

CARR-1328

Joseph Harnish Tenant Farm
Taneytown (vicinity)

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph Harnish Tenant Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hyser Road, west of Senft Road not for publicationcity, 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 Lippystreet & number 200 Lees Mill Road telephone no.: 374-2343city, town Arcadia state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 1077street & number 55 North Court Street folio 692city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title date federal state county local repository for survey recordscity, 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 Tenant farm is located at the northwest corner of Hyser and Senft Roads, approximately 2 miles northeast of Taneytown. The complex consists of a brick-cased frame farm house that faces south toward Hyser Road, and two wood sheds. It is now vacant and severely deteriorated. The house is a two-story, three-bay, stretcher bond, brick-cased frame, "T" plan building with a rubble stone foundation and a standing-seam metal gable roof. The south elevation has a central entrance, but the door is missing. On either side of the entrance is a single 2/2 sash. There was formerly a one-story porch across the front. The back building is the same width as the main block of the house, has a north-south ridge, and was cased in brick at the same time as the front section. There was apparently a one-story porch across the whole south elevation. The frame is hewn, with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. The house is laid out as three rooms. The front entrance opens into the larger, southeast room.

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The house is a two-story, three-bay, stretcher bond, brick-cased frame, "T" plan building with a rubble stone foundation and a standing-seam metal gable roof. The box cornice has returns. The south elevation has a central entrance, but the door is missing. There is a charred, long, panelled shutter or door lying on the ground in front of the building. On either side of the entrance is a single 2/2 sash. The second story has three 2/2 sash. All the windows on this elevation have narrow wood board sills and the first story windows have rebuilt splayed brick jack arches and formerly had exterior shutters or blinds. The foundation had a vent with diamond-section wood louvers in the east and west bays. Only the east one survives. There was formerly a one-story porch across the front. The house also has an interior brick chimney with corbelled cap at each end.

The west elevation of the main block has a single 2/2 sash centered on each story, with a small opening in the gable end. The chimney is set north of the windows, and is corbelled southward in the attic, being centered on the east-west ridge where it passes through the roof. The west elevation of the back building has one 4/4 sash on each story. The back building is the same width as the main block of the house, has a north-south ridge, and was cased in brick at the same time as the front section. The north elevation has one 2/2 sash in the east bay on each story. The windows have large wood

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lintels and portions of paired, two panel shutters on both stories. There was formerly an interior brick chimney centered on the ridge, but it, and much of the brick veneer, have collapsed. There is a window opening just east of the chimney in the gable end. It formerly had a large wood lintel. The first story of the east elevation of the main block has a door opening in the south bay. Beneath it is a diamond-section wood louver vent. There is a 2/2 sash in the north bay of the main block, with a cellar entrance below this window. The south bay of the back building also has a door opening. The second story has a 6/2 sash in the south bay of the main block and a window covered by blinds in the north bay of the back building. There was apparently a one-story porch across the whole south elevation, but it was later removed and the holes for the rafter ends filled with brick. The lintels on the windows of this elevation are also wood.

Portions of the framing of the house are exposed due to deterioration. The front sill and front girt are hewn, and the first-story joists are 3/4-round logs that run north-south. These support random-width pine floors. On the north elevation, the western half of the first story frame is hewn, with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. Even some of the studs are pegged. The remaining studs appear to be sawn and nailed. There is sawn lath attached to them. The joists are sawn, are approximately 2x6, and are set into notches on top of the end girt. The first story flooring in the north room is about 2 1/2-inch wide pine running east-west. The rafters over the north end of the back building are sawn and are also about 2x6. They support wood lath and wood shingles, and have a ridge board that is approximately 1x6. There is also a lath nailed diagonally across the rafters to act as a wind brace. The brick veneer is tied into the chimney mass, with headers, only on the north elevation. The change in construction suggests the house was built of frame with a one-story rear ell, and the ell was later expanded into a full two-story back building, probably when the house was cased in brick.

The house is laid out as three rooms. The front entrance opens into the larger, southeast room. There is a small fireplace on the east wall, and a vertical board door to the rear room that is aligned with the front door. The west wall has a doorway, to the south, into the southwest room. This room has a peg rail, with no pegs surviving, on the east wall. The baseboards are plain, and the surrounds have a broken field. The north wall is of beaded-edge vertical boards that were originally painted and later were wallpapered. A door of beaded-edge vertical boards is to the west on this wall, with a single riser below the door, in the room. There is a winder stair behind the wall. The north room originally had a chimney centered on the north wall. The south wall has a door to the west, apparently into the winder stairs. The second-story was generally not visible. There is a straight run of stairs along the north wall of the rear room, on the second story, from west to east, up to the attic.

