

CARR-1380

Samuel Weant Farm
Taneytown (vicinity)

c. 1880

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1380

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel Weant Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4855 Piney Creek Road not for publication

city, town Taneytown vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" 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 Carl & Grace Weant

street & number 4855 Piney Creek Road telephone no.: 775-7897

city, town Taneytown state and zip code Maryland 21787

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber CCC 451

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 673

city, town Westminster state Maryland

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 type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 Samuel Weant Farm is located at 4855 Piney Creek Road, about 3½ miles north of Taneytown and about 1 mile southeast of Harney in northwest Carroll County, Maryland. The farm sits on the southeast side of the road, and consists of a stone house, a summer kitchen, a shop building, two poultry houses, a barn, a garage, a wagon shed and a windmill. The house is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay structure of small rubble fieldstone that was formerly stuccoed, but this covering has recently been removed. The house faces northwest, toward the road. It has a gable roof of inverted-V-seam metal and a northeast-southwest ridge. The northwest elevation has an entrance set west of center, with a four-panel door and a three-light transom. There is a one-story, three-bay porch with a shed roof. The first story is laid out with a central foyer and a straight run of enclosed stairs just beyond it, and four rooms ranged around the foyer and stairs. There is a summer kitchen set about 1½ feet from the rear porch. It is one story, with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding over German siding, and a gable roof with slate and a northwest-southeast ridge. The northwest elevation is now enclosed in the rear porch. It is two bays, with two four-panel doors. The kitchen has two rooms that are not interconnected. The southwest room has horizontal tongue-and-groove siding and a brick fireplace on the southeast wall. The northeast room has horizontal beaded-edge boards on the walls and ceiling. About 12 feet southeast of the summer kitchen is a shop building with a concrete foundation, German siding with corner boards of German siding, and a corrugated metal gable roof with a northwest-southeast ridge. It is a two-story, one-bay by two-bay structure.

Contributing Resources: 9

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The house is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay structure of small rubble fieldstone that was formerly stuccoed, but this covering has recently been removed. The house faces northwest, toward the road. It has a gable roof of inverted-V-seam metal and a northeast-southwest ridge. The northwest elevation has an entrance set west of center, with a four-panel door that has quirked ogee panel moulds. The frame has a beaded-interior edge, the sill is wood, and there is a three-light transom. On each side is a new 1/1 sash set in square, mitered frames with a wood sill. The lintels are hidden by the

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one-story, three-bay porch with a shed roof with inverted-V-seam metal. It is now wrapped in aluminum. The second story has three 1/1 sash with wood lintels. There is a box cornice with returns and an interior brick chimney on each end.

The southwest elevation has a one-light sash in the west bay of the foundation. It is recessed in the wall and has vertical metal bars in front of it. The south bay has a two-horizontal-light sash that is also set back. The first and second stories each have two 1/1 sash like those on the northwest. The gable end has two new one-light sash with no lintels. The northeast elevation is identical to the southwest above the foundation. The north bay of the foundation has a small opening that is now partly below ground level. The southeast elevation has an enclosed porch on the first story with aluminum siding and a shed roof with inverted-V-seam metal. The porch has square chamfered posts. The house has a central four-panel door with no panel moulds, a cast iron box lock, a beaded-interior edge frame and a three-light transom. The trim here matches the front door, and is mitered at the corners. It is flanked by a 1/1 sash in the east bay, an enclosed window in the south bay and with a four-panel door set near the east corner. The trim here also matches the front door. The second story has three 1/1 sash, the center one set south of center.

The cellar is completely open and the walls are whitewashed. There is a stone fireplace buttress on the northeast elevation. The southwest elevation has stone corbelled out from the top of the foundation wall to support the chimney above. There is a summer beam that runs northeast-southwest. It is hewn, and is 7 inches wide by 9 inches deep. The joists are circular sawn, run northwest-southeast, and are 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2 inches by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches deep. They rest in mortises in the summer, but are not pegged, and rest on a ledge of the foundation wall, but there is no wood sill, or board underneath them. The tongue-and-groove flooring is circular sawn, about 5 inches wide, and runs northeast-southwest. The southeast wall has a door opening set to the south. There is a hewn wood lintel, but there was never a door in the opening. Beyond it are stone cheek walls, new steps, and a hurricane door.

