

CARR-1318

Weaver-Myers Farm
3261 Bixler Church Road
Bachman's Mills

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF Magi No.

 HISTORIC PROPERTIES DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

 historic Weaver-Myers Farm

and/or common

2. Location

 street & number 3261 Bixler Church Road not for publication

 city, town Bachman's Mills X vicinity of congressional district

 state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>X</u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

 name J. Frank Powel, et al

 street & number 251 Baltimore Street telephone no.:

 city, town Hanover state and zip code PA 17331

5. Location of Legal Description

 courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 986

 street & number 55 North Court Street folio 210

 city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

 title

 date federal state county local

 repository for survey records

 city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count 112

Summary: This farm is located on the north side of Bixler Church Road, about ¼ mile west of Bachman's Mills. The farm complex consists of a brick house, a shed, smokehouse, springhouse, barn, hog pen, cow stables, butchering shed, two corn cribs, and two poultry houses. The house is a two-story, five-bay by two-bay, center entrance plan brick house that faces south. The south elevation is built of Flemish Bond and the remainder of the house of 5-1 common bond brick. The window lintels have an ogee moulding at the top and bottom with a large bead in the field. There are also bullseye corner blocks. The center entrance has a surround with the same profile as the lintels. The corner blocks have a Greek fret moulding. There are sidelights, columns, a transom, and a panelled soffit and jambs. There is a box cornice with returns and the fascia has an applied, sawn diamond moulding. There is a one-story, five-bay, shed-roof porch on a raised 5-1 common bond brick foundation. The porch posts are deeply chamfered making them octagonal in plan. There is an ell on the east side of the north elevation. It is two stories and built of 5-1 common bond brick toothed into the main block on the east elevation. On the west elevation of the ell, the central and south bays are recessed and this recess is filled with a two-story porch. There is a complete set of outbuildings, all of which, unless otherwise noted, have concrete foundations, narrow German siding with corner boards, and beaded-edge-and-center vertical board doors.

This farm is located on the north side of Bixler Church Road, about ¼ mile west of Bachman Mills. It is set at the base of a low ridge to the north, and faces south toward the road and Bachman Valley beyond. The farm complex consists of a brick house, a shed, smokehouse, springhouse, barn, hog pen, cow stables, butchering shed, two corn cribs, and two poultry houses.

The house is a two-story, five-bay by two-bay, center entrance plan brick house that faces south. The south elevation is built of Flemish Bond and the remainder of the house of 5-1 common bond brick. The foundation is of partially dressed, partially coursed fieldstone. The first story of the south elevation has 2/2 sash in bullnose frames with wood sills and lintels. The latter have an ogee moulding at the top and bottom with a large bead in the field. There are also bullseye corner blocks. The center entrance has a stone sill. The corner blocks have a Greek fret moulding. Above the surround is a cornice with an ovolo at the top, a torus with Greek profile, a scotia below it, and another torus with Greek profile. There are sidelights that have 4/4 sash above a lying panel, with a vertical panel at the bottom. The door has two lying panels at the top, then two large square panels, two square panels flanking a lying panel, another row of two square panels flanking a lying panels, and two large square panels at the bottom. Between the sidelights and door is a column that supports a cornice with a fillet at the

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top, a Greek profile ogee, an ovolo, a conge', two fillets, and an astragal at the bottom. Above each column is a vertical wood moulding with a profile that matches the window lintels. Above the door, between these two mouldings, is a transom with 21 lights. Above each sidelight, in line with the transom, is a 4-light sash. The soffit has four panels and the jambs are panelled to align with the location of the panels on the door.

