

CARR-1321

Joseph Harnish Farm
Taneytown (vicinity)

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph Harnish Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hyser Road, east of Senft Road ___ not for publication

city, town Taneytown vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

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

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

name H. Joseph Lippy

street & number 200 Lees Mill Road telephone no.: 374-2343

city, town Arcadia state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber LWS 1077

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 692

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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.

Summary: The Joseph Harnish Farm is located on Hyser Road, about 200 yards east of Senft Road, near Taneytown. The house is banked into a slight slope and faces east toward a small stream. About 15 feet northeast of the house is a summer kitchen. The house is a two-story, five-bay by two-bay banked structure with a central passage, double-pile plan. It is built of 4-1, 5-1, and 6-1 common bond brick on a rubble stone foundation. The house faces east, and has a standing-seam-metal gable roof with ridge running north-south. The east elevation originally had a raised, one-story porch with a standing-seam-metal half-hip roof, but this has collapsed. The exposed cellar wall on the east elevation is only four bays. The windows are 6/6 sash with bullnose frames, wood sills, and wood lintels with corner blocks. The windows originally had shutters or blinds. The cornice consists of a brick dentil course. There is an interior brick chimney at each gable end.

The Joseph Harnish Farm is located on Hyser Road, about 200 yards east of Senft Road, near Taneytown. The house sits several hundred yards north of Hyser Road, surrounded by small trees and saplings, and is not visible from either road. The house has been abandoned for over 45 years, yet is still remarkably well-preserved, considering its neglect. The house is banked into a slight slope and faces east toward a small stream that meanders through the trees. About 15 feet northeast of the house is a summer kitchen.

The house is a two-story, five-bay by two-bay banked structure with a central passage, double-pile plan. It is built of 4-1, 5-1, and 6-1 common bond brick on a rubble stone foundation. Many of the stones have been roughly squared, and there are quoins at the corners. Much of the stone is the typical local brownstone found in northwest Carroll County. The house faces east, and has a standing-seam-metal gable roof with ridge running north-south. The east elevation originally had a raised, one-story porch with a standing-seam-metal half-hip roof, but this has collapsed. The porch had chamfered posts and the railings probably had a rail on top and board rail on the bottom, with balusters set between, though the surviving evidence is too incomplete to be sure.

The exposed cellar wall on the east elevation is only four bays. The south bay has a 6/6 sash with wood sill and wood lintel with corner blocks. It also has a pair of 2-panel wood shutters. North of this is a four-panel wood door with panelled jambs and a wood lintel with corner blocks. The two north bays have wood vents with louvers that are diamond in section. The first story has a center entrance with a four-light transom and an eight-panel door with two small lying panels at the top, two large panels, then two more small lying panels, and two square panels at the bottom. The door rails and stiles

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are painted a medium grey, with the panels painted a light grey. There are ogee panel moulds. The doorway has a panelled soffit and jambs, and a brownstone sill. In the four flanking bays and the five in the second story are 6/6 sash with bullnose frames, wood sills, and wood lintels with corner blocks. The windows originally had shutters or blinds. The cornice consists of a brick dentil course. There is an interior brick chimney at each gable end.

The north elevation has a wood vent in the east bay of the cellar. The first and second stories each have two 6/6 sash that match those on the east. Several pairs of three-panel shutters, with a small panel in the center, survive. In the gable end are two four-light sash. The south elevation is a mirror image of the north, and several holdfasts survive here, as well. The west elevation is only three bays. The central door has six panels, the middle two being small, lying panels. The door is painted like that on the east, and has some ogee panel moulds. The bullnose frame has a panelled soffit and jambs. The windows, which match those on the east, are centered in between the two end bays. The second story is also three bays, with matching 6/6 sash.

