

# Historical Survey of Eastport

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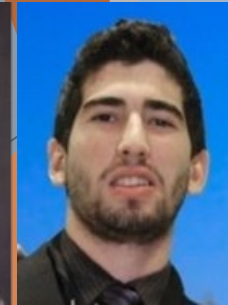


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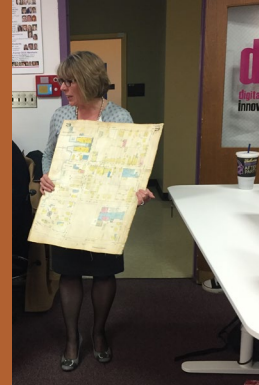


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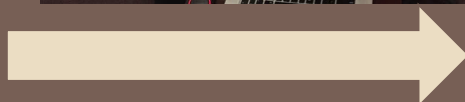
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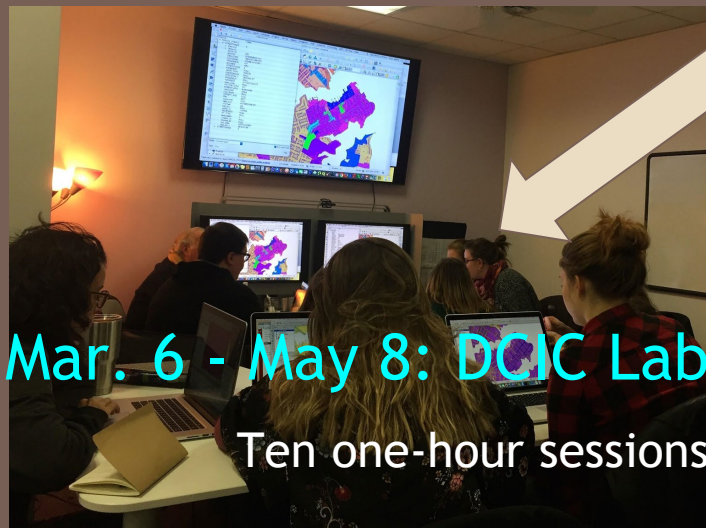
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QGIS Training



Feb. 27: LOC Map Room

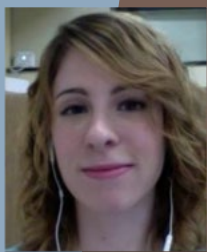
Sanborn Map Digitization



Mar. 6 - May 8: DCIC Lab

Ten one-hour sessions

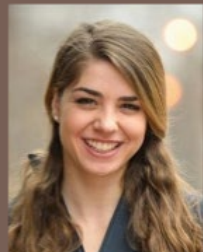




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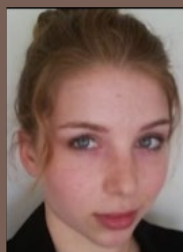
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## #1: Field Work



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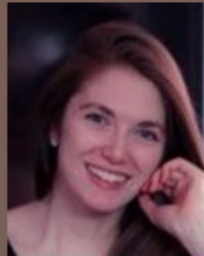
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## #2: Chain of Ownership Research



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## #3: Maps / GIS



# 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 Type (Use)	Stories	Form/Style	Structural System	Roof	Outbuilding	Status
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 Tracerics, 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.

Search Anne Arundel County Land Records

**ALERT: DISCLAIMER:** Please note that effective January 14, 2017, the information is available:

» Instruments

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**This Deed**, made this 9th day of February, 2017, by and between GRANTOR, and Eric Richardson and Jennifer Richardson, GRANTOR,