The center bay of the second story has a 6/6 sash flanked on each side by a 2/2 sash. The other four bays have 6/6 sash, and the frames, lintels and blocks match below. There is a box cornice with returns. The cymatium has an ogee moulding and the fascia has an applied, sawn diamond moulding, with each pair of diamonds connected by a bar. The gable roof has asphalt shingles and a brick internal chimney on the west end. There is a one-story, five-bay, shed-roof porch on a raised, 5-1 common bond brick foundation, with stone below ground. There are nine center stairs flanked by a 6/3 sash, in a flat, beaded-edge frame, on each side. The porch posts are deeply chamfered making them octagonal in plan, and they each rest on a dressed stone that sits on the brick foundation. The balustrade has square-in-plan vertical balusters above two flat, sunken, lying panels in each bay. These panels have ogee panel moulds.

The west elevation has a 6/3 sash with a flat wood lintel in the north bay of the cellar and, in the south bay, a door with 6 lights above three flat, flush panels. The upper stories have 6/6 sash with the same lintels and blocks as on the south, and the gable end has two 4/2 sash with matching lintels and blocks. The east elevation has two 6/3 sash with flat wood lintels in the cellar, and otherwise matches the west.

There is an ell on the east side of the north elevation. It is two stories and built of 5-1 common bond brick toothed into the main block on the east elevation. The second story of the east elevation of this is two bays, with 6/6 sash and matching lintels and blocks. The first story is three bays, with a door in the south bay. It has one large light over two lying panels, with a 12-light transom, in a bullnose frame. The other two bays have 6/6 sash with matching lintels and corner blocks. The south bay also has a one-bay, one-story, gable-roofed porch with smaller chamfered, octagonal posts and square vertical balusters over a horizontal board rail. The north elevation has an internal brick chimney centered on the gable and flanked on each side in the gable end by a 4/2 sash with the same lintels but plain corner blocks. The west elevation is recessed about 12 feet back of the west plane of the main block. It is three bays, with a 6/6 sash with matching lintels and blocks on both stories of the north bay. The central and south bays are further recessed and this recess is filled with a two-story porch. The second story has posts and balustrade to match the east porch, with a 6/6 sash in the center bay and a door in the south. The porch below it has been filled in with aluminum siding. There is also a

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window in the center bay of the original brick wall and a door in the south on this story. This door has six panels and a 12-light transom. The cornice of the wing has a plain fascia board. Both stories of the north elevation of the main block have a 6/6 sash with matching lintels and blocks in the west bay, and a six-panel door onto the porch of the ell in the west-center bay.

There is a complete set of outbuildings, all of which, unless otherwise noted, have concrete foundations, narrow German siding with corner boards, and beaded-edge-and-center vertical board doors.

West of the house is a shed with corrugated metal shed roof and door on the east end. North of this is a smokehouse with a door on the east, a metal door on strap hinges to the fire pit in the south elevation of the foundation, and a gable roof of asphalt shingles. On the east side of the house is a springhouse with a hip roof of asphalt shingles. It has a door on the east and west elevations, two 6/6 sash on the south, and a shed roof addition on the north that has beaded-edge-and-center vertical board siding. Southwest of the springhouse is a well with pump.

East of the house and surrounding outbuildings is a bank barn with forebay facing south. It has a rubble stone lower story, with quoins, on all four elevations. The south elevation of the lower story has, from west to east, a door, window, door, window, two doors, window, door, window, door, window, door, window, and door. The doors are dutch doors on strap hinges and the windows are 4/4. The joists are hewn. The upper story has three wood louvered vents, two pair of double doors, one above the other, four vents, two more pairs of doors, and three vents to the east. All of the vents on all four elevations have a cornice with three brackets. The gable roof has inverted-V-seam metal. The west elevation has three 6/6 sash and a door on rollers under the forebay in the lower story. Above is a door on strap hinges and four vents, a row of five vents above that, then a row of two vents and one large Palladian vent in the peak. The east elevation is identical to the west. The north elevation has a projecting granary on both ends. Each granary has two openings, but only one 4/2 sash survives. In between the granaries are three pairs of double doors on rollers.