The first story is laid out with a central foyer and a straight run of enclosed stairs just beyond it, and four rooms ranged around the foyer and stairs. The front entrance has four sunk, fielded panels with no panel moulds, and a cast iron box lock marked "Norwalk L. Co.". The surround has a broken field that is bevelled on the inner half. The other door surrounds are plain, and the top piece laps over the side pieces. They have a combed finish. The stairs have now been opened on the northeast side. The west room has a chimney in the south corner that originally had a stove. The floor is 7-inch wide tongue-and-groove pine that runs northeast-southwest. The door matches the front door, but has dark graining. The north room surrounds have lighter graining, and there are plain baseboards. There is a chimney in the east corner. The wall between

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the north and east rooms has been removed. There was formerly a door here between the two. The east room has beaded-edge vertical-board Wainscot with a chair-rail. This room is open behind the stairway as well, with a four-panel door to the cellar and a door on the southwest wall to the south room. The trim in this room is painted.

At the top of the stairs is a half-round hand rail and square-in-plan vertical balusters. The second story has the same plan, with the same trim and doors as on the first story. The stairs to the attic are enclosed, and have a vertical-board door with a cast iron box lock that has no marks. The rafters alternate between 2 by 6 inch circular-sawn lumber and 3 by 3³/₄ circular-sawn lumber. The two center rafters are of the latter dimensions, with one of the former next to each, then one of the latter, and so on. They are mitered at the ridge but have no tie beam, and are spaced 23 to 26¹/₂ inches on center. The rafter feet appear to be cut with a bird's mouth that laps over a small board that is attached to the attic floor. The rafters support lath. The gable end walls are plastered, but the attic is otherwise not finished.

There is a summer kitchen set about 1¹/₂ feet from the rear porch. It is one story, with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding over German siding, and a gable roof with slate and a northwest-southeast ridge. The northwest elevation is now enclosed in the rear porch. It is two bays, with two four-panel doors that have narrow ogee panel moulds and cast iron box locks. The gable end has a door which is the only access to the attic. The northeast elevation has a later shed-roof addition on the north half. It has a concrete foundation, aluminum siding, and a metal roof. There is one 6/6 sash on the northeast elevation of the addition. There is a central 6/6 sash on the same elevation of the kitchen, two 6/6 on the southwest elevation, and an interior brick chimney centered on the gable of the southeast end. The kitchen has two rooms that are not interconnected. The southwest room has horizontal tongue-and-groove siding and a brick fireplace on the southeast wall, set to the east. The attic joists are exposed, are approximately 2 by 6 inches, are circular sawn, and run northeast-southwest. There is a random-width floor above. The northeast room has horizontal beaded-edge boards on the walls and ceiling and a 4¹/₂-inch wide pine floor that runs northwest-southeast.

About 12 feet southeast of the summer kitchen is a shop building with a concrete foundation, German siding with corner boards of German siding, and a corrugated metal gable roof with a northwest-southeast ridge. It is a two-story, one-bay by two-bay structure. The northwest elevation has a random-width, beaded-edge vertical-board door on the first story at the west corner, and a similar door in the center of the second story. The southwest elevation has two six-light sash with pedimented surrounds on the first story. The southeast elevation has one such sash on the first story and a window opening with pedimented surround in the gable end. The northeast elevation is identical to the southwest. The shop is built with hewn corner and center posts that are about 4

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inches square. There are 2 by 4 circular-sawn studs set between the posts. The joists rest on clamps attached to the studs, and have X-braces. There are stairs in the north corner, along the northwest wall. Some portion of the work bench and tools may be original to the structure.

About 10 feet northeast of the shop is a large poultry house with a concrete foundation, German siding with corner boards of German siding, and a gable roof with a larger slope on the northwest, a ridge that runs northeast-southwest, and inverted-V-seam metal. The southeast elevation has a central doorway with paired 6/6 sash on each side. These have pedimented surrounds. Above each pair is a hatch door of German siding that is hinged at the top. The southwest elevation has an opening in the center with a pedimented surround, and a beaded-edge vertical-board door to the southeast. The northeast elevation is identical to the southwest. The northwest elevation has no openings. It is built of 2 by 4 construction.

There is a small poultry house about 40 feet southwest of the summer kitchen. The foundation is not visible. There is German siding with corner boards of German siding, and a shed roof of inverted-V-seam metal that slopes down to the northwest. The southeast elevation is three bays, with a 6/6 sash in the south and center bays and a beaded-edge vertical-board door to the east. The northeast elevation has a hatch door of German siding at the floor level. The southwest elevation has no openings. It is built of circular-sawn 2 by 4 construction and has a tongue-and-groove wood floor that runs northeast-southwest.