- Witnesseth -



# ...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

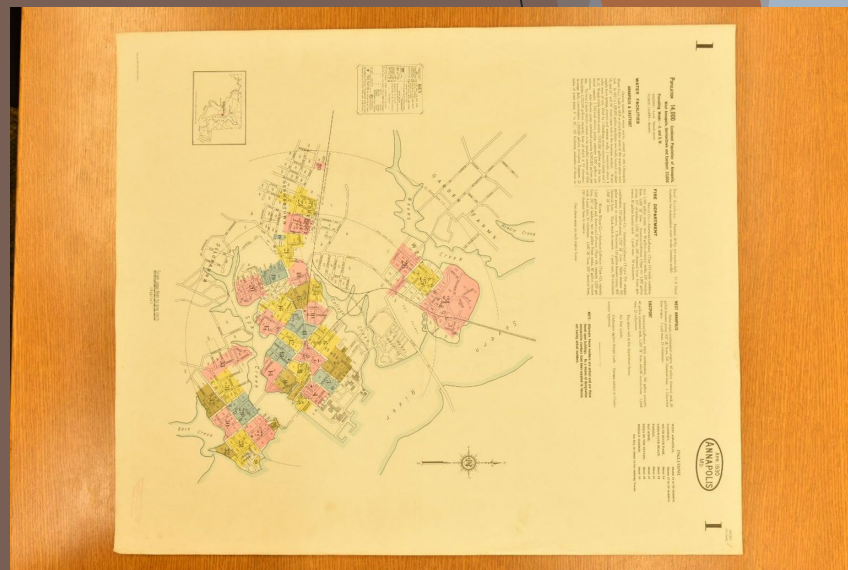
- ▶ Could provide more demographic information on historical homeowners.
- ▶ Would allow the collection of information on residents (renters, etc) who are not homeowners.
- ▶ Bring to light residents who might have been obscured by official records.
  - ▶ Women
  - ▶ Minorities
  - ▶ Extended Families

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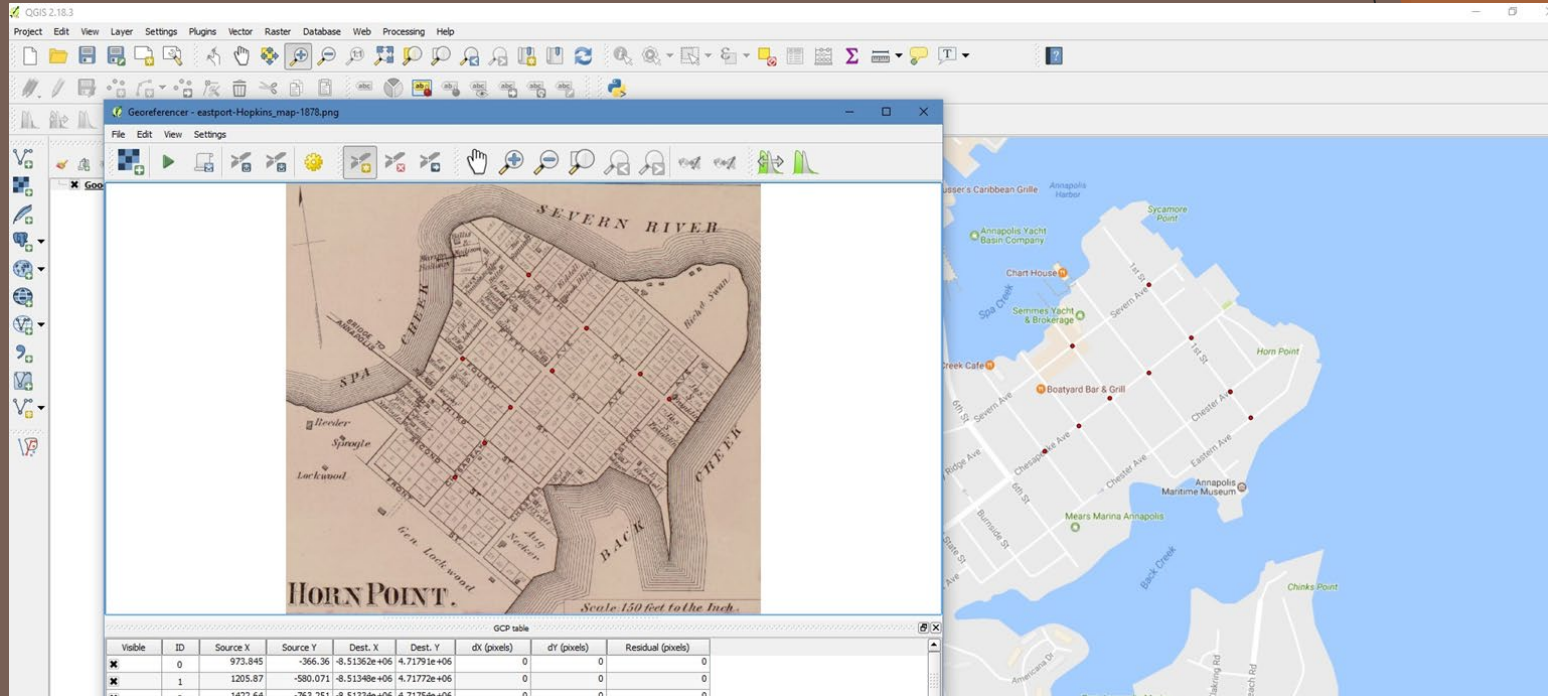
# #3 Maps / GIS