Southeast of the barn is a 1½-story hog pen with a wood shingled gable roof. The north elevation has a door to the east on the lower story and one centered above. The south gable end has one opening in the peak. The east elevation has four six-light sash with shutters, and two shuttered openings above. The shutters match the siding used on the doors. The west elevation is blank above, with CMU pens that have metal doors on the first story.

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East of the barn is a cow stable that is five bays wide on the west gable end. It has a large roller door in the center and a smaller door on strap hinges on either end, with a 6/6 sash between the center and end doors. Above the center door is a large door on strap hinges, with a 6/3 sash above it. The gable roof has wood shingles. The other three elevations were overgrown and not visible.

Attached to the north bay of the west elevation of the cow stable is a small shed-roof porch, and west of that is a shed-roof building that was probably a butchering house. It has wide German siding and two doors on strap hinges on the south elevation. There is one 6/6 sash on the west and another on the north, in the west bay. There is also an external brick chimney and fireplace on the north elevation. The roof has inverted-V-seam metal.

North of the barn are two wagon sheds with corn cribs. The east wagon shed has cribs on the north and south, with horizontal boards on the north and south sides and four shuttered openings high on the wall. The east and west ends have doors to the cribs on strap hinges and a center pair of trifold doors. Above the latter is a large door on strap hinges, flanked by two higher 6/6 sash. The doors and shutters are all beaded-edge-and-center vertical boards. The gable ends have the narrow German siding and the gable roof has wood shingles. The frame is 2 x 6 circular-sawn. There are stairs in the northwest corner up to the upper floor.

West of this is another, very similar wagon shed with a corn crib on the south only. It has the same roof, siding, and doors, but only has the German siding in the gable ends.

Between the barn and house, to the north, are two poultry houses. The large one has a concrete foundation, wide German siding, a shed roof with inverted-V-seam metal, and four 5/5 sash on the south. The small one has the same siding. It is two bays by one bay, but the openings have been altered. The shed roof also has inverted-V-seam metal.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: Stylistically, the house on the Weaver-Myers Farm appears to have been built in the late 1840's or the 1850's. In 1862 it was apparently the farm of John Weaver. In 1877 it was one of at least four farms in the Bachman's Mill area owned by P.H.L. Myers. This house was certainly a high-style edifice for this area of Carroll County. It has some of the most lavish exterior trim for its period of any in the northeast part of the county. Most of the outbuildings on the farm appear to have been built, or at least remodeled, at the same time in the early twentieth century. They are in very good condition and are complete.

Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Resource Types: Small family farmstead; Rural vernacular

Stylistically, the house on the Weaver-Myers Farm appears to have been built in the late 1840's or the 1850's, and has great affinity with the John Warner Farm house (CARR-1303). It is likely that the farm is older and that this was not the first house on it. The farm is very close to Bachman's Mill, which was settled early. The mill, which is now gone, was built about 1780, and the area quickly became a social center for the region. Thus, it would not be surprising to find this farm being tilled before the turn of the nineteenth century. In 1862 it was apparently the farm of John Weaver. In 1877 it was one of at least four farms in the Bachman's Mill area owned by P.H.L. Myers. Myers must have lived on one and leased the others to tenants, or possibly held them for his children. Whichever was the home farm is impossible to tell, but this house was certainly a high-style edifice for this area of Carroll County. It has some of the most lavish exterior trim for its period of any house in the northeast part of the county.

ADDENDA

In the early nineteenth century, the Weaver-Myers farm was owned by Joseph Mathias, who died in 1831. His plantation was left to his widow, Polly, until the time that their youngest son, John, came of legal age. At that time, the children were given the first right to buy the farm, but apparently they did not want it, and it was then offered to the public. The farm was purchased by John Weaver in 1841 for \$6,989. The 1841 tax assessment noted that Weaver owned two tracts, this one of 250 acres and another of 60 acres. Weaver had a "house of wood". It was not mentioned on which tract the house stood, though it must have been the large tract, which was worth \$24 per acre, while the small tract was valued at only \$10 an acre. Weaver was already a successful man, judging from his assessment. He held private securities worth \$1,225, a considerable sum for the time, and his livestock was worth \$414, also indicating an above-average operation. He also owned a carriage, which puts him in a very small minority in Carroll County in 1841.

