTS OWN & WHERE DID THEY LIVE?

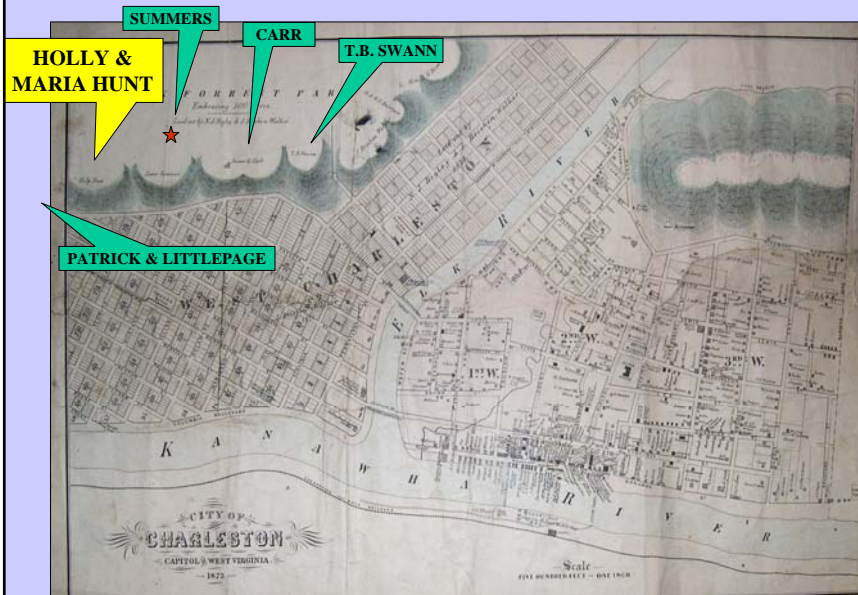
### 1850 Slave Census (2)

10		1	20	m	m
11	Asphd Bellie	1	21	f	m
12	James Withinton	1	22	f	B
13	Holly Hunt	1	22	f	B
14		1	1	m	B
15	Fredricka Satta	1	14	f	B
16	Elizabeth Leonard	1	40	f	B
17	Samuel A. Patton	1	15	f	B
18	Edw. Hill	1	4	m	m

### 1860 Slave Census (8)

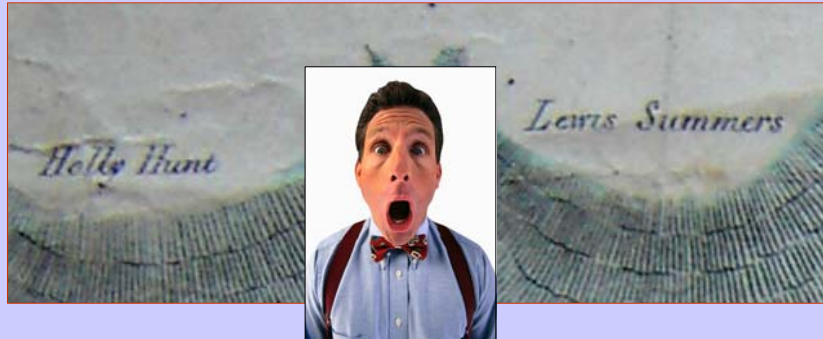
	Joseph Dibby	1	5	m	B
		1	5	f	B
	Holly Hunt	1	31	m	B
		1	25	f	B
		1	11	m	B
		1	10	m	B
		1	9	f	B
		1	6	f	B
		1	5	m	B
		1	7/2	m	B