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There appears to be a well just east of the back building. Several hundred feet further east is a 1½-story wagon shed with a concrete foundation and beaded-edge vertical board siding, but built with a hewn log braced frame with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. The joists are hewn on top and bottom. The south elevation has a pair of vertical board doors on strap hinges in the west bay. East of the door is a tongue-and-groove, beaded-edge vertical board door on strap hinges. This opens into an aisle, with a horizontal board wall on the west, dividing this half from the wagon shed. At the end of the aisle are stairs to the second floor, and to the east are three pens. There is a small door on the south elevation, above the door on the east. There is a gable roof with steel covering and east-west ridge. The rafters are hewn, with exposed, decoratively-cut ends. There are no other openings on the other elevations.

According to local residents, a bank barn formerly stood northeast of the house. About 200 feet southeast of the house is a one-story shed with beaded-edge vertical board siding and a gable roof with east-west ridge and metal covering. The east elevation has a door, matching the siding, to the north and double doors to the south. The frame is nailed 2x4's.

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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
 Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture
 Resource Types: Small family farmstead, Rural vernacular

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Harnish in 1865. Harnish's own farm and house were just east of Martin's (see CARR-1321). The sale price of \$1800 was almost \$800 more than the purchase price of both parcels, suggesting either great inflation during the Civil War or improvements to the property. Structural evidence suggests the house was built and later cased in brick, but the time lag, if there really was one, could not have been long, because in 1866 the tax assessor noted that Harnish had a brick house and frame stable on the land.

Harnish continued to live on his other farm, so this property must have been leased. He also bought other farms for a similar purpose. By 1876, a bank barn had been added to the property, and along with the house was worth \$312, well below the value of his own farm buildings. Harnish died in 1879 and the farm was advertised for sale. At that time it was occupied by Frank Zentz. Its location, about a mile west of Eck's mill, one mile east of Galt's Station on the Frederick and Pennsylvania Line Railroad, and three miles from Taneytown, seems ideal. The farm had about six acres of woodland, and the remainder, divided into seven fields, was tillable. "The improvements consist of a good two-story frame Dwelling House, cased with brick, bank barn, and other outbuildings."

The farm passed hands several times, and probably remained a tenant property, until purchased by Howard E. and Florence Harnish Hyser in 1906. Howard's father, Samuel, had owned a farm on Harney Road, while Florence's father, also Samuel, was the son of Joseph Harnish, and had bought the Harnish home farm east of the tenant house after Joseph Harnish's death. Though the Hyser's bought the home farm, they lived here on the tenant farm until 1961. According to Grace V. Putman (b. December 1918), the Hyser's daughter, they considered the east elevation, not the south, to be the front of the house. The kitchen was in the southeast room, and had a cook stove and a pipe hole in the ceiling to heat the room above. The back (north) room was the living room, and the southwest room was used to hold essentials." There were four unheated bedrooms upstairs. The house had a dirt floor in the cellar and had no fireplaces. The farm did not have a summer kitchen. There was a smokehouse east of the house, a windmill at the well that pumped water to a cistern, a hog pen, an orchard apparently north of the house, a garage where the orchard was, and a dairy house to keep the milk cold. Water was pumped here. The barn had a wagon shed and corn crib attached to it, and Howard Hyser added a wing to the side, when he went into the dairy business, in order to keep eight or ten extra cattle. The porch survived at least until 1961.

Brick-cased log houses have been documented, and are probably fairly common, but the incidence of brick-cased frame houses, prior to the twentieth century, is unknown. Several were documented in Union Bridge, but they were all after 1880, while this farm house was probably built during the Civil War. While its construction makes it significant, its deteriorated condition makes its survival problematic.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records
Tax Assessments, 1866, 1876, 1876-96, 1896-1910
1862 & 1877 maps
Democratic Advocate, 30 August 1879, p. 2, c. 8
Interview with Grace V. Putman

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 51.2 a.Quadrangle name TaneytownQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Plannerorganization Carroll County Planning Departmentdate June 18, 1993street & number 225 North Center Streettelephone (410) 857-2145city or town Westminsterstate MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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)
Henry J. Utermahler	Carroll	Leonard A. Babylon	Carroll	4-1-1887	WNM 66	67	Deed fee simple	\$2300, 44 a. & 7 a. (1)
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.