The 1852 assessment values the farm at \$10,400 and ditto marks indicate that there was a house of brick on the land. The large increase is most likely the result of the construction of the existing house since 1841. The value continued to rise. In 1866, though he had sold off acreage and now held only 207 acres, the farm was worth \$12,420. This is also the first documentation of a frame barn on the premises, though there was obviously a barn on the farm by 1841. Weaver must have acted in the capacity of a local banker, for his private securities had now climbed to \$4,000. His farm operation was also extensive, with livestock worth \$1,210, produce on hand worth \$440 and farm machinery worth \$325. The assessments note a new house and other improvements in 1868, worth \$1,500, but do not indicate where these were.

Weaver sold the farm to a local land baron, Philip H. L. Myers, in 1875. The deed put the cost at \$20,000, a substantial sum for a farm. The tax books note, however, that Myers bought the land for only \$35 an acre when it was worth \$60 an acre. The explanation for this transaction is missing at this time. Myers probably never lived here. He seems to have owned several tenant farms in the vicinity of this one, and despite its value, appears to have made John Weaver's farm another rental property. The following year's assessment placed the value of the land at \$45 an acre. The two-story brick dwelling was worth \$1,400, the barn and outbuildings worth another \$900. There was also a tenant house on the property. Its value of \$100 suggests that it was either small or in poor condition, or both. Myers was probably responsible for most of the outbuildings on the farm, which appear to have been built at the same time, around 1900, although it is possible that they were added by Samuel and Maranda Wine after they purchased the farm in 1905.

Sources: Carroll County Land Records
Tax assessments; 1841, 1852, 1866, 1866-76, 1876, 1876-96
Joseph Mathias will, Frederick County, GME 1-126

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Significance (continued)

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Most of the outbuildings on the farm appear to have been built, or at least remodeled, at the same time in the early twentieth century. Though nothing is known of their history, they are in very good condition and are complete.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862 & 1877 maps