## WEST SIDE RESIDENTS - 1873 map



**HOLLY & MARIA HUNT  
OWNED THE FARM  
NEXT TO GLENWOOD  
(former Gillison property? - obtained ca. 1862)**

**THEY (& NAN STEWART) WERE  
NEIGHBORS OF THE SUMMERS FAMILY!!!**

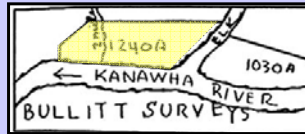


**GLENWOOD  
CHRONICLES  
-PART TWO-**

**RECOVERING A  
FORGOTTEN PAST:  
ENCROACHING  
URBANIZATION &  
DEMISE OF THE  
RURAL LANDSCAPE**



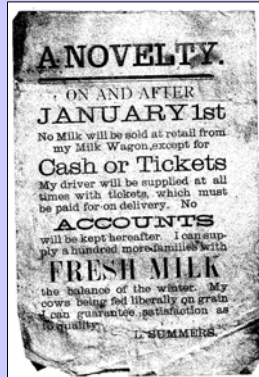
## BREAM LANDS



- (1775) Originally part of Thomas Bullitt Survey (for military service) along Elk & Kan. R. to Two Mile Creek
- (1816) Joseph Lovell II & his stepfather James Bream obtain Bullitt land; Bream & wife Mary lived on Elk (Spring St.)
- (1842) James (d. 1842) & Mary Bream (d. 1845) divide the land among five children (heirs later donated family burial plot for Bream Church on Wash. St.)
- (1852) James M. Laidley bought Lot No. 3 for \$5,309



## GLENWOOD AFTER THE CIVIL WAR: A FARM IN TRANSITION



- Following his father's death (1868), Lewis Summers ran the farm at Walnut Grove plus a market garden & Holstein dairy operation at Glenwood
- Lewis (1843-1928) & Lucy (1846-1938) each lived at Glenwood for 70 years (Lewis moved there 1857, Lucy 1868)!
- Lewis & Lucy sold the first parcel of land from Glenwood estate in 1871



# JOHN BRISBEN WALKER'S PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

1870-76



THE  
WEST END EXTENSION  
TO  
CHARLESTON,  
THE CAPITAL OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Lying on the western and lower side of the Elk river—perfectly level—well-drained—and nearly fifty feet above the level of the river.

**BROAD STREETS.**  
All the streets are at right angles to each other, perfectly straight and sixty feet wide.  
A convenient alley leads to the rear of every Lot.

**PUBLIC PARK.**  
A public park is the center of the city, and will be opened to the public during the summer.

**BRIDGES.**  
One suspension bridge now built and the money subscribed for an iron bridge, which will be commenced as soon as all danger from the spring floods shall have ceased.

**MANUFACTURES.**  
Among the manufactures already in operation are a Machine Shop and Foundry, two Saw and Planing Mills, Furniture Factory and Tobacco Factory. These establishments will employ during the present year over three hundred men. At the average wages of two dollars per day, the payment of employees will cause fifteen thousand dollars per month to be paid out on the Extension to the employes of the factories above, so that it offers the best opportunities for business.

Twenty-eight new houses have been erected during the past season—and the sale of lots during the past month alone amount to SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS. The purchasers embraced parties from Parkersburg, Brownstown, Pomeroy, Raymond City and Charleston.

Arrangements are already being made for the construction of the first five miles of the Parkersburg, Ripley and Charleston Railroad, and the indications are promising for the speedy construction of the Elk river road.

Price of lots between Pennsylvania and Maryland Avenues, \$500. Other lots, \$250. Size, 40x120 feet.

J. BRISBEN WALKER.

## WHO WAS JOHN BRISBEN WALKER?

- (1847) born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Scots-Irish parents
- (1860s) West Point graduate, officer in Chinese Army
- (1870) to Charleston with first wife (daughter of David H. Strother—*Porte Crayon*)
- (1873) made \$2 million by age 26 & lost it in 1873 Panic; moved to Washington, DC
- (1879) moved to Denver, invested in real estate & built Riverfront Amusement Park
- (1889) bought *Cosmopolitan Magazine* & turned it into a popular publication
- (1905) sold *Cosmopolitan* to William Randolph Hearst for \$1 million & moved to NY
- (1909) auto-making business failed & moved back to Denver, Colorado
- (1911) built Mt. Falcon & promoted Summer White House in Denver (both burned)
- (1913) promoted Colorado tourism & developed Red Rocks Amphitheater
- (1927) financial losses forced repossession of Red Rocks, left Colorado for good
- (1931) died in Brooklyn, NY
- (1988) posthumously voted into Jefferson Co., Colorado, Hall of Fame