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
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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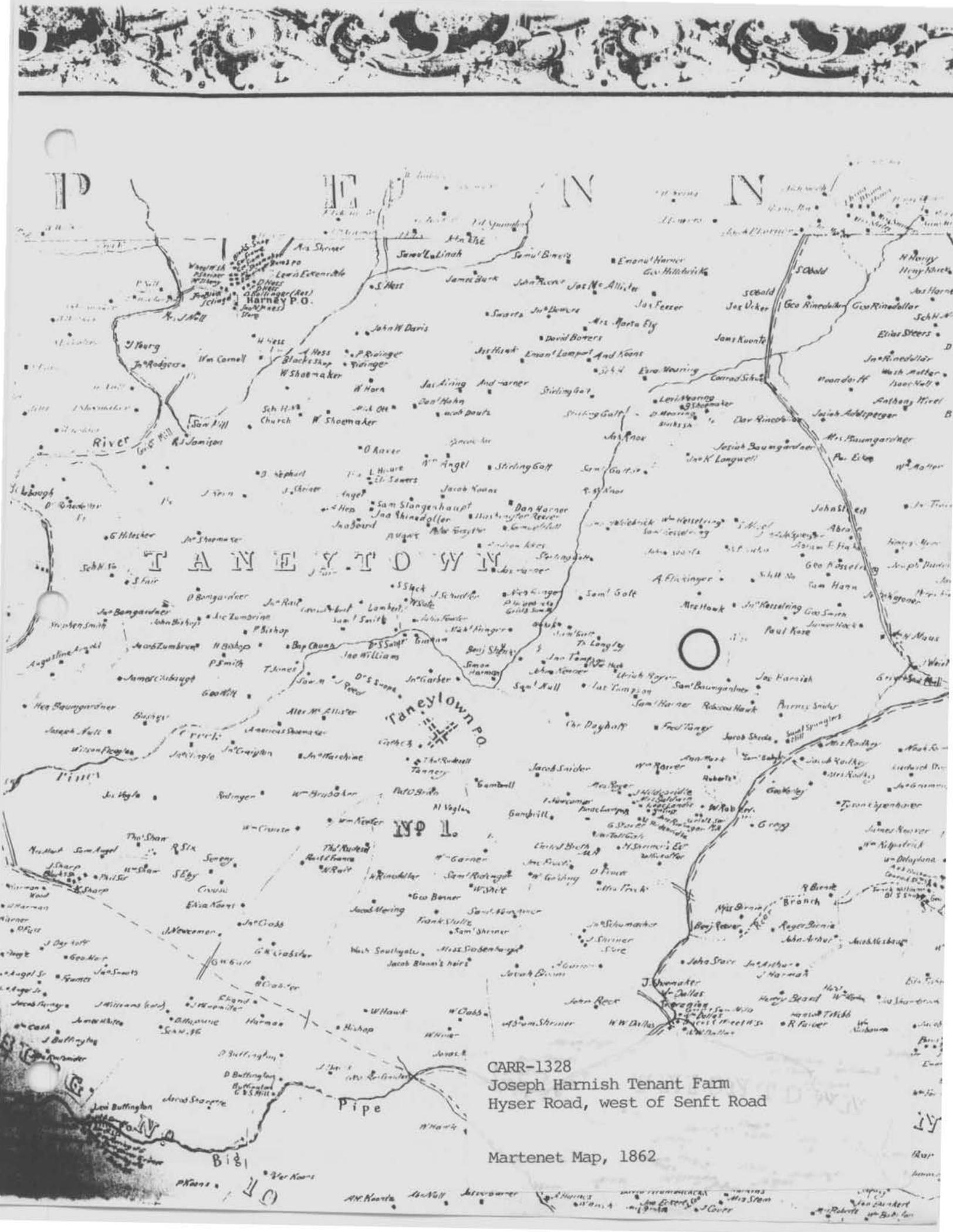
TANEY TOWN

DISTRICT No 1

Scale 7/8 Inches to the Mile



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Lake, Griffin, & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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Martenet Map, 1862



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west: south elevations

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~~east~~: north elevations



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north elevation