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 331.48 acres

Quadrangle name Manchester

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westminster

state Maryland

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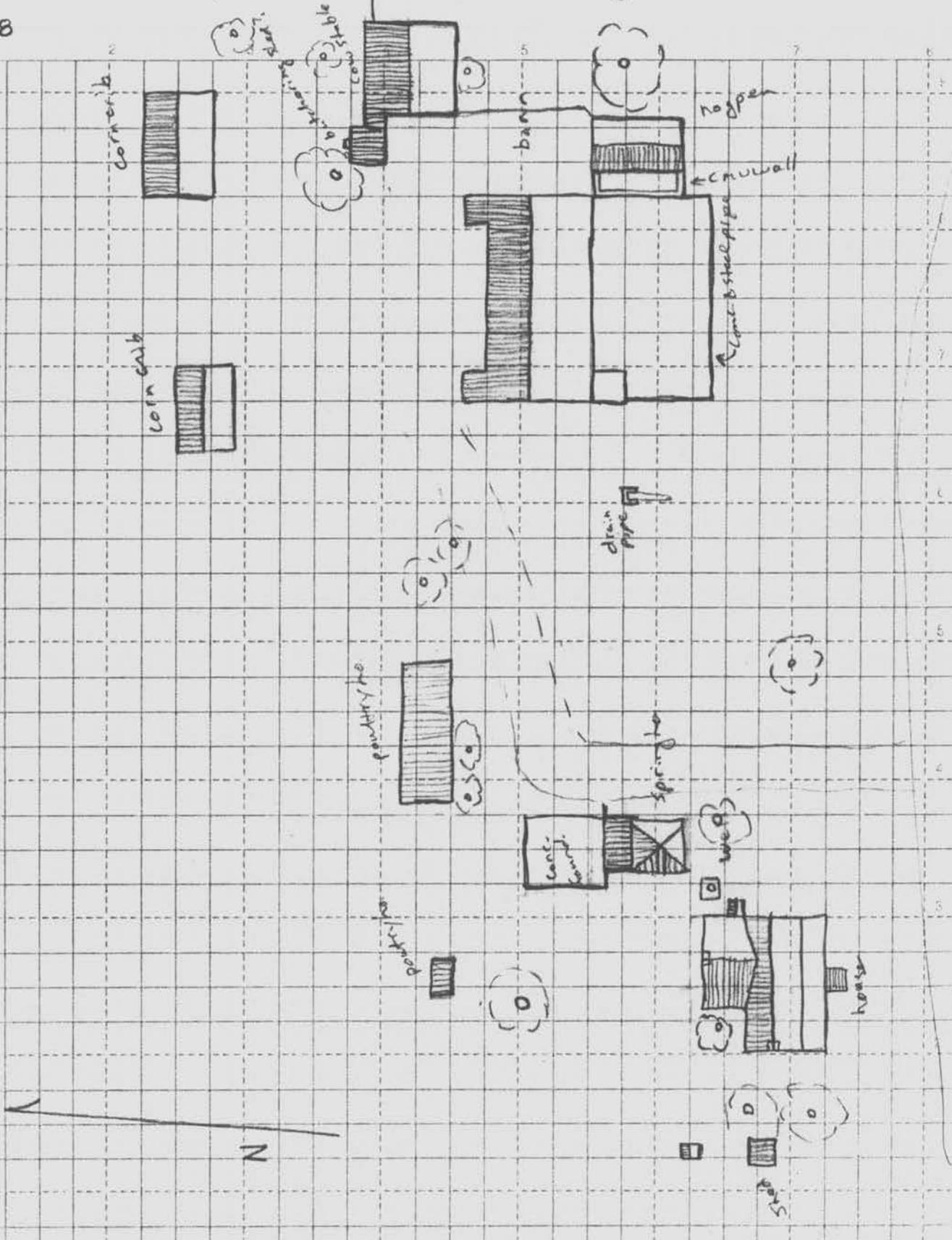
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3261 Bixler's Church Rd
Site Plan

