

CARR-1383

Frank E. Roberts Mill Farm (preferred); Malvern Mills
Taneytown (vicinity)

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CARR-1383

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frank E. Roberts Mill Farm (preferred); Malvern Mills

and/or common Tranquility Farm

2. Location

street & number 3860 Sells Mill Road not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 Roy & Jean Cook

street & number 3860 Sell's Mill Road telephone no.: 751-1414

city, town Taneytown state and zip code Maryland 21787

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 910

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 1007

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

Contributing Resources: 1

Summary:

The Frank E. Roberts Mill Farm is located at 3860 Sells Mill Road, on the northwest side of the road. It is about 2½ miles east of Taneytown. The farm complex consists of a brick house and frame barn near the base of a hill that slopes from northwest down to southeast, toward Big Pipe Creek. The house faces south and is a two-story, four-bay "Pennsylvania Farmhouse" plan structure with a rear ell. It has a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. The south elevation has all-stretcher brick bond and new 1/1 sash. There is a brick dentil cornice. The other elevations have 6-1 common bond. The house is laid out on a Pennsylvania Farmhouse plan. All of the walls have been studded out and sheet-rocked, with new trim added. There is a bank barn with a south-facing forebay about 200 feet east of the house. The four bays to the west are original and a fifth bay was later added to the east. It has a rubble stone lower story, vertical-board siding on the upper story, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and an east-west ridge. The lower story of the south elevation is stone. Many of the joists have V-notches on the ends and are clearly re-used from a log structure. The upper story was originally two center threshing floors with a hay mow on each side, but now has three floors with a mow on each side. It has a hewn frame with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. The bents have five posts and a purlin-post truss to support the roof.

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The south elevation has all-stretcher brick bond and has been sandblasted. The two center bays have a one-story porch on a brick foundation. The porch has square corner posts, a basically flat roof, and a new metal railing along the top. The west bay of the foundation has a window frame with a large bead on the interior edge, a wood sill

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and lintel, and a new jalousie set in it. The east bay has a new frame in an original opening, with only a wood lintel. It, too, has a jalousie. The first story end bays have new 1/1 sash in bullnose frames, with wood sills and lintels that have corner blocks and a Greek-profile ogee-moulded cornice. They have fake blinds and hinges for original blinds. All of the windows match these unless otherwise noted. The west-center bay has a new louvered shutter door in a bullnose frame with a plain wood lintel and a boarded-up transom. The east-center bay formerly had a door with a plain wood lintel, but has been converted to a window. The second story has four 1/1 sash. There is a brick dentil cornice that is painted.

The west elevation is four bays, including the original ell, and has 6-1 common bond. The foundation has four new jalousie windows that match those in the south elevation, west bay. The first and second stories each have four 1/1 sash matching those on the south. The north-center bay windows are set with the north jamb directly under the north eave of the main block. The gable end of the main block has two new louvers in original openings with bullnose frames, wood sills, and no lintels. The ell has a brick dentil cornice.

The north elevation of the ell is 6-1 common bond with a new exterior brick chimney in the center that is attached at the top to an original, interior brick chimney. On either side of the chimney, in the gable end, is a new louver in an original opening like those on the west elevation. The east elevation of the ell has been completely altered, with a new one-story porch added. The original two-story, recessed porch has been removed and infilled with brick. Only the north bay of the first story retains its original opening and bullnose frame; the sash has been removed.

The north elevation of the main block has a window opening that has been converted to a door opening on the first story and a 1/1 sash in the second story. There is a corbelled brick cornice without dentils. The east elevation of the main block has a large new garage attached. In the first story the north bay window has been altered to two one-light casements. There were apparently never any openings in the other bays. The second story end bays have 1/1 sash, with nothing in the center bay. The gable end has two new vents in original openings like those on the west.

The cellar is divided into two, with the stairs coming down into the eastern half. On the east wall is a kitchen fireplace with straight-jamb, a re-parged firebox, and a new hearth. The center wall runs north-south and is brick. The room has been remodeled. The west room walls were plastered but have now been furred out and sheet-rocked. The cellar room under the ell has mill-sawn joists that run east-west and are 7 to 7½ inches by about 2 inches. The north wall has two brick piers to support a fireplace

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above. They are plastered and formerly had shelves. There was also reportedly a trough in this room.