The cellar is divided into one large room on the north, and two rooms on the south. There are dirt floors throughout. The central stairs come down into the southeast room, which has plastered walls throughout and a large stone kitchen fireplace on the south wall. The fireplace is plastered on the inside and has a wood mantel tree. The wood surround has a bead on the inside and outside edges, and a plain board shelf. There is a peg rail on the north (stair) wall. The joists are 2½ by 8½ inches, and are sawn. To the west is a wide, tongue-and-groove vertical board partition creating a small room in the southwest. There is a beaded-edge vertical board door on strap hinges east of the foot of the stairs which leads into the plastered north room. The sawn joists in here are 2½ x 7 inches, and run east-west. There is a summer beam in the center that is mortised to hold the pegged central tenons of the joists. The other ends of the joists rest on top of the rubble stone foundation wall. The joists under the center hall run north-south, and are tenoned into a single east-west joist in the north room.

The central passage has a stairway on the south wall, with a landing at the west end. The stairs then turn and continue for several steps along the north wall of the passage. There is a simple turned newel, square-in-plan balusters, and an open stringer on the stairs. The door surrounds have a broken field, with a beaded interior edge. The interior doors are all missing. The southeast room has a small, plastered fireplace on the south wall, but the mantel is missing. Between the fireplace and the west wall is a tall, narrow closet. The doors to this are also missing. The architrave trim has a ogee moulding on either side of the field, a beaded interior edge, and bullseye corner blocks.

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The north wall of this room has a peg rail, but it appears to have never had any pegs, and probably just had hooks. The baseboards throughout the house all have a beaded edge at the top of the plain board. The window openings throughout are splayed open to the interior. The northeast room has a small plastered fireplace on the north wall, up against the west wall. The mantel here is missing, too. The architrave trim in this room has an ogee moulding on either side of a narrow, sunken field. It, too, has bullseye corner blocks. Both the northwest and southwest rooms are narrow. The former is accessible only from the northeast room, while the later has doors on both the north and east walls.

The second floor plan mirrors the first. The northeast and southeast room trim has an ogee moulding that makes the transition in the broken field, and a beaded interior edge. It does not have corner blocks. The other rooms have two beads on the surrounds. The small southwest room is accessible only from the southeast in this instance. The stairs to the attic are enclosed by a vertical board wall. The rafters are sawn, and are 2¾ by 4 inches. They have a central tenon and peg at the ridge, and are numbered, but not placed in numerical order. New lath for the metal roof have been attached to the rafters, which appear to be oak. The rafters have sagged and have been built up. Painted in the attic is "paint 1928 T.E. King."

About fifteen feet northeast of the house is the summer kitchen. It is a one-story frame structure on a rubble stone foundation that has partially collapsed. The building has German siding and a gable roof with slate. The west elevation has a door in the center of the first story, with a window opening in the gable end above. There is a boarded-up window on both the north and south elevations. The internal brick fireplace on the east end has suffered significant collapse. The frame of the structure is built of circular-sawn 2 x 4 studs, with clamps let into them that then support joists for an attic. The attic was probably only partially floored for storage.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont
 Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
 Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture
 Resource Types: Small Family Farmstead, Rural Vernacular