DESIGNED BY	KMS
DATE	30 July '92

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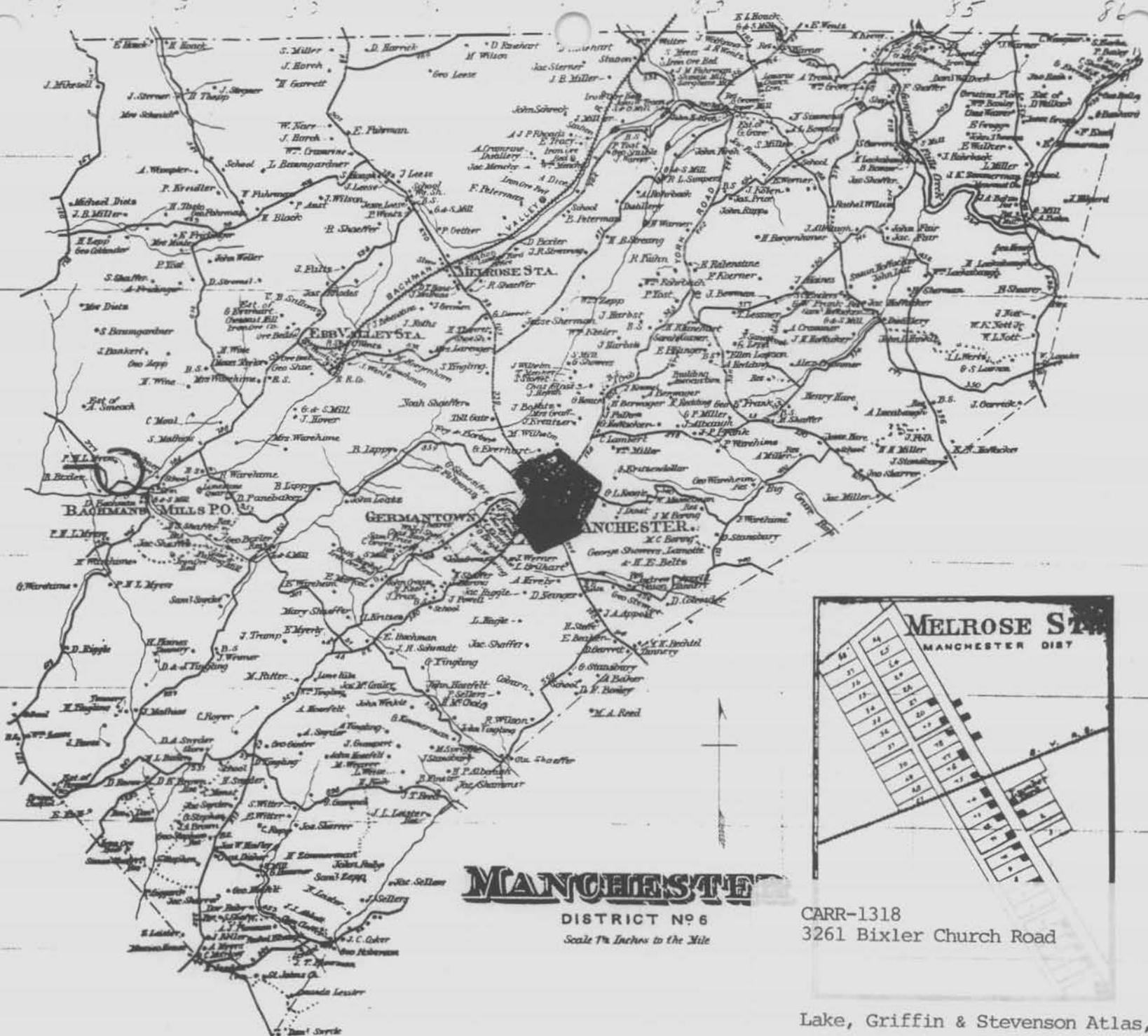




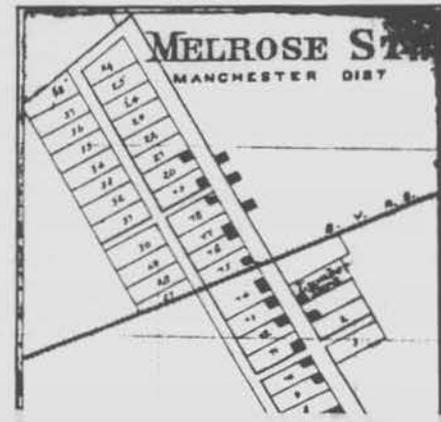
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3261 Bixler Church Road