## KEY WEST SIDE DATES

- 1842 – James & Mary Bream divide land on Elk & Kanawha Rivers among their five children
- 1852 - suspension bridge built over Elk R. on Chas. to Pt. Pleasant & Chas. to Parkersburg turnpike (Washington St.)
- 1870 - John B. Walker buys 110 acres from James Carr for first Glen Elk development
- 1873 - Keystone Bridge built over Elk R. at Virginia St.
- 1883-88 - Kan & Ohio (later Kan & Michigan) Railroad built from Chas to Pt. Pleasant thru the West Side, later extended up Kanawha River to Gauley Bridge & north up Elk Valley to Clendenin & beyond
- 1883 - first RR bridge (Whipple truss) built for K & O Railroad over Elk R. near Spring St. (still standing)
- 1891 - Elk City incorporated (pop. = 2,000)
- 1895 - Elk City annexed into Charleston
- 1905 – Kelly Axe & Tool factory built (at Patrick St. Plaza), employing over 1,000 workers



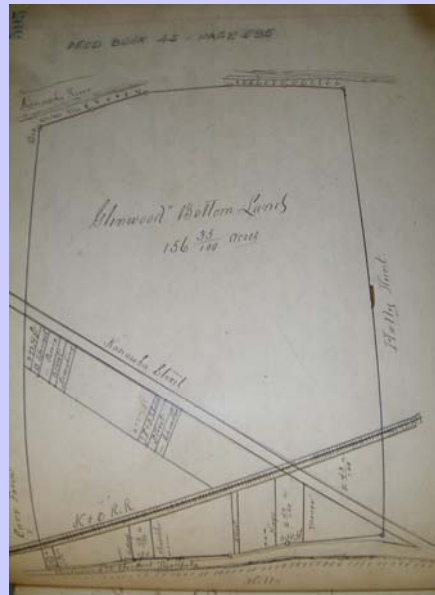
## WALKER BUYS THE FARM

- (1870) James Carr sold 110 acres to Walker for \$33,000 (desirable bottomland from the mouth of Elk River to a point near the end of Delaware Avenue on Kanawha River north to where Lee Street meets Washington St.) as part of Glen Elk development
- (Oct. 1870) Holly Hunt sold Walker 90 acres for \$18,000 (bottomland south of Pt. Pleasant Turnpike)
- (Feb. 1871) Lewis & Lucy Summers sold Walker 160 acres for \$40,000 described as “all bottomlands” of Glenwood farm between the Turnpike & Kanawha River (Kan. Co. Deed Book 27, p. 86)
- (1875) Walker faced economic ruin brought on by Panic of 1873 & return of state capital to Wheeling
- (1876) Summers bought back his 160 acres (\$21,000) & Hunt bought back his 90 acres (Kan. Co. DB 32, p. 160 & 260)
- (1880s) Lewis & Lucy Summers began dividing & selling Glenwood bottomlands