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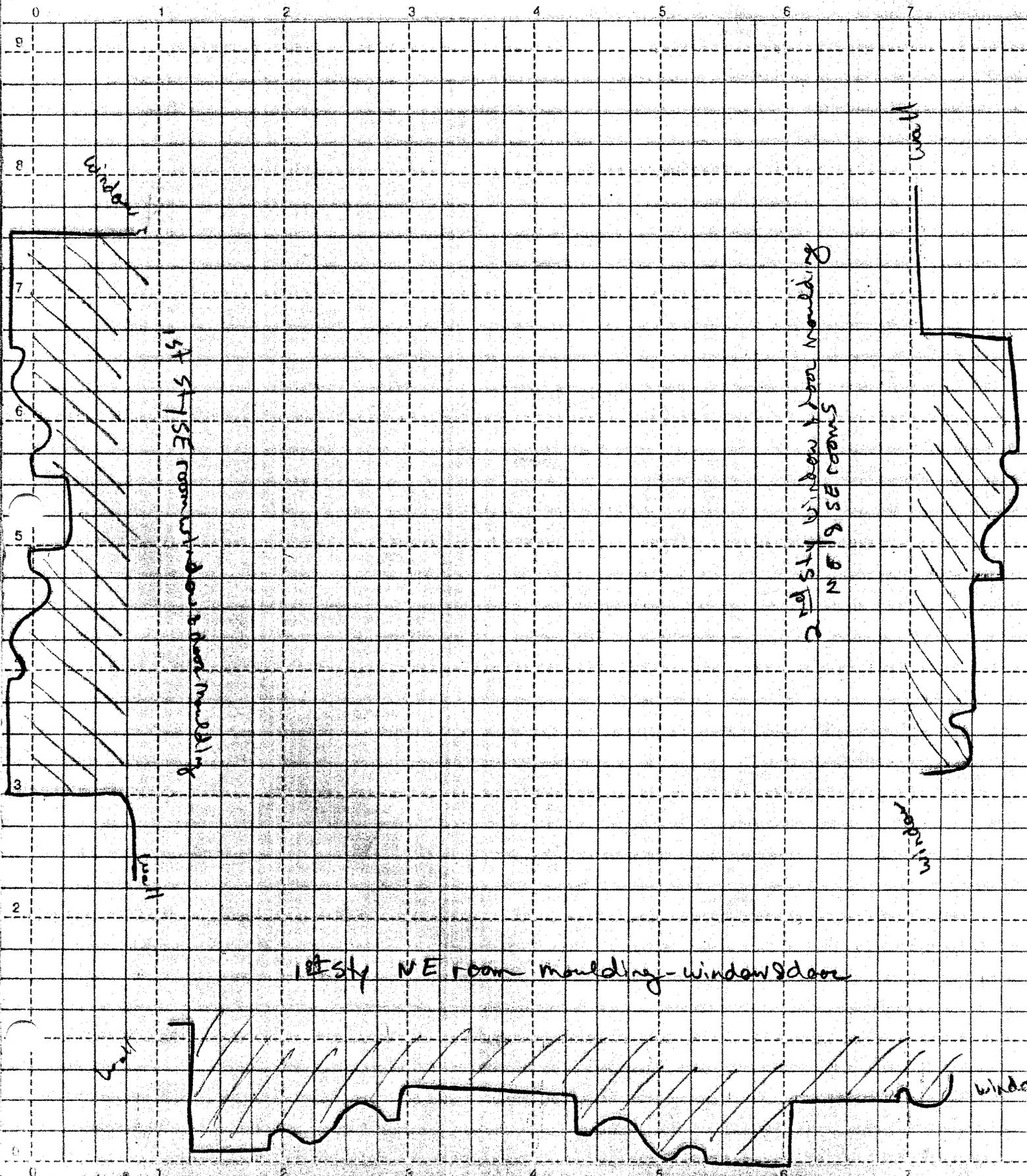
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product of that economic expansion, but it could easily have been built in the 1850's, too. The banked structure, with kitchen in the basement, is very typical of Carroll County.

Harnish's success continued. By 1876 he had added another 94-acre farm, and two lots in Taneytown. He owned six horses, six cows, and ten hogs, plus farm implements worth \$325 and two buggies worth a total of \$75. Three years later, on 23 February 1879, Harnish died, and his inventory recorded these and the many tools typically found on a successful farmer's estate. While the contents of each room were not itemized, each carpet listed was given the room name where it was found. Having left the kitchen, which was obviously in the cellar, the appraisers next noted a dining room, bedroom, and parlor. The bedroom was likely one of the two small rooms in the rear, and probably the one only accessible from a front room. There is then the mention of a carpet that is not given a room location. Just prior to it is listed a lot of books, suggesting that Harnish perhaps had an office in the small room with a door near the back door. Three additional bedrooms are mentioned as having carpets. These must have been on the second floor.