## Step 1: Digitizing Eastport Sanborn Maps at the Library of Congress

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



# GIS Step 2: Georeferencing of the Images



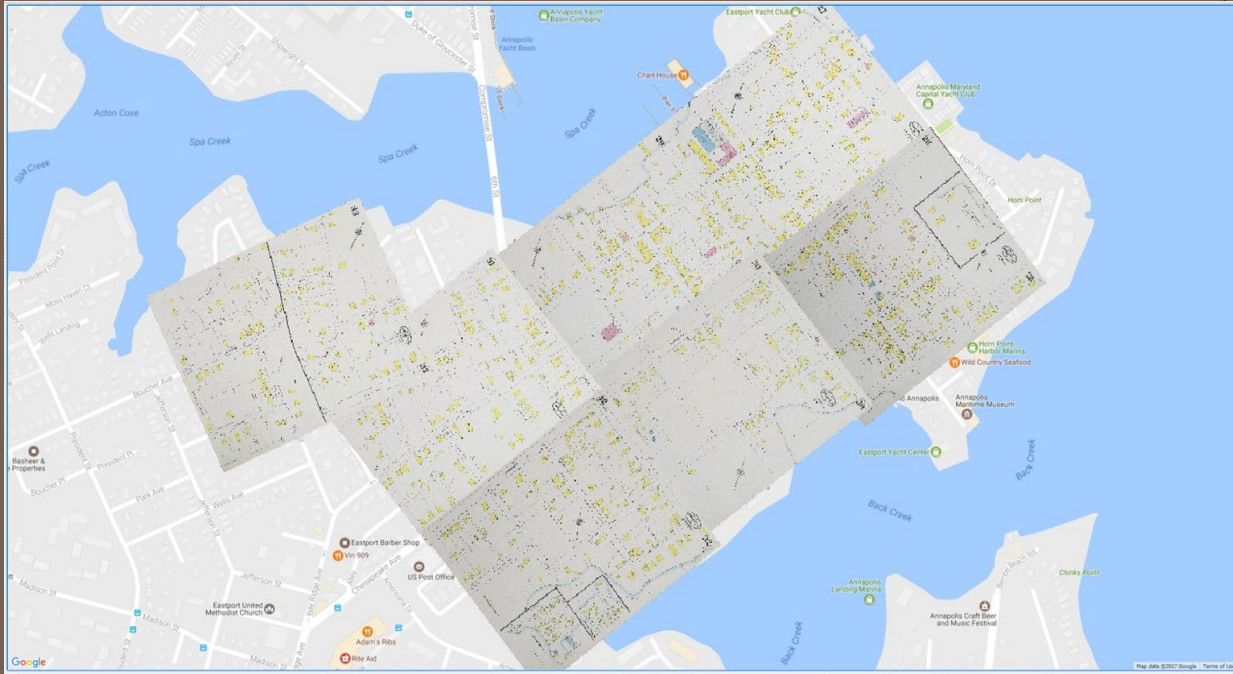
Placing ground control points (GCPs) on map a of Eastport from the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Anne Arundel County.