About 30 feet north of the house is a garage of 2 x 4 circular-sawn construction. It has a rubble stone foundation that is collapsing, German siding with corner boards and a corrugated metal gable roof with a northwest-southeast ridge. The southeast elevation has a new garage door in an original wide opening. There is a shed-roof addition on the southwest that has a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door on machine-made strap hinges on the southeast elevation. The addition has German siding and a corrugated metal roof.

There is a barn about 100 feet northeast of the house. It has a rusticated concrete block lower story with quoins, and a gambrel roof with standing-seam metal that covers the upper story. The gambrel ends have German siding. The southwest elevation has, on the first story, two crossbuck doors in the center with a twelve-light sash to each side. The second story has centered double doors of beaded-edge-and-center vertical boards. There is a four-light sash with a pedimented surround above and to each side of the doors. The gambrel peak has a 6/6 sash with a pedimented surround. The northwest elevation has a matching one-story milk house attached to it, plus four

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twelve-light sash. There is a rusticated concrete block addition on the northeast that matches the original barn in design and size, but has four-light metal sash.

About 25 feet southeast of the barn is a wagon shed with a corn crib on the northwest. It has German siding and a gable roof of corrugated metal with a northeast-southwest ridge. The southwest elevation has a four-panel door on the crib and beaded-edge-and-center vertical board doors that are hinged and run on a track at the top. There is a twelve-light sash in the gable end. On the southeast is a shed-roof addition with doors on the southwest.

About 10 feet northeast of the summer kitchen is a steel-framed windmill with a rubble stone wellhead underneath it.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates c. 1880 **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:

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont
Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture
Resource Types: Small Family Farm, Rural Vernacular

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Significance (continued)

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Samuel Weant died in January 1884. His will ordered all his real estate to be sold, and a codicil stipulated that his wife, Agnes

. . . is to have the use and benefit of the house and lot we now live on until sed [said] Prop is sole [sold] and sole as soon as it can be and the same Privilage of the Farm as I had hay Paster [Pasture] and fire woode and also Wheat and Corn sofishen [sufficient] to dew [do] her till the property is sole free of charge and also the meat and hogs that belongs to me at my deth goes for her Benefit

An inventory was made of Samuel Weant's farm which suggests that the house was well furnished, at least in quantity. There was a cook stove and one other stove. The stairs and several rooms were carpeted, and at least one room had an oil cloth. At least one room had window curtains. It is not possible to tell how the individual rooms were furnished, but among other items, Weant had a desk, a safe, a sideboard, a clock, three beds, four looking glasses, a bureau, six chests, five tables, innumerable chairs, including three rockers, and several benches. The work benches, tools and chest could have been in the existing shop, and the buggy with cover, wagon, and two sleighs probably stored in the new barn with his two cows, calf, and three shoats.

The property was divided into two farms, one with the old brick house (CARR-1379), and this one. They were advertised for sale in August 1884. This property was laid off for 54³/₄ acres, about 8 of it in timber, and with a young orchard. The ad noted that it was ". . . improved with a two-story Brick Dwelling House, Hog House, Stable" The brick house surely must be an error. The existing stone house was formerly stuccoed or rough cast, and this was probably the original treatment. The small stones used in the structure were a rare building technique for Carroll County locally called "gravel". Its use has been documented in Union Bridge, in a house that was stuccoed and scored to look like ashlar. One wonders if it might also have been treated to look like brick.

George Weant purchased the property for \$2,311.80. It later passed to his son, Lake, who sold it to his son, Carl and Grace Weant, the current owners, in 1969. Additional acreage and buildings have been added and it continues to operate as a dairy farm.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records
Tax assessments, 1866-76, 1876, 1876-96, 1896-1910
Samuel Weant: inventory, JOW 12-439, will JOW 5-332
Democratic Advocate, 2 Aug. 1884, p. 3

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 117.9356 acres

Quadrangle name Taneytown

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

state code county code

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organization Carroll County Department of Planning date May 2, 1994

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city or town Westminster state Maryland