Since the farm was actually Mary Harnish's, it remained with her until she sold it to her son, Samuel, in 1886. The remainder of the real estate, a considerable amount, was sold at public auction. In 1881, Mary Harnish was assessed for a new house worth \$750. Most likely this was built in Taneytown, since many widows in Carroll County seem to have built town houses for themselves after their husband's death. Samuel Harnish continued to work the farm until 1918, when he sold it to his daughter, Florence, and her husband, Howard Hyser. The Hyser's had already purchased the Harnish tenant farm (CARR-1328) mentioned earlier, and were apparently farming that while this property became rental. Both houses passed out of the family in 1967. The barn and all other outbuildings, except a late summer kitchen or wash house, have disappeared.

Hyser Rd - e. of Sault Rd Moulding Profiles



Window

1st sty SE room window door moulding

2nd sty window door moulding
SE rooms

Window

Window

1st sty NE room moulding - window door

Window

Window

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Joseph Harnish Farm
Hyser Road

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
H. Joseph Lippy et al	Carroll	H. Joseph Lippy, et al	Carroll	4-18-1988	LWS 1077	692	Deed fee simple	\$5
H. Joseph Lippy, et al	Carroll	H. Joseph Lippy, et al	Carroll	4-18-1988	LWS 1077	689	Deed fee simple	\$5
Marjorie Mills Dadian, rep. of Arthur H. Dadian	Montgomery	H. Joseph Lippy, et al	Carroll	4-18-1988	LWS 1077	670	Deed fee simple	\$226,000, 173 a.
Grace V. Putman, et al heirs of Howard E. Hyser	Carroll & PA	Arthur H. Dadian	?	9-20-1967	CCC 427	265	Deed fee simple	\$10, Florence & Howard dec., 4 lots
Leonard A. & Sarah M. Babylon (wife)	Carroll	Howard E. & Florence V. Hyser	Carroll	3-10-1906	DPS 103	447	Deed fee simple	44 a. & 7 a. begins @ M.Z. stone \$2300 Resurvey on Brothers Agreement (1)
Samuel A. & Emma S. Harnish	Carroll	Howard E. & Florence V. Hyser	?	3-27-1918	EOC 132	211	Deed fee simple	111 ½ a. \$6500 Resurvey on Brothers Agreement (2)
Board of Ed. of Carroll County		Howard E. & Florence V. Hyser		3-5-1931	CCC 417	438	Deed	¼ a. (3)
Edwin N. & Ruth Naomi Baumgardner (wife)		Howard E. & Florence V. Hyser		5-10-1938	LDM 169	546		10¼ a. (4)
Henry J. Utermahler	Carroll	Leonard A. Babylon	Carroll	4-1-1887	WNM 66	67	Deed fee simple	\$2300, 44 a. & 7 a. (1)