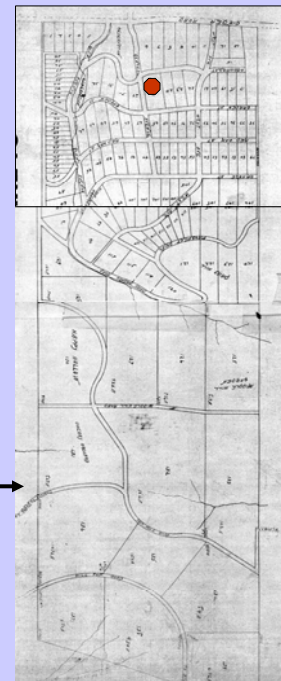
## DEVELOPMENT OF GLENWOOD: 1887-1900

- (1887) Lewis Summers principal shareholder in new development corporation called Glenwood Co.
- (1887) Lewis & Lucy Summers sold bottomlands to Glenwood Co. for \$54,400
- (1890) Lewis & Lucy Summers sold 205 acres of hill land to P.F. Duffy for \$26,000
- (ca. 1891) Glenwood Heights Co. formed as corporation to develop Glenwood hill lands
- (1900) Glenwood Heights Co. dissolved & lots distributed to shareholders (Ben Baer & others)

(deed research by Bobby J. Thornsbery)

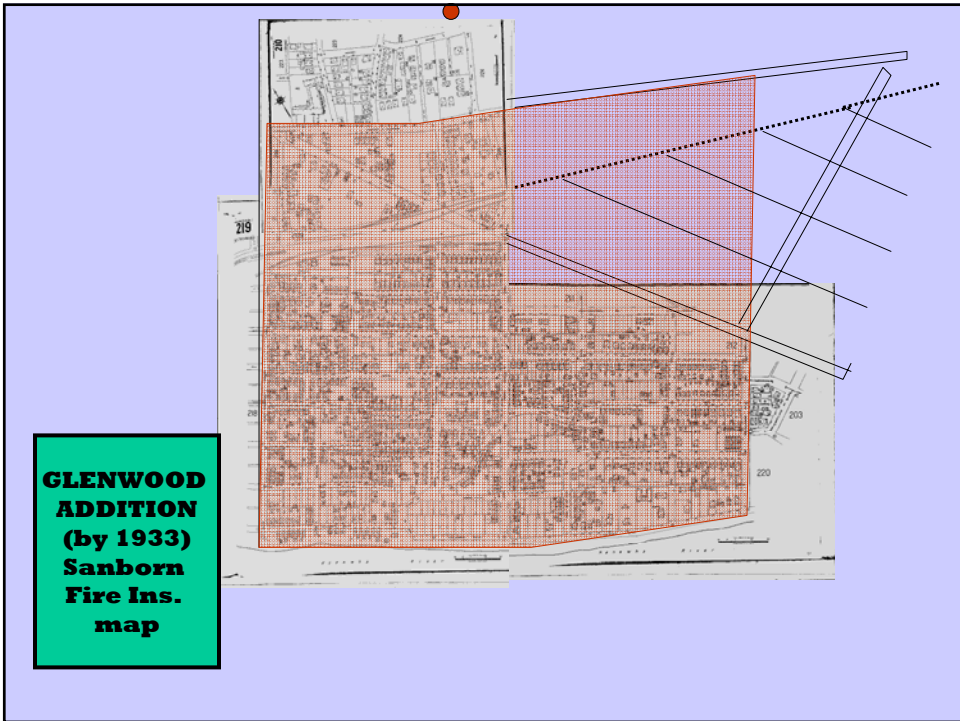
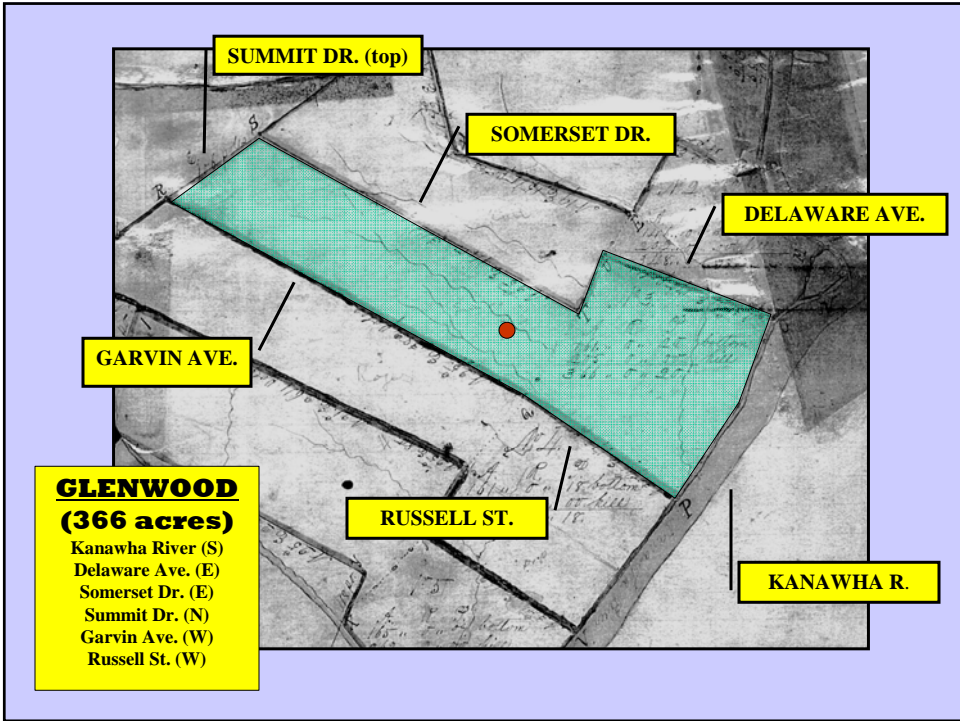