The house is laid out on a Pennsylvania Farmhouse plan. All of the walls have been studded out and sheet-rocked, with new trim added. The southwest room is two bays deep, with a fireplace centered on the west wall. The mantel is missing from the fireplace. The center wall of the house, running north-south is reportedly brick, as is the east-west wall that divides the southwest room from the ell. This wall is placed just north of the south-center bay window of the west elevation, and not under the north eave of the main block of the house. There are doors from this room into the northeast and northwest rooms. The southeast room has a fireplace on the east wall, to the north. The mantel is now gone and the hearth is new. This room is not as deep as the southwest room and is entered only from the northeast room. The latter has an enclosed straight run of stairs on the west wall. The northwest room has a large kitchen fireplace on the north wall. It now has a steel lintel, a new hearth, and all new woodwork. There is a new winder stair in the northwest corner. The oak flooring is $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide and runs east-west.

The second story has a center passage that runs north-south. There is a $\frac{3}{4}$ round railing around it with turned balusters and a large turned newell. There are several winder stairs at the top that lead to the landing. The rooms around the passage have been re-arranged. The only stairs to the attic are in the northwest corner of the ell chamber. The rafters are mill-sawn, are $2\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 inches by $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and are spaced 33 to 39 inches on center. They are mitered at the ridge. The feet have a notch cut in them to fit over a mill-sawn board that is 1 by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches and is nailed to the board floor with cut nails. The feet are also nailed to the floor with cut nails. The rafters are not numbered. They support lath that is nailed with cut nails. The ell roof is identical to this.

About 30 feet northeast of the house is a shed that was probably originally a smokehouse. It has aluminum siding and a gable roof with corrugated metal and a north-south ridge. The south elevation has a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door set to the east. The interior has been remodeled.

There is a bank barn with a south-facing forebay about 200 feet east of the house. The four bays to the west are original and a fifth bay was later added to the east. It has a rubble stone lower story, vertical-board siding on the upper story, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and an east-west ridge. The lower story of the south elevation is stone and is topped by a hewn sill. There are in this wall, from west to east, a door, window, door, window, two doors, window, door, window, two doors, window, and door. The doors are random-width, beaded-edge vertical-board dutch doors on strap hinges.

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The hinges have a tapered neck with a circular disk on the end. The door frames are sawn and tenoned into the sill above. Above each door is a vent with three horizontal slats. The window frames are original and are also tenoned to fit into the drilled holes in the frames. The windows are now filled with plexiglass. The east addition has a board wall on the south elevation that contains the eastern-most three openings. These doors have plain boards and plain strap hinges, but otherwise match the originals, as do the windows (vents). The upper story of this elevation only has beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board siding and doors. The doors are on rollers. From west to east there are two wood vents above two vents, a door, a vent centered on the wall, a door, a centered vent, a door, and two vents above two more vents.

The west elevation has, on the lower story, from north to south, an opening with a pegged mortise-and-tenon frame that now has a two-light sash in it, a new opening with double doors, and a stone wall under the forebay with a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door and a wood lintel. The upper story has two vents over two vents. In the gable peak is a 1/1 sash flanked by a vent on each side. It has a pediment with a bead and reel moulding along the top edge. There was formerly an opening at the northern corner of this elevation, but it is now boarded. On the north elevation, a new concrete wall replaces the stone wall of the ramp. The west bay of the lower story has a pegged mortise-and-tenon frame with a two-light sash. The east bay was not accessible, but appears to be of vertical-board siding, not stone. The upper story has three pairs of wagon doors on rollers in the center, with two vents above two vents on each side.

The original east elevation on the lower story has two openings. That to the south is partially infilled with stone while that on the north has diamond-section wood louvers. The upper story has been opened up. The lower story of the east elevation of the addition has a low stone foundation wall with vertical boards above it, and a single one-light sash set south of center. The upper story has a single centered vent to the south, then a vent above a vent, a broad blank space, a vent over a vent, and a centered vent to the north. The vent in the peak matches that on the west elevation.