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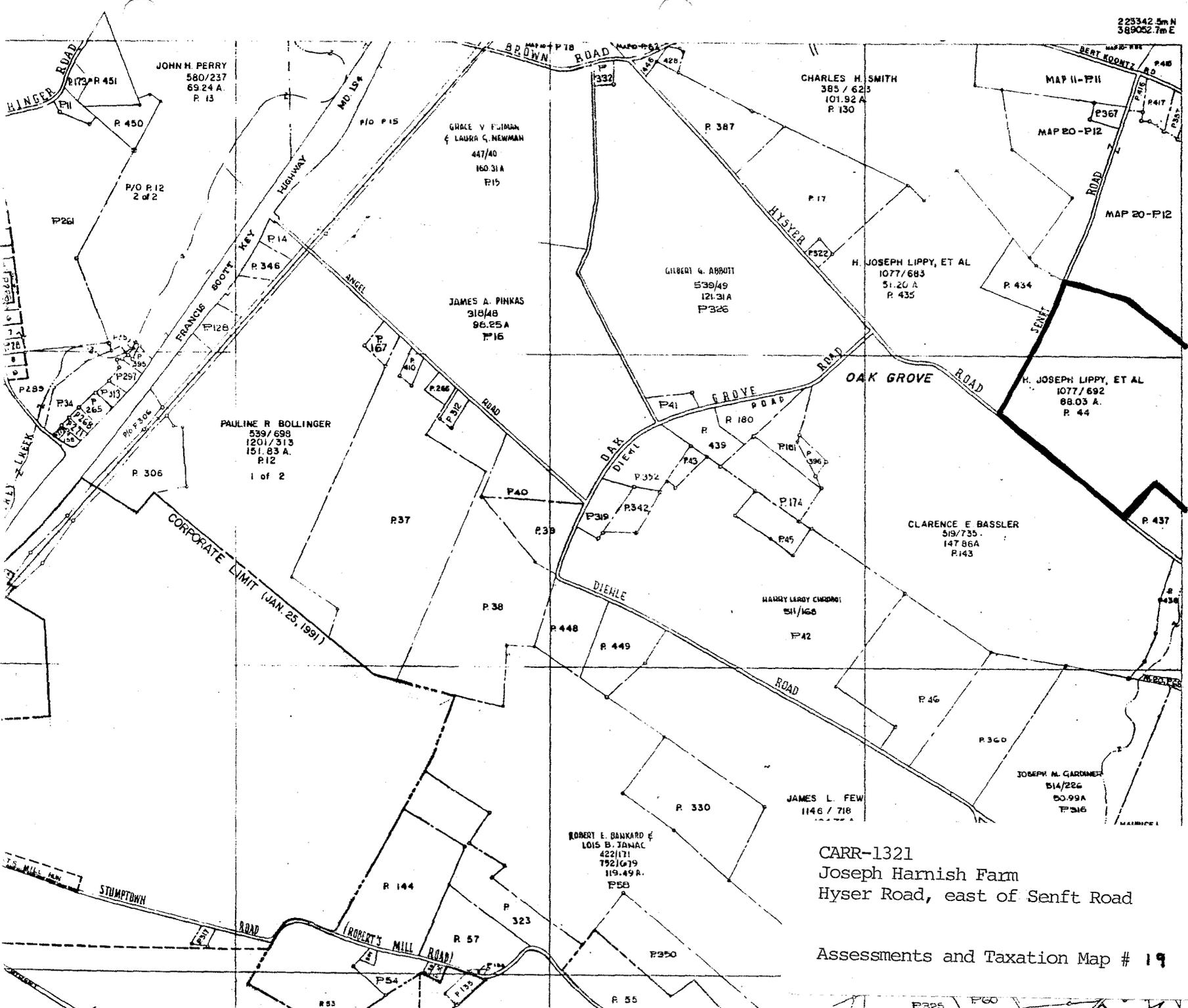
GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
William H. & Samuel A. Harnish, trustees Joseph Harnish	Carroll	Henry J. Utermahler	?	10-5-1880	FTS 54	77	Deed	Equity #1899- Circuit Court of Carroll County sold bet. 21 Aug. & 31 Dec. 1879, 21 Aug. 1879, \$1936, 44 a. & 7 a.
Rudolf Martin & Mary Ann H. (wife)	Carroll	Joseph Harnish	Carroll	3-18-1865	WAMcK 32	156	Deed	\$1800 (a) 44 a. & (b) 7 a. 5 acres bought back from Margaret Hawk(1)
Samuel J. Baumgartner & Sarah (wife)	Carroll	Rudolf Martin	Carroll	5-28-1861	GEW 28	211	Deed	\$978, 44 a. except 5 acres sold to Margaret Hawk (1 a.)
Thomas Langley & wife		Rudolf Martin		3-9-1865	32	159		(1 b.)
George Hawke Stirling Galt, exec.	Carroll	Samuel Baumgardner	Carroll	3-31-1860	GEW 27	127	Deed	Hawke dec. - will \$3000, 213 a. (1 a.)
Joseph Beachy, exec. to John Gouge		George Hawke						(1 a.)
Mary Harnish (born Shaner)	Carroll	Samuel A. Harnish	Carroll	7-24-1886	WNM 64	494	Deed fee simple	\$6000, 111½ a. (1 a.)