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
Lake G. & Lucy B. Weant (wife)	Carroll	Carl E. & Grace Z. Weant (wife)	?	3-28-1969	CCC 451	673	Deed fee simple	117.9356 acres, \$10.00 reserves life estate (1) 167¼ acres (2) 9¼ acres (3) 97+ acres
Clara J. Weant, widow, et al of George W. Weant	Carroll Carroll	Lake G. & Clara J. Weant	?	4-9-1937	LDM 166	54	Deed	George died intestate \$100.00, 67¼ acres (A) 54¾ acres (B) 12½ acres (1)
Richard & Elizabeth Hill (wife)	Carroll	George W. Weant	Carroll	10-6-1885	GAM 63	356	Deed fee simple	\$2,311.80, "Addition to Brooks Discovery on the Rich Lands", 54¾ acres (A)
Charles E. Fink, attorney for Samuel haugh, et al	Carroll Carroll	George W. Weant	Carroll	4-3-1905	DPS 101	165	Deed	\$775, 12½ acres (B)
George W. Weant, exec. of Samuel Weant	Carroll	Richard Hill	Carroll	10-6-1885	GAM 63	355	Deed	Samuel Weant will 6-2-1882, \$2,311.80, 54¾ acres, part of below

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
John W. Davis & Mary Jane (wife)	Carroll	Samuel Weant	Mt. Joy Township, PA	3-7-1867	WAMcK 34	482	Deed Indenture	\$7,000, 177+ acres [no previous reference]