The lower story of the original section of the barn has two hewn summer beams with five hewn posts under each. The summers have half-lap scarf joints over the posts. The joists are hewn on top and bottom and span from the north wall to the south summer beam, and from the south summer beam to the end of the forebay. Many of the joists are hewn on all four sides under the forebay only. Also, many of the joists have V-notches on the ends and are clearly re-used from a log structure. The southwest corner is curved, not thickened as is usual, but still has a wood box set into it. The west wall has a wood peg rail set in it, above the openings, and also acts as a lintel. It appears to be sawn. The stall arrangement has been altered. The addition also has two summers and the same joist spans. The summers are circular-sawn on all four sides, and

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each has one circular-sawn post under it. The joists are circular-sawn on the top and bottom.

The upper story was originally two center threshing floors with a hay mow on each side, but now has three floors with a mow on each side and the remains of a granary or tool room in the northwest corner. It has a hewn frame with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints, some of which have inset mortises to provide bearing for the ends of the girts. The bents have five posts and a purlin-post truss to support the roof. The rafters appear to be sawn and are about 3½ x 4 inches. The ridge joint cannot be seen, but there is no ridge beam. There is a hay track with two pulleys above and one by the floor. The rafters support lath and a wood shingle roof that survives on the northwest side only. Painted on the wall of the threshing floor is "W. F. Miller 1906" in white paint and "Wm. [H.or M.] [R]obertsox 1906" in black paint. The floor boards have grooves run on both sides, but there do not appear to be any splines used to connect them. The addition has a circular-sawn mortise-and-tenon and pegged frame that also used the purlin post truss. Blocks are scabbed onto the east face of the old posts to support the longitudinal girts. The rafters are sawn and are about 2 x 4 or slightly larger. The ridge joint here is again not visible, but there is no ridge beam. These rafters support widely spaced lath and corrugated metal.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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and/or	
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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.

Summary:

The Frank E. Roberts Mill Farm was the site of a mill for at least much of the nineteenth century. It had been in the possession of Ludwig Mouse until it was ordered sold in 1830 by the Frederick County Equity Court. It was purchased by William and John Roberts. Neither William or John Roberts had any intention of operating the mill, and leased it to David R. Maus. In 1841 the property was 167 acres, and had a stone house, a log barn, and a grist and saw mill. John Roberts sold his half-interest in the property to William in 1850. The 1852 tax assessment notes that the parcel still had the stone house, with barn and mill. The 1852 tax assessment for this property is actually listed in District 2, and notes that the parcel was now 240 acres, but still had the stone house, with barn and mill. William died in 1860, probably never having lived here, since another property was described as the home farm. The estate landed in Equity Court in 1870 and a commission was appointed to survey the lands and divide them among the heirs. Frank Roberts was given this Mill Farm, which had 239¾ acres, and the Grist Mill on Big Pipe Creek. This probably merely formalized an arrangement already made among the heirs, since according to the 1866 tax assessment, Frank Roberts already had control of the Mill Farm. It was called Malvern Mills, though it did not include the mill buildings, and had a brick house and bank barn. Presumably, Frank Roberts had just recently built the brick house that still stands on the property when he moved to the farm. Frank Roberts sold the farm and mill to his son, William Jesse Roberts, in 1884. The house has undergone great changes, especially on the interior. The barn, on the other hand, is very well preserved and structurally appears to be very old. It is constructed in part of re-used timbers from a log structure. The existing barn was no doubt standing by 1866.

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sold in 1830 by the Frederick County Equity Court. It was purchased by William and John Roberts. William Roberts (25 June 1799 - 29 March 1860) was born near New Windsor and he and his brother, John, kept a large general store in Uniontown. Captain Alexander McIlhenny, who lived at Runnymede near Taneytown, in his journal noted that they purchased the property on 15 February for \$5,500. On 4 June, McIlhenny recorded that he ". . . attended W. Roberts raising a new barn, and sup^d & lodged again with J. Roberts - My old friend & neighbours are very kind and hospitable." Whether the barn was raised on the newly purchased farm, or on a lot in or near Uniontown we cannot be sure, but it is certainly possible that the barn was on this farm.