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
William Shaner		Mary Harnish (daughter)		8-25-1851	Final Acct. JB 3	508	Bequest	William Shaner d. intestate ≈ 1850 [Shaner not listed in indexes [not in Equity Docket]] (2)
William Shaner		Mary Harnish						

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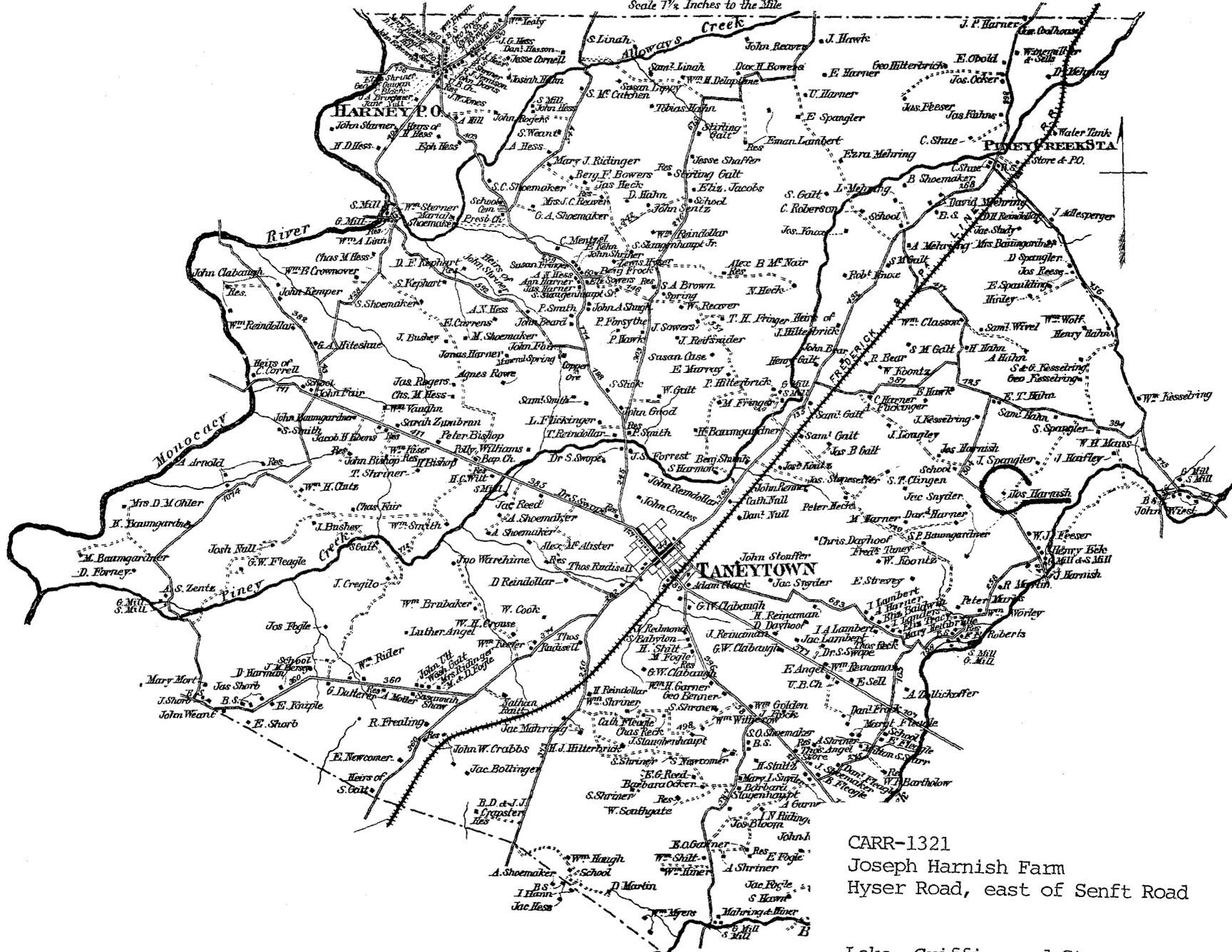