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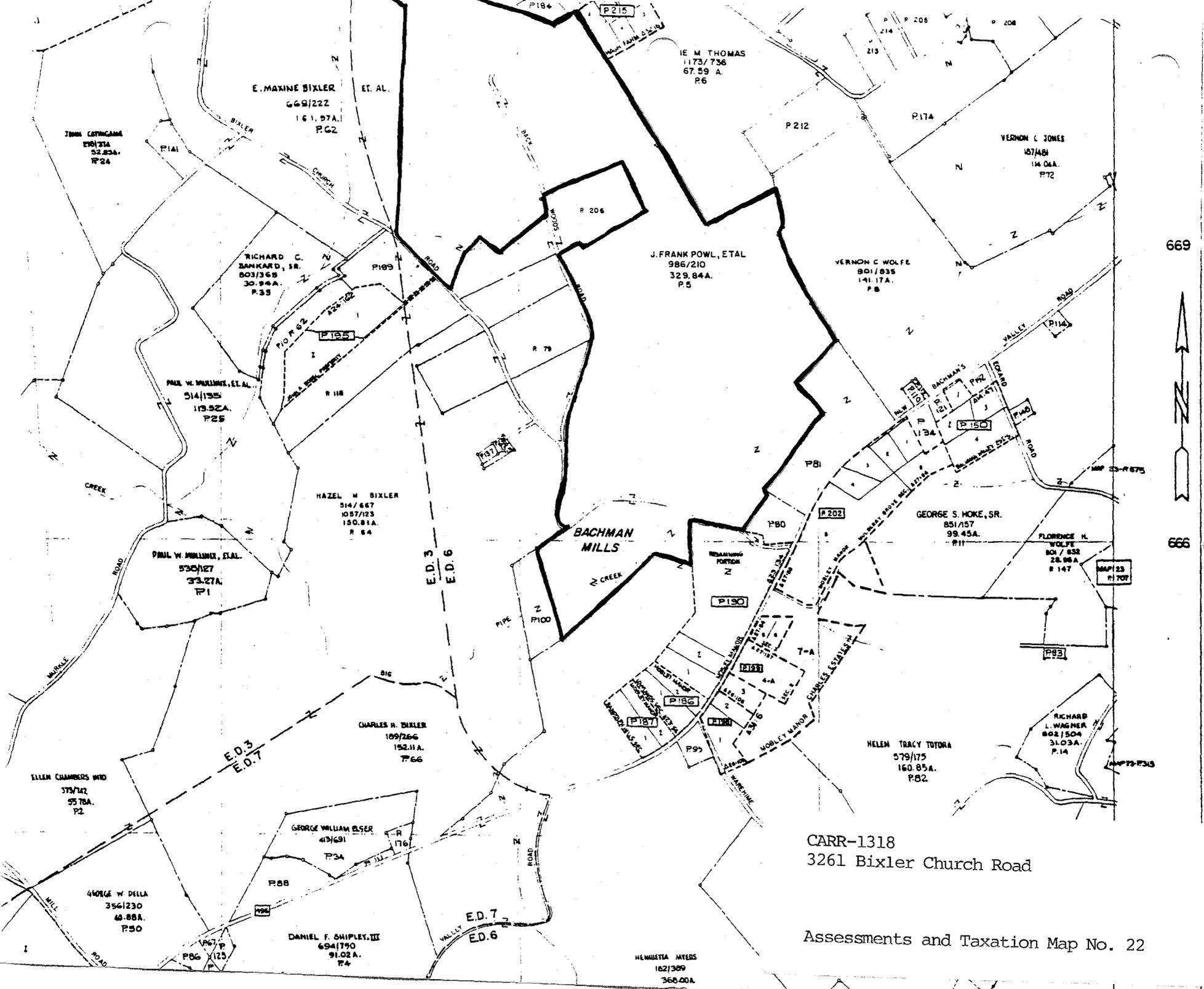


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 DISTRICT NO. 6
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Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877