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Piney Creek Rd

garage

House

Small
poultry house

Summer
kitchen

windmill

shop

poultry house

Barn

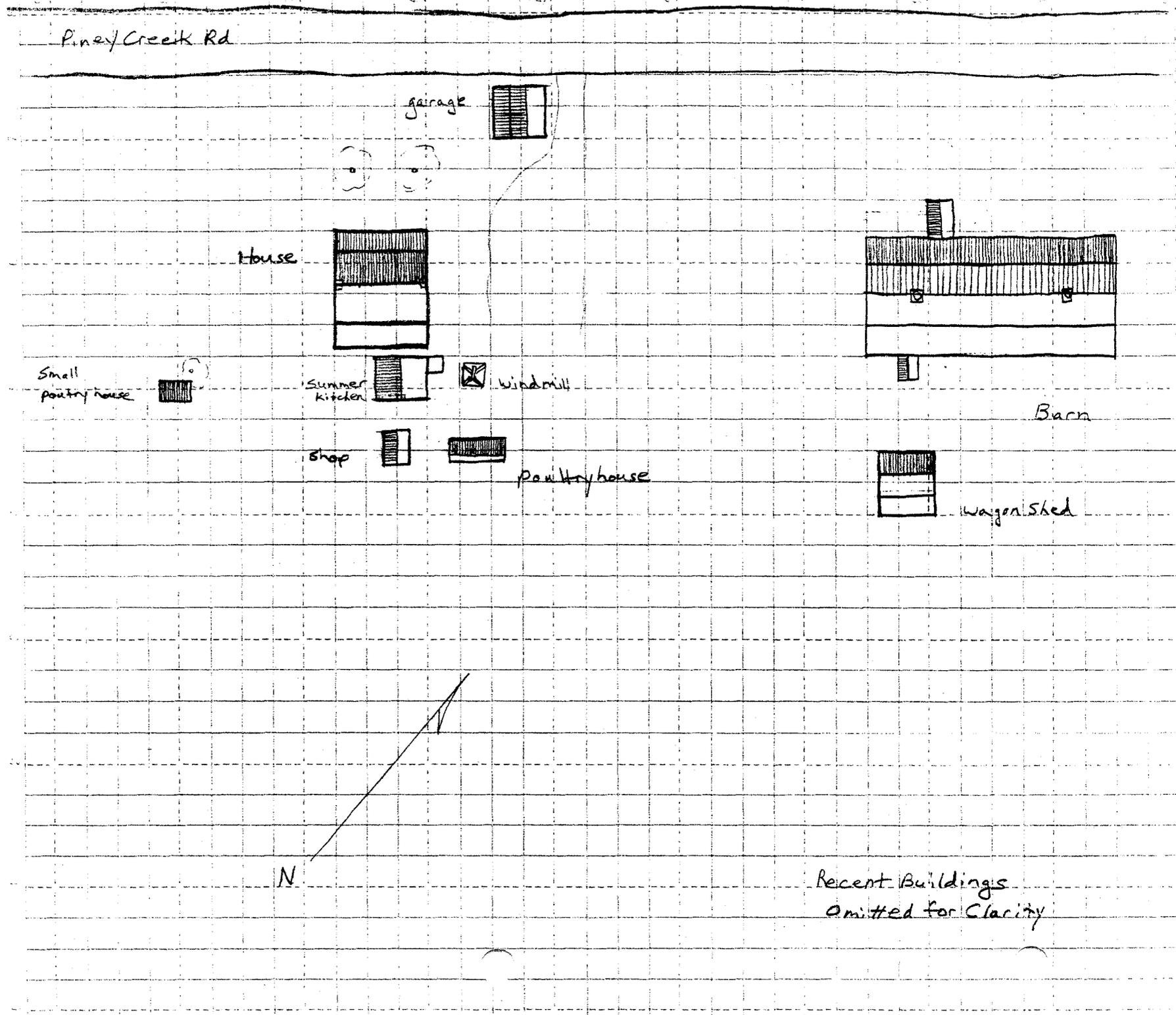
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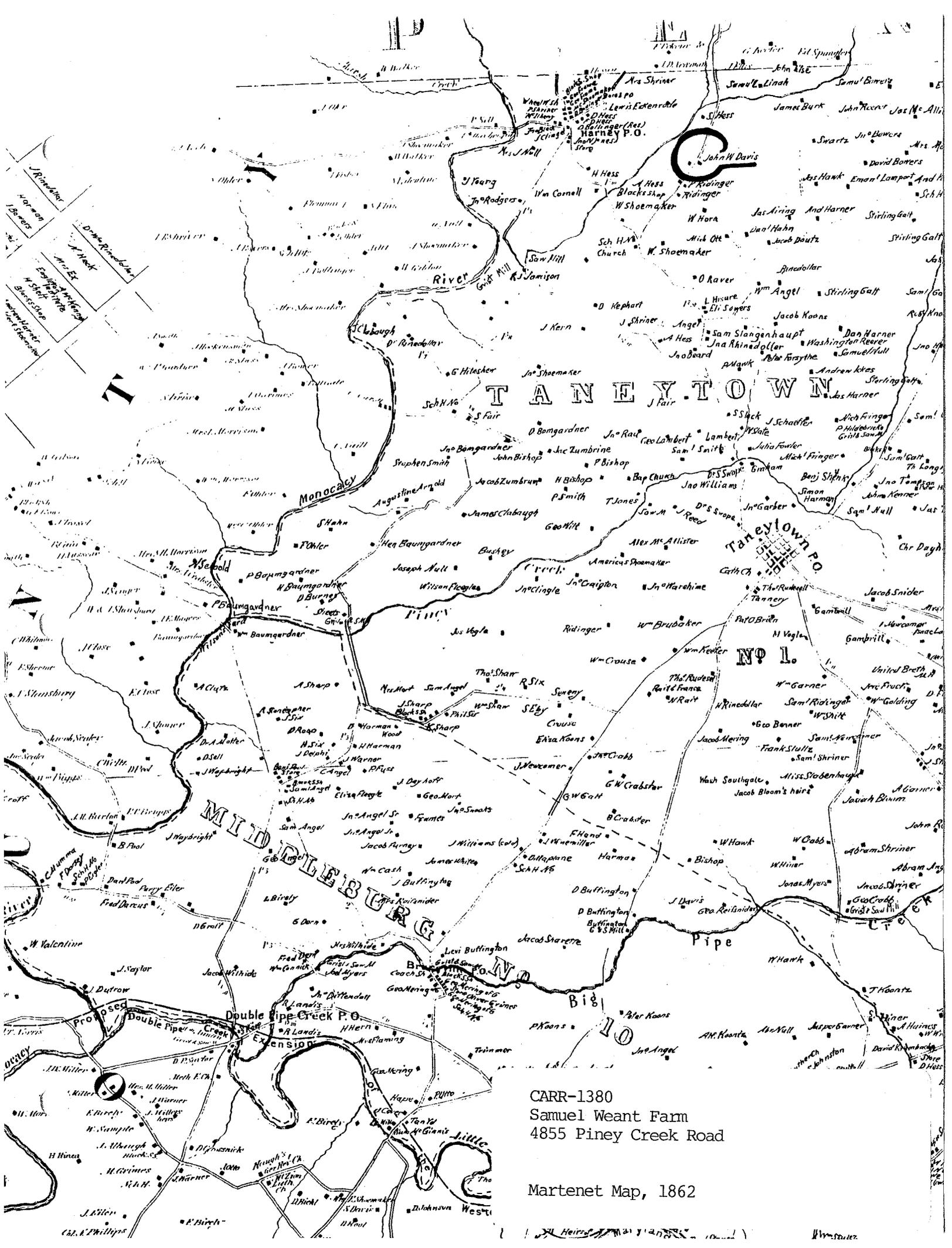
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Recent Buildings
Omitted for Clarity