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

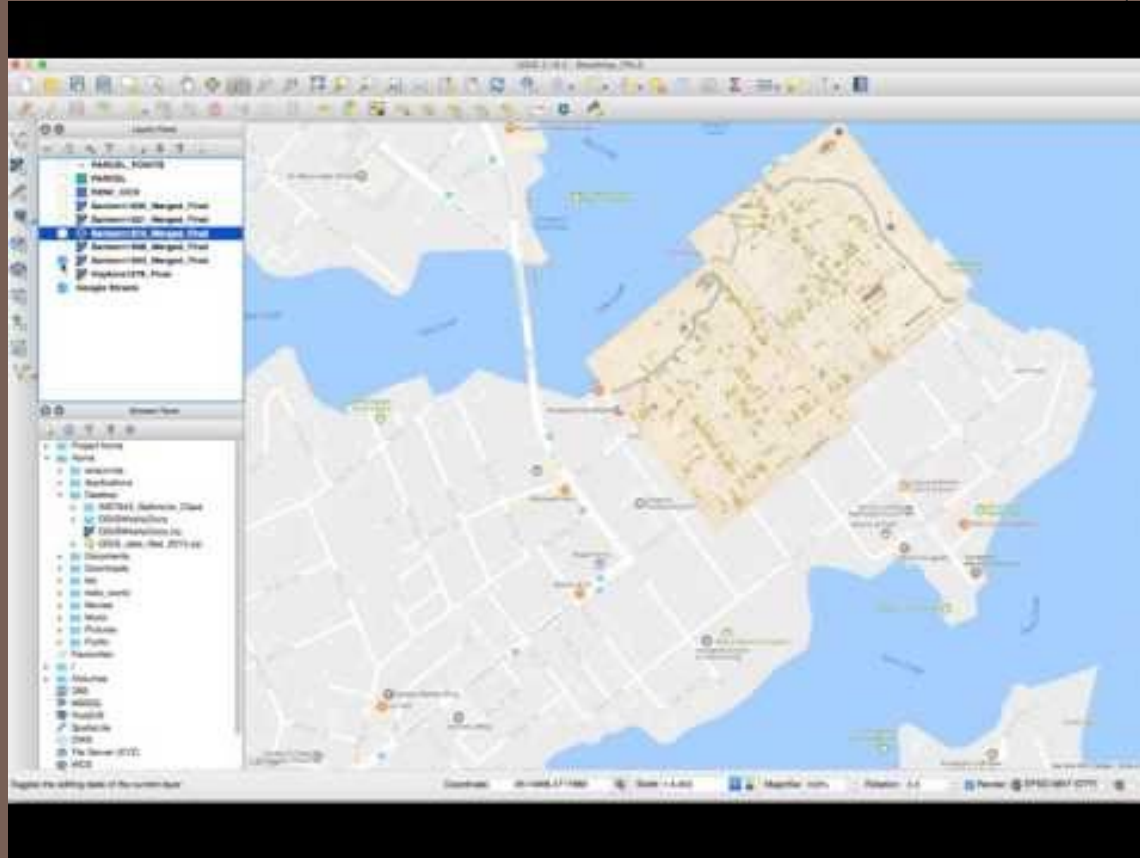


# GIS Step 3: Merging Sanborn Map Sheet Images



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

## GIS Step 4: Overlaying GIS layers



Example Property:  
505 Burnside





# 505 Burnside: Fieldwork



# 2002 SURVEY COMPARISON

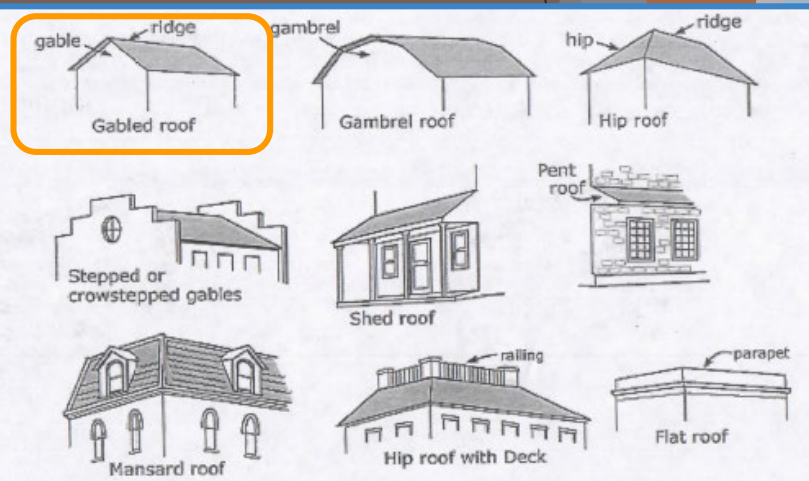
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503 Burnside Street	1930- 1959	Residential (Single Dwelling)	1-1/2	Colonial Revival Bungalow	Stucco	Front Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date