**by 1891**  
**GLENWOOD**  
**ADDITION**  
**(flats below)**  
  
**and**  
**GLENWOOD**  
**HEIGHTS**  
**(hills above)**  
  
**divided**  
**for**  
**development**







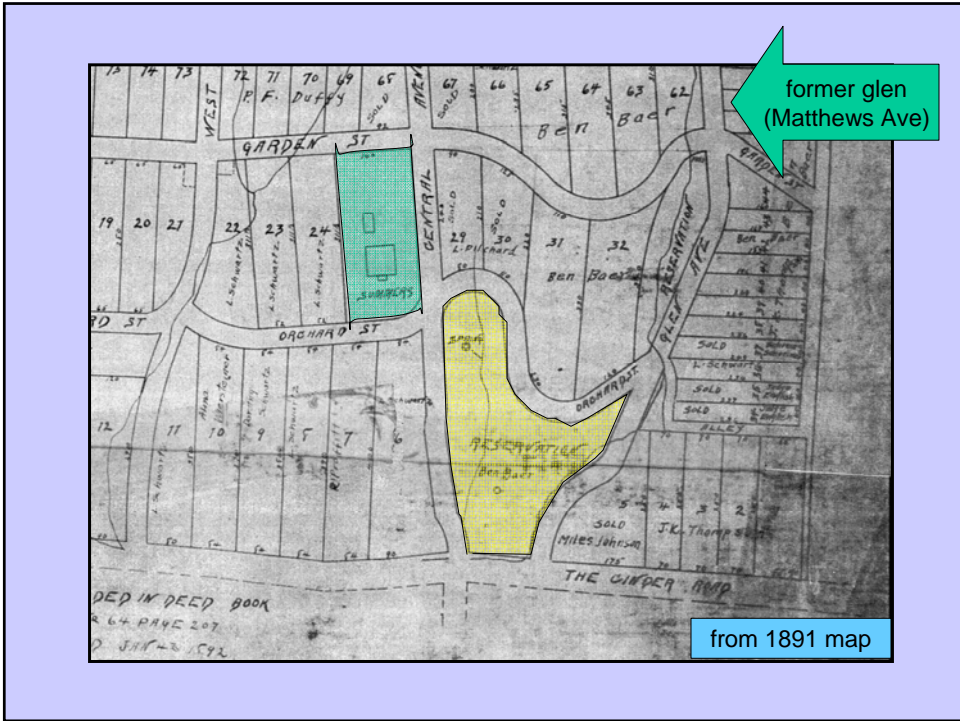


**LOWER SECTION OF GLENWOOD HEIGHTS (by 1933) Sanborn Fire Ins. map**

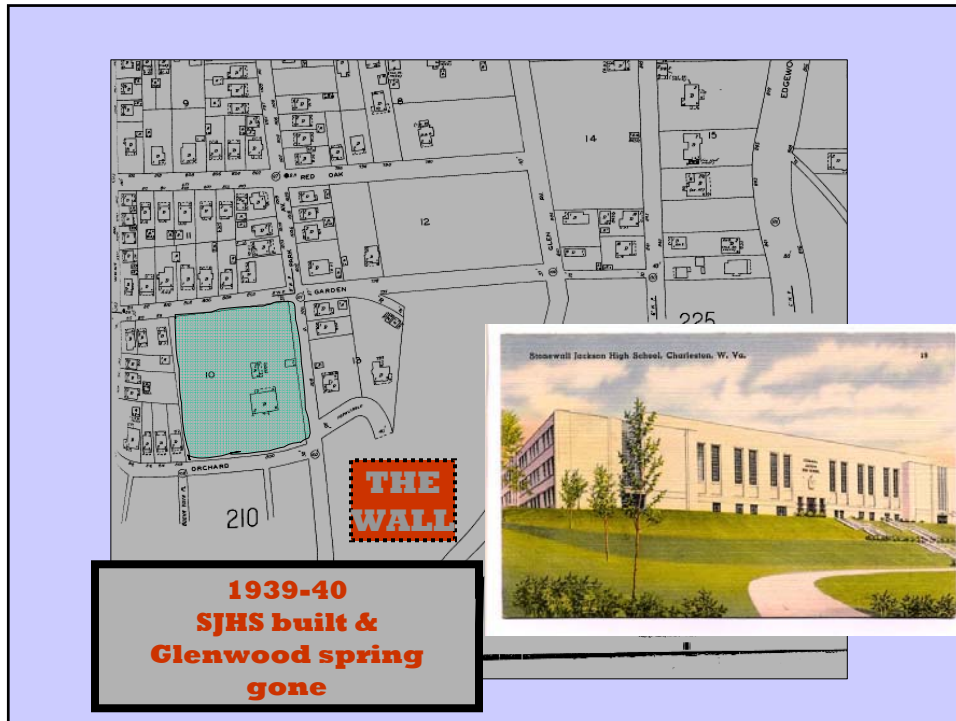


**DISPOSITION OF GLENWOOD SPRING, ROAD, BUILDINGS & FENCES (from 1890 deed of sale to P.F. Duffy)**

map with the vendor and his heirs, Summers is to have the use of the Spring now used by them and to have the right of way through said Spring is to be granted Summers is to have the right of way for his sewer pipe from his residence to near the Spring and the same is not to be interrupted with or stopped up, Summers is to have the use of the road leading from his residence to the County road and the said streets herein mentioned have been graded and can be used with equal convenience as said road is hereby, Summers also retains all the buildings on the land here by conveyed and is to remove the same therefrom after reasonable notice so to do and at his own expense, else the same will become the property of grantee, Summers also is to have all the interior fences and is to remove the same after notice so to do within a reasonable time therefrom else the same will be the property of the grantee, such removal to be at said Summers expense. Of the said consideration of \$20,000 the







## **WHAT REMAINS OF ORIGINAL WEST SIDE FARMS?**

**GLENWOOD & LITTLEPAGE MANSION,  
KANAWHA TWO MILE STONE BRIDGE  
(at entrance to Orchard Manor)**

**NUMEROUS STREET & PLACE NAMES:**

- **GLENWOOD AVE., GLENWOOD SCHOOL, BREAM CHURCH, ORCHARD MANOR**
- **GARDEN ST., ORCHARD ST., RED OAK ST., BEECH AVE., HUNT AVE., PARK AVE., BREAM ST., LOVELL DR., WEST AVE., EDGEWOOD DR., PATRICK ST.**

**OTHER INTERESTING REMNANTS?**