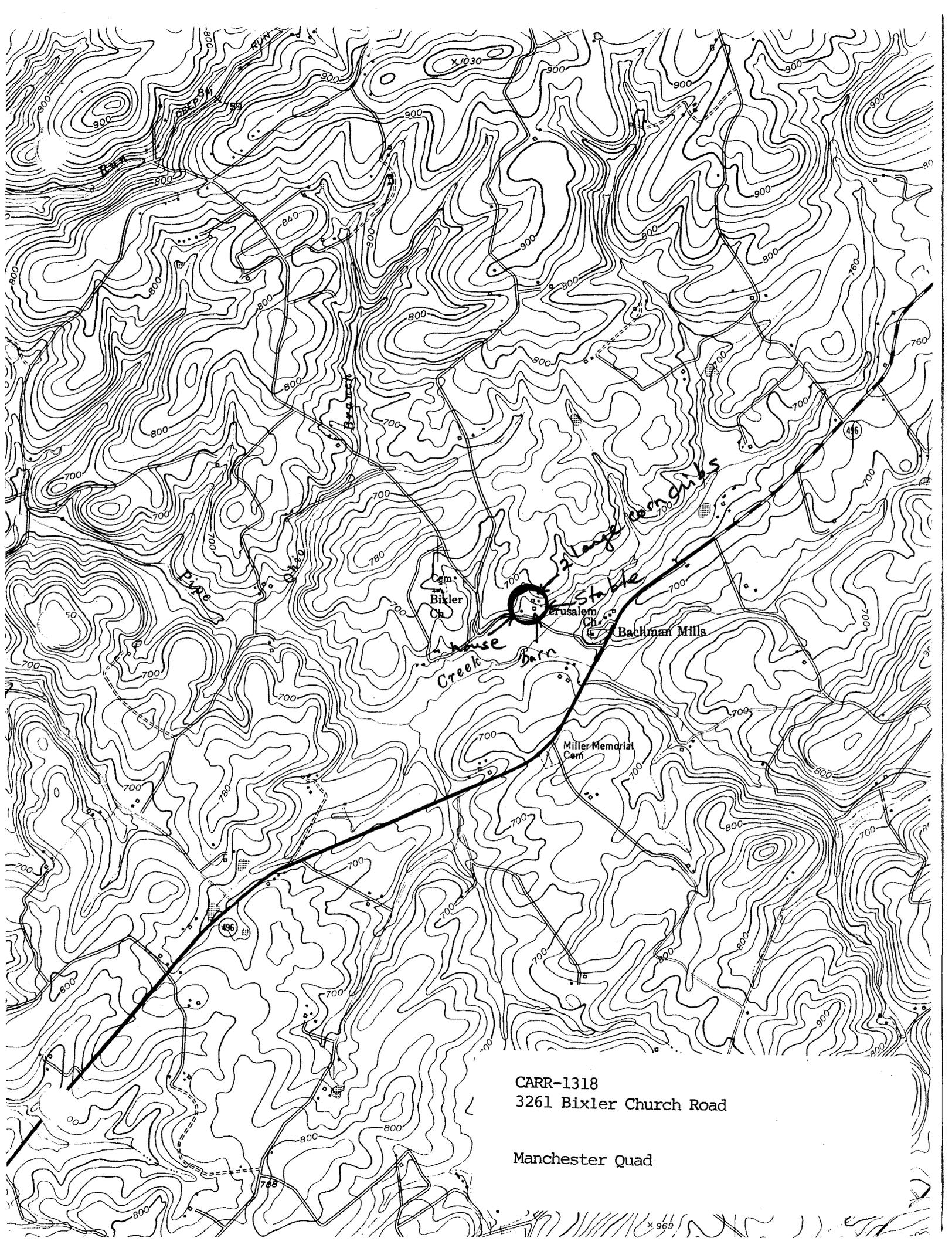


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Assessments and Taxation Map No. 22



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Manchester Quad

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Weaver Myers Farm

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3261 Bixler Church Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Sherrit

Date: July 1992

Reg. Loc: Maryland Historical Trust

House - south - east elevation

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Weaver-Myers Farm Carr. 318

3261 Bixler Church Rd.
Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Street

Date: July 1992

Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust
House: south elevation front
entrance

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Weaver - Myers Farm Carr-1318

3261 Bixler Church Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Smith

Date: July 1992

Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust

House: North + West elevations

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Weaver Mfg. Farm

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Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Date: July 1992

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Pump + Springhouse west + south
elevation

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Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Date: July 1992

Neg. Loc: Maryland Historical Trust
Barn - West + South elevations

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3261 Bixler Church RD.

Carroll County, Maryland

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Date: July 1992

Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust

Barn - N.E. elevation

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Carroll County, Maryland

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Stable - west elevation

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Weaver - Myers Farm Carr. 20

3761 Bristle Church Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

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Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust

Corn Crib - west + south elevations

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