505 Burnside Street	1930- 1959	Residential (Single Dwelling)	2-1/2	Colonial Revival	Asbestos Shingles	Front Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date
507 Burnside Street	1905- 1908	Residential (Single Dwelling)	2-1/2	Colonial Revival	Aluminum	Side Gable		Contributing in use, style, and date
509 Burnside Street	1905- 1908	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

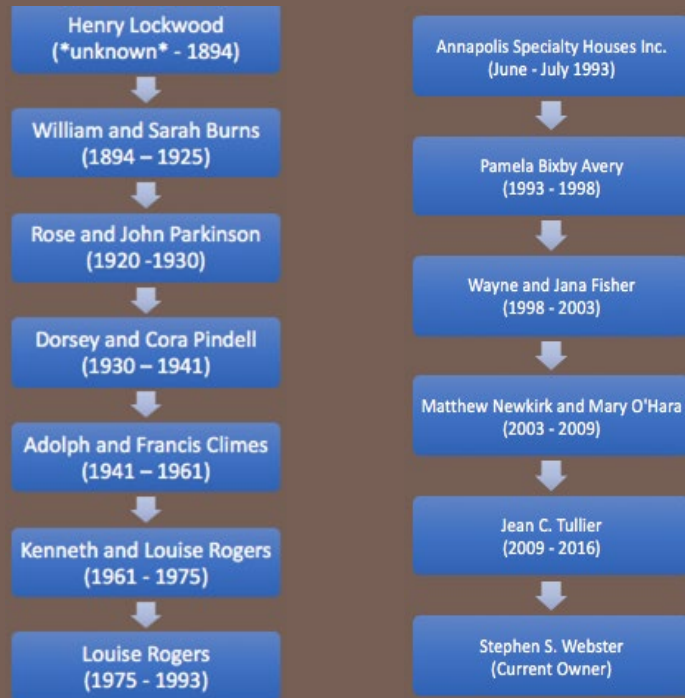
A shingle composed of cement reinforced with asbestos fibers; manufactured in the early-late 20c in various sizes, shapes, and textures. – *Bucher*





# 505 Burnside: Chain of Ownership

13 recorded transfers:



BOOK 1486 PAGE 504

**This Deed,** Made this 28th

in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one

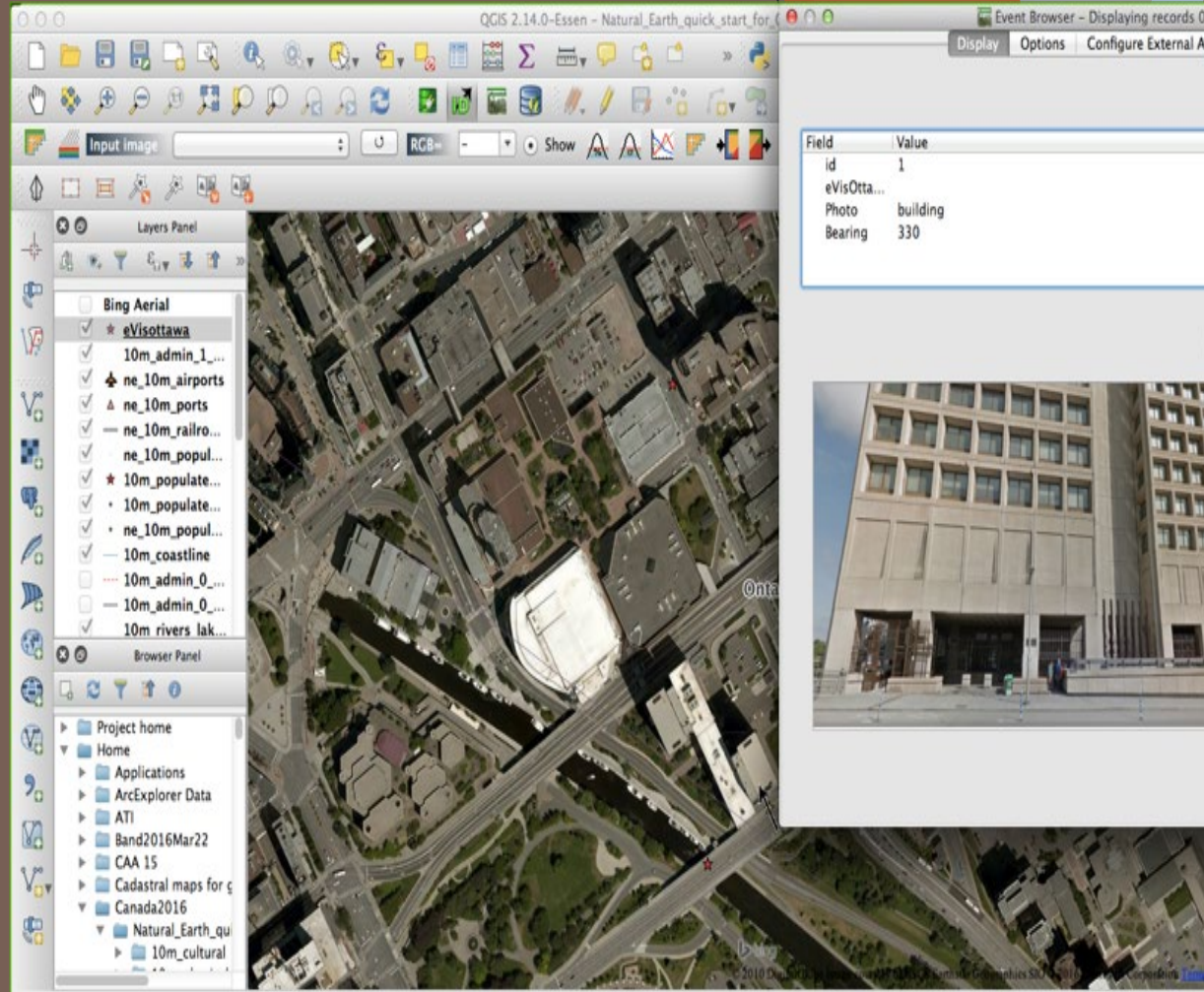
ADOLPH KLIMES and FRANCES L. KLIMES, his wife

THAT for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations, paid her by the parties of the second part, the party of the first part is hereby acknowledged, she, the said party of the first part, has bargained and sold and by these presents does grant and convey unto the second part, their heirs and assigns, forever, in fee simple, ALL that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Second Election District of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and BEGINNING for the same at an iron bar set on the east side of

and made this thirty fourth day of May one thousand and ninety four by and between Anna B. Lockwood, his wife of the City of Washington of Columbia of the first part and William A. Bixby, a resident of the State of Montana of the second part, that in consideration of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.) including the sum of how of the mortgage debt herein after mentioned to be paid to Lockwood and Anna B. Lockwood and convey unto the said William A. Bixby and assigns, in fee simple, all that farm

# 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.





► Digitized & Searchable City Directories:

- ▶ 1910, 1924, 1928-29, 1939, 1956
- ▶ with Eastport “datafied”

- ▶ 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

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

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