4855 Piney Creek Rd
Site Plan

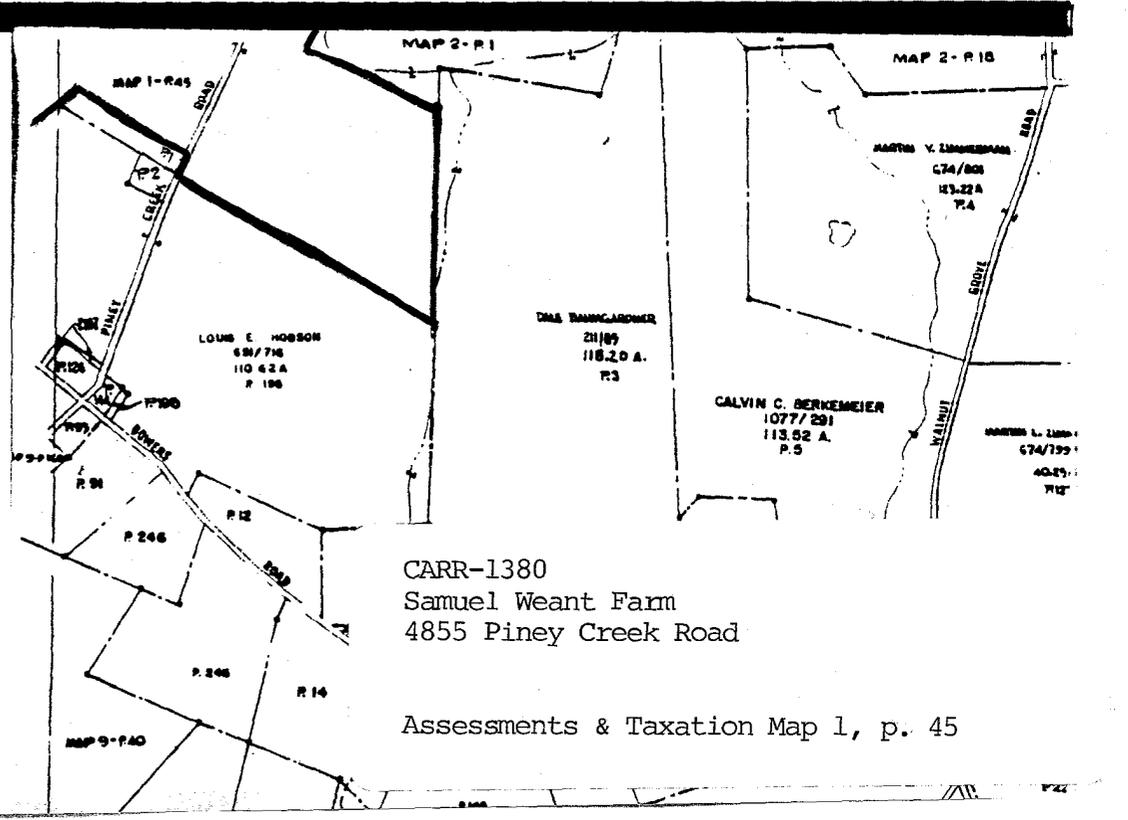
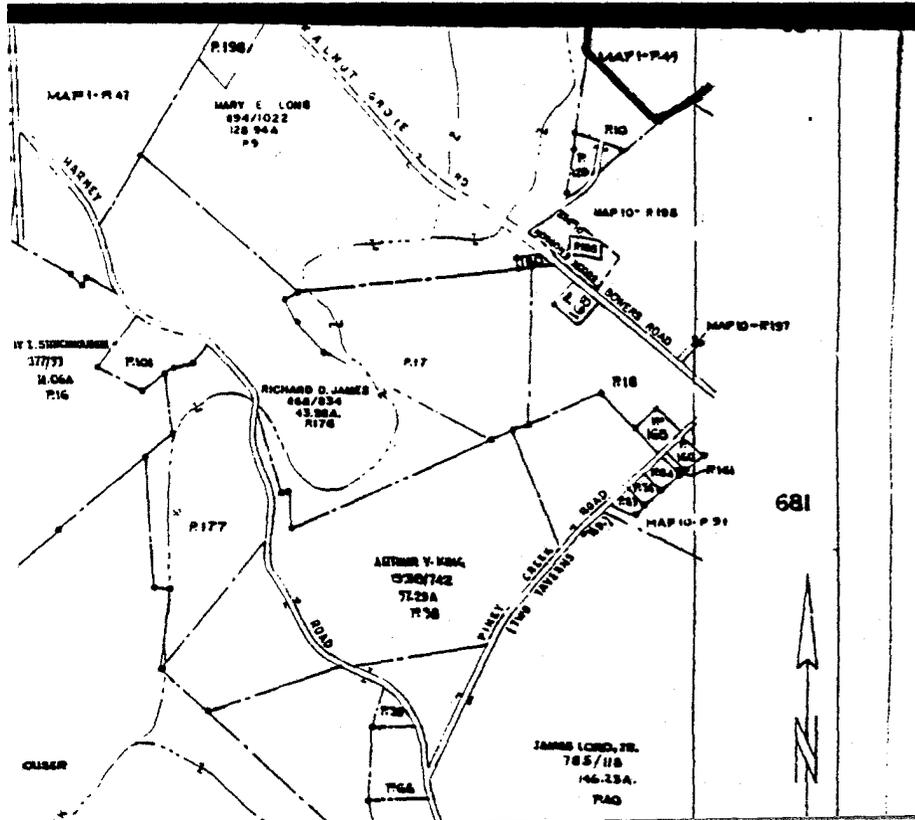
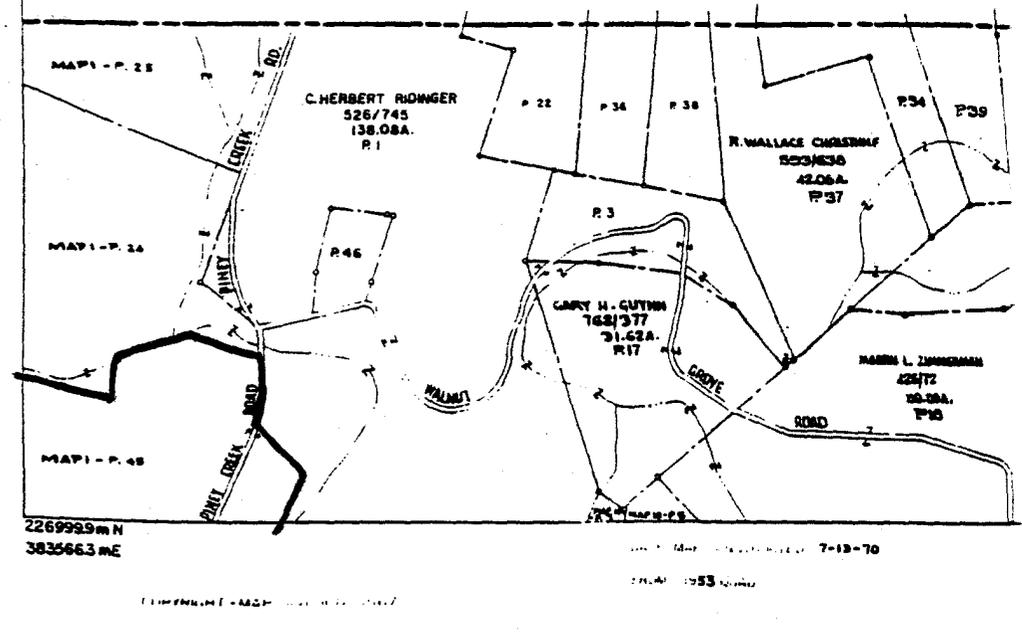
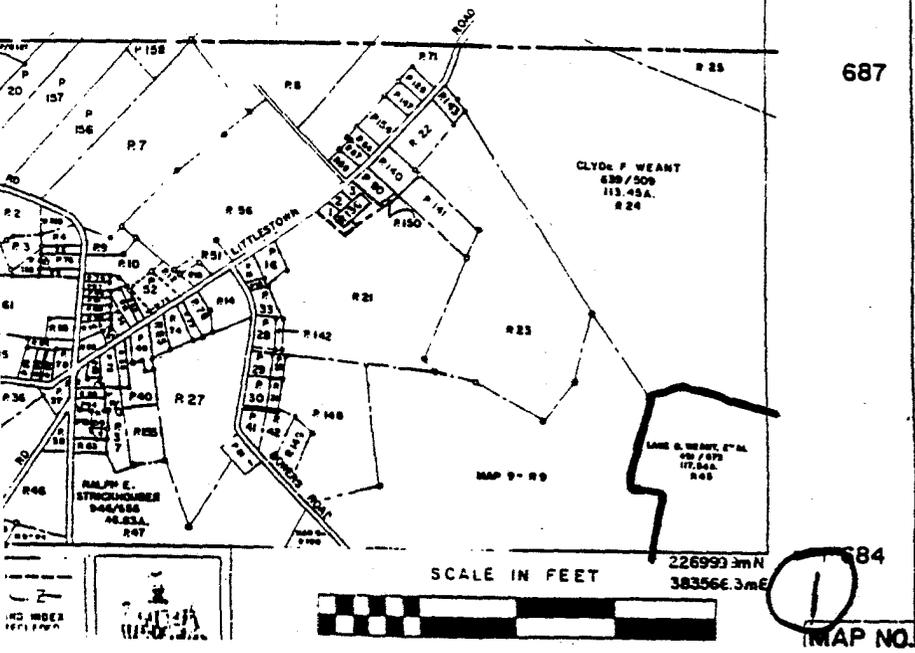