Neither William or John Roberts had any intention of operating the mill, and leased it to David R. Maus. He was probably related to Jacob Maus who owned and operated the Pipe Creek Mill on Big Pipe Creek at Stone Road (CARR-102). Maus advertised that he had rented the merchant mill and new saw mill, which he called Centre Mills, in August 1831. At that time he was running two pair of burr stones, one of which was new, one pair of chopping stones, and one pair of rubbers for cleaning grain. There was another mill, on Meadow Branch at Clearview Road, that was called Centre Mills in the 1830's (CARR-1384).

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William Roberts died intestate in 1860, leaving his widow Eleanor Hammond Roberts (d. 13 May 1875) and three children: Lydia E. Roberts Brubaker, Ann Eliza Roberts Zollickoffer, and Frank E. Roberts (m. Sally Reifsnider). The estate finally landed in Equity Court in 1870, ten years after Roberts' death, and a commission was appointed to survey the lands and divide them among the heirs. The Commission reported that it could divide the property fairly, and its recommendation was ratified in 1873. Frank Roberts was given this Mill Farm, which had 239³/₄ acres, and the Grist Mill on Big Pipe Creek (also known as the Hollenberry Mill Property) with 6¹/₂ acres. This probably merely formalized an arrangement already made among the heirs, since according to the 1866 tax assessment, Frank Roberts already had control of the Mill Farm. It was called Malvern Mills, though it did not include the mill buildings, and had

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a brick house and bank barn. Presumably, Frank Roberts had just recently built the brick house that still stands on the property when he moved to the farm. He already had a large operation going, judging by the value of his livestock (\$1,326) securities (\$2,000) and bank stock (\$500), and his new brick house was very well furnished with goods worth \$640. The tax books note a new house worth \$500 in May 1869. Most likely this was either the tenant house that formerly stood across the street (it can be seen in an older aerial photograph) or possibly the house (still standing) that accompanied the mill.

Frank Roberts advertised in the 1877 Atlas:

Frank E. Roberts, Farmer. Also, Manufacturers of Flour, Feed, &c.
Custom Grinding promptly done and satisfaction guaranteed. Also,
Custom Sawing. Cash paid for Wheat. Mills 3 miles east of Taneytown.

Judging from the 1876 tax books, however, he was not much of a farmer, since his livestock consisted of only two horses, two cows, and six hogs, worth a total of \$245. His wealth was instead tied up in real estate and Western Maryland Railroad Bonds worth (\$7,500). His farm had the brick house, a frame house, a bank barn, and other buildings together worth \$3,420. The Malvern Mill property had a mill and miller's house, as well as other necessary outbuildings. Frank Roberts sold the farm and mill to his son, William Jesse Roberts, in 1884, and it seems that Jesse probably stayed here, even though by 1889 he was assessed for improvements to a town lot (probably in Taneytown) worth \$2,700, a substantial collection of buildings in a town. The improvements were probably the same ones noted on Middle Street in 1896. Also of interest was his possession of five trotting horses (worth \$2,500) at that time.

William Jesse Roberts seems to have gotten into financial trouble at that time and wound up in Equity Court, where his property was ordered to be sold. It was advertised for sale in September 1898 as his home farm, with three sets of buildings.

"1st. A fine, large and substantial Two-story Brick Dwelling House, in good order, with . . . large bank barn in good condition, with steel roof, large wagon shed, hog pens, corn cribs and all necessary outbuildings."

"2nd. A two-story frame Dwelling House in good condition, used as a tenant house, and all necessary outbuildings."

3rd. A three-story frame Mill, with a full roller process for making flour; also burrs for chopping and all machinery required for a first-class

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mill There is located near this mill a very comfortable two-story frame Dwelling House, stable and outbuildings, all in good condition

They were offered for sale as one property, then the high bid reserved while the estate was then offered in two parts.

The entire parcel was purchased by Samuel Stoner for \$9,560. Two weeks later he sold off the mill and six acres to J. Frank Sell for \$3,950. After Stoner's death, the Koontz family acquired the farm in 1909 and held it until at least 1952. It has changed hands frequently since then, and the house has undergone great changes, especially on the interior. The barn, on the other hand, is very well preserved and structurally appears to be very old. It is constructed in part of re-used timbers from a log structure, which may very well have been the log barn noted in 1841. This might also have been the barn constructed in 1830. The existing barn was no doubt standing by 1866.