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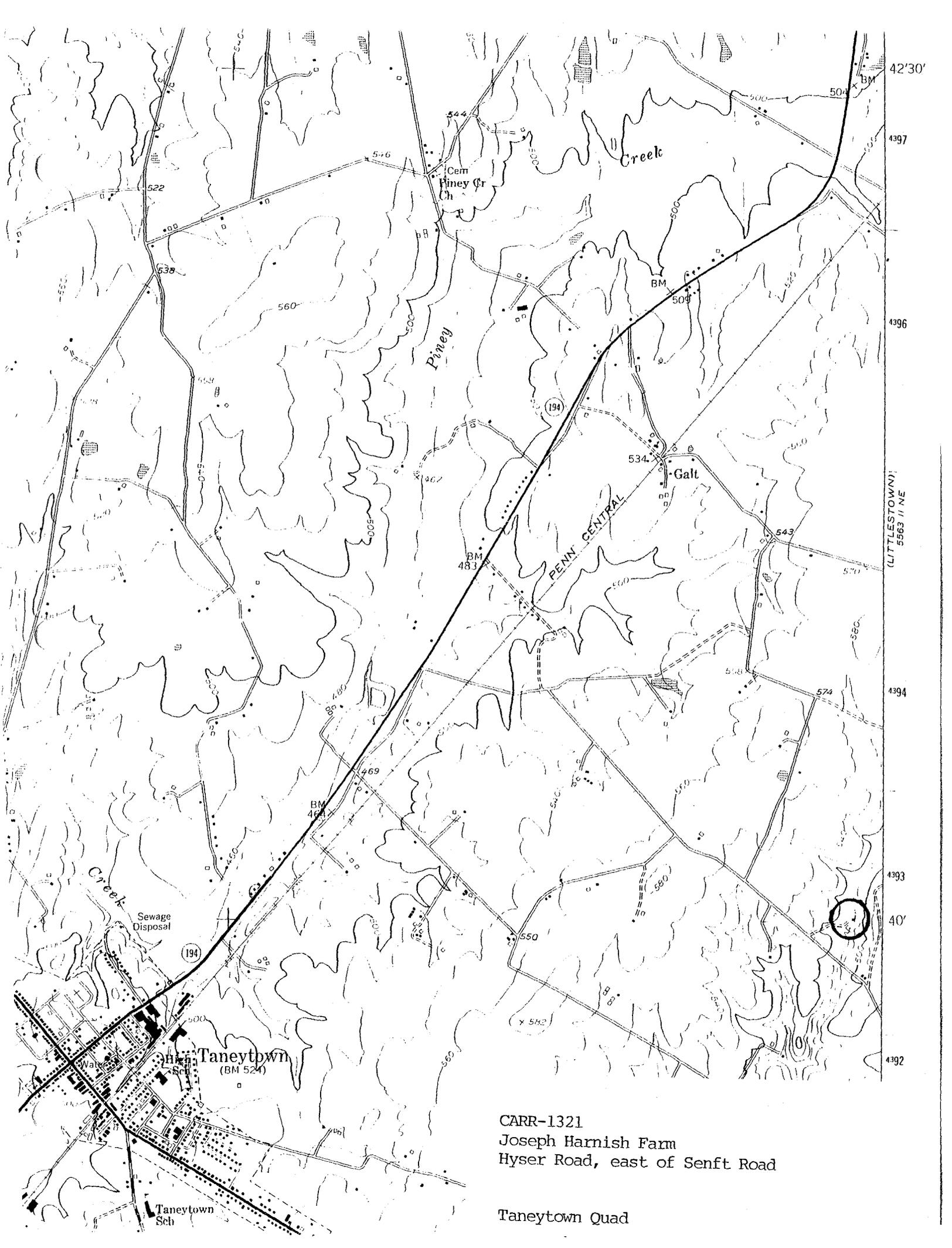
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Lake, Griffin, and Stevenson Atlas 1877



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Taneytown Quad



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Joseph Harnish Farm

Hyser Road

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house - east elevation

1/3



Joseph Harnish Farm

Hyser Road, east of Senft Road

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west elevation

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Hyser Road

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Summer Kitchen - west ; south elevations