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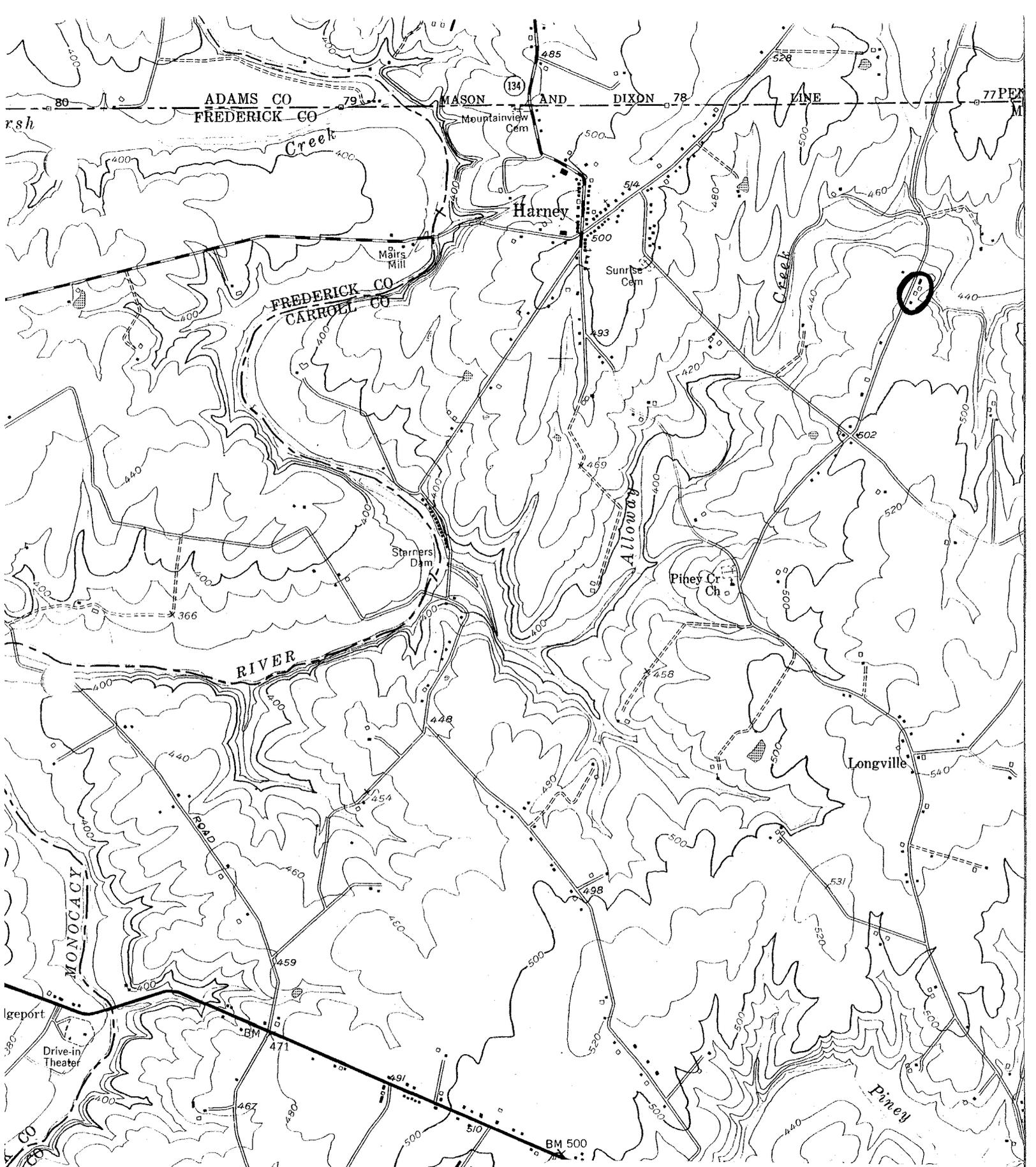




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Taneytown quad



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House & Shop - NW & SW elevations

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House, summer kitchen, shop, poultry house,
windmill - SW & SE elevations

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