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
Everett Paul & Mildred Ann Brose (wif)		Roy D. & M. Jean Cook, Jr. (wife)		7-16-1985	910	1007		15.8427 acres
Adam & Anna Catherine Stotsky (wife)		Everett Paul & Mildred Ann Brose (wife)		6-28-1968	439	681		61.64 acres
Ellis M. & Lucille M. Jones (wife) David P. & Catherine L. O'Brien (wife)		Adam & Anna C. Stotsky (wife)		5-1-1967	420	677		90.75 acres
Katherine R. Benson, unmarried		Ellis M. & Lucille M. Jones (wife) David P. & Catherine O'Brien (wife)		10-3-1963	365	231 ?		228.5 acres
Ellis M. Jones & David P. O'Brien		Katherine R. Benson		10-3-1963	365	232		228½ acres
Prentis Clements & Sariah Alderson Waddell (wife)		Ellis M. Jones & David P. O'Brien		9-28-1963	365	225		228½ acres
Henry O. Lippincott & Hazel F. (wife)		Prentis Clements & Sariah Alderson Waddell (wife)		10-30-1956	268	420		228½ acres
James T. Smith & Artie M. (wife)		Henry O. & Hazel F. Lippincott (wife)		6-10-1953	221	184		228.5 acres
William B. Koontz		James T. & Artie M. Smith (wife)		5-1-1952	212	301		228.5 acres

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
Ida B. Koontz, widow of John J. Koontz		William B. Koontz		8-24-1940	173	364		221 acres
Clara M. Englar (daughter) Joseph L. Englar (husband) heirs to Samuel Stoner	Carroll Carroll	John K. Koontz	Taneytown	12-30-1909	D.P.S. 113	166	Deed fee simple	229 acres, Samuel deceased intestate, widow Mary J. Stoner, deceased \$10,200
Edward E. Rinedollar & John M. Roberts, William Jesse Roberts and Margaret L. (wife)	Carroll Carroll	Samuel Stoner	Carroll	12-1-1898	JHB 88	141	Deed	239 acres, sold 9-10-1898, Equity 3615, \$9,560 Home Farm on Big Pipe Creek, Stoner sold off 6 acres with mill, 12-14-1898, \$3,950.00 to J. Frank Sell JHB 88-143 - known as Roberts Mill

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
Francis E. Roberts	Carroll	William Jesse Roberts (son)	Carroll	8-6-1884	FTS 61	150	Deed fee	WJR will pay Francis E. Roberts \$600/yr. in semi-annual payments of \$300 for rest of Francis E. Robert's life - Hollenberry Mill - 6½ acres, on Big Pipe Creek & Mill Farm - 239¾ acres
William Roberts, deceased		Francis E. Roberts (son)		1-22-1873				Equity 1161 mill farm - 239 acres exhibits B, C, D, E, G
Sterling Galt, trustee for Ludwig Mouse	Frederick	William Roberts and John Roberts	Frederick	4-7-1832	<u>Frederick</u> JS 40	132	Deed Indenture	Frederick Equity \$5,500.00, 12-24-1829, #1021, George B. Shriner, et al, v. Susan Mouse, et al, JS 9-85 sold is Feb. 1830 (B)

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
								(1) Runnymede 4¼ acres (2) Resurvey on Brothers Agreement - 2 acres (3) Resurvey on Carolina - 109½ acres (4) Resurvey on Brothers Agreement - 13 acres
Samuel Ridinger & Louise C. (wife)	Carroll	William Roberts	Carroll	1-31-1859	GEW 25	95	Deed	\$575 Resurvey on Brothers Agreement, 5½ ad (C)
Clotworthy Birnie & [Hester] ?	Frederick	William Roberts and John Roberts	Frederick	10-14-1833	<u>Frederick</u> JS 43	568	Deed Indenture	35½ acres, \$535, Roses Range alias Runnymede Enlarged on Great Pipe Creek (D)

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John & Catherine A. Roberts (wife)	Carroll	William Roberts	Carroll	4-27-1850	JBB 12	54	Deed Indenture	188 acres, \$3,500.00, ½ interest, refers to 2 deeds (1) 351½ acres (See D) (2) 138 acres (See B) (E)
Margaret & Rogers Birnie, execs. & trustees of C. Birnie	Carroll	William Roberts	Carroll	1-17-1852	JBB 14	113	Deed Indenture	\$645 Runnymede Enlarged 62¼ acres (G)

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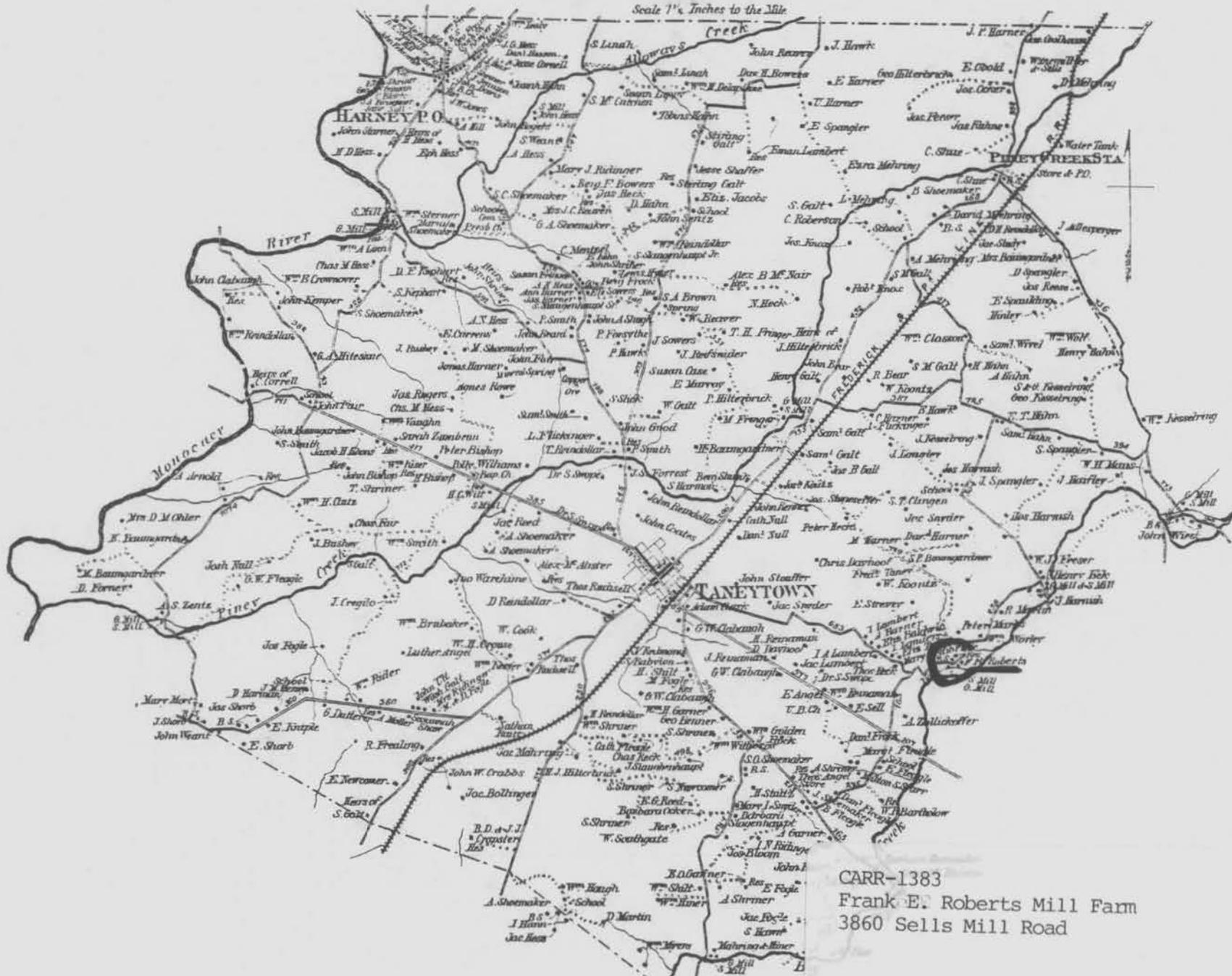
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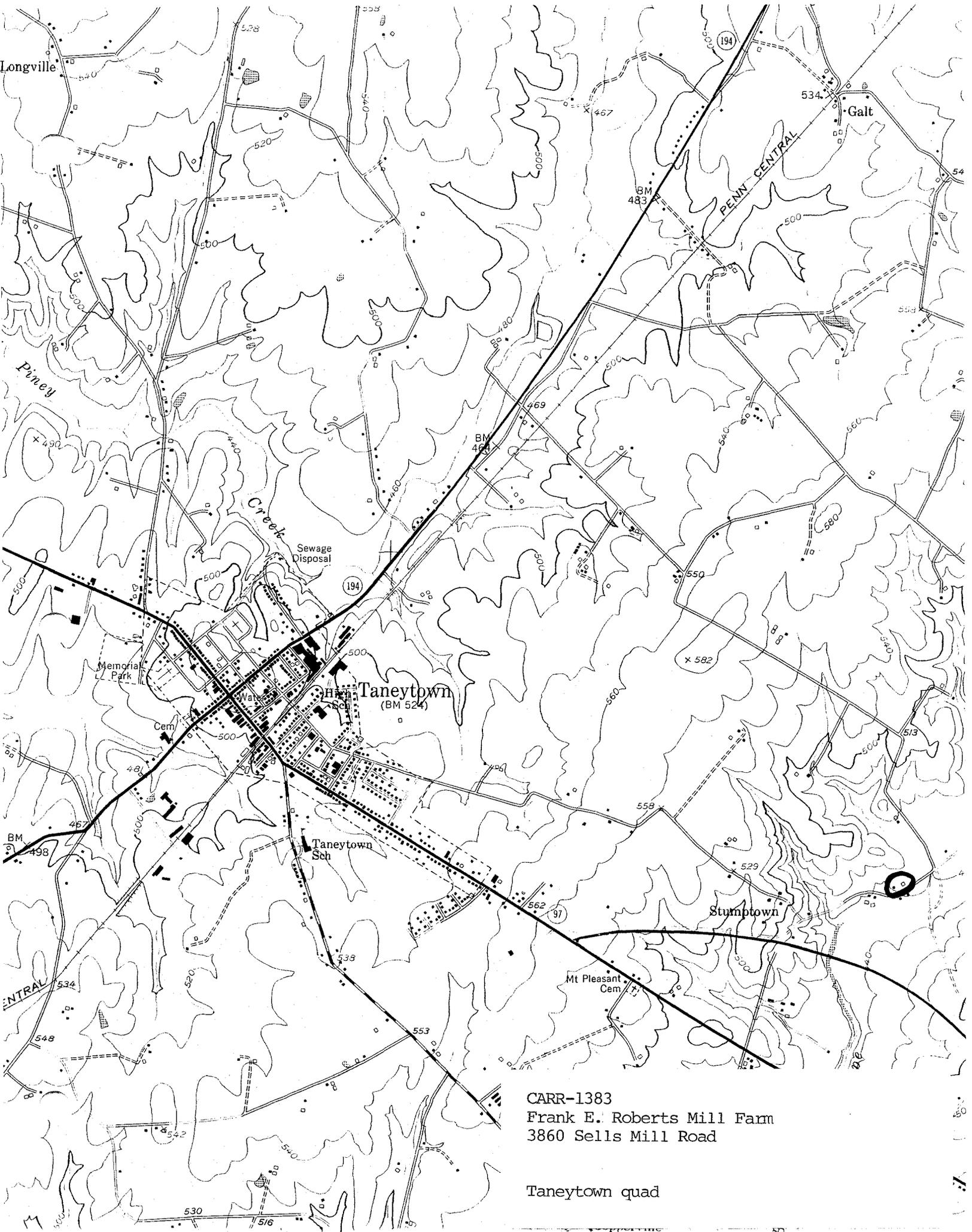
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House - west & south elevations

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