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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Ridinger/Benner Farm Survey Number: CARR-1447
Tax Parcel #: _____

Project: Taneytown No. 1 Loop 138 KV Transmission Line Agency: FERC

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
 None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Ridinger/Benner Farm, located south of Taneytown in rural Carroll County, MD, and consisting of a small farm complex, is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is outside of a potential Taneytown Historic District; however, along with other farmsteads in the vicinity, the property could contribute to a potential rural historic district. At this point, no examination of the area for rural historic district designation has taken place.

The Ridinger/Benner Farm consists of 18-1/2 acres, a mid-19th-century frame farmhouse, a smokehouse, and two historic frame outbuildings. The farmhouse is a banked, three-bay, 2-1/2-story, double-pile frame structure set upon a stone foundation and covered with a low-pitched gable roof. The house is presently sided with asbestos shingles. Originally, a portico with a second-story balcony covered the central bay of the facade; however, both have recently been removed. To the north of the house stands a frame, gable-front garage/wagon house with a side-shed roof addition.

Although the farmhouse is representative of domestic building forms for the period and area, alterations to the facade have compromised its integrity. The property lacks the architectural distinctiveness or integrity to qualify for the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Form

Prepared by: Inventory form prepared by Archaeological and Historical Consultants, June 1995

Kimberly Prothro Williams August 25, 1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
PKuntz 8/27/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; secondary structures; Subsistence/Agriculture/barn,

Known Design Source: _____

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Ridinger/Benner Farm
Ca. 1840-1860
Taneytown vicinity
Private

The Ridinger/Benner Farm is comprised of a mid-nineteenth century frame farmhouse, a smokehouse, and two historic frame outbuildings. The frame farmhouse is a banked, three-bay, two-and-a-half story, double-pile, building standing on a stone foundation. Originally, a portico with second-story balcony covered the central bay of the facade; however, both have recently been removed, leaving only the brick piers and wooden joists of the entry portico. A one-story frame addition runs across the rear of the house; the addition also has a stone foundation. At the northwest corner of the addition is an enclosed entry porch with a shed roof. Off the northwest corner of the entry porch is a one-story, gable-roof frame outbuilding which may have served as a smokehouse. The smokehouse is covered with vertical board siding. To the north of the house stands a frame gable-front garage/wagon house with a side shed roof addition. To the northwest of the house is a large wagonhouse with hinged doors on the gable end facing the house, and two side sheds on the southeast elevation. The building is sided with vertical boards. The Ridinger/Benner Farm does not appear to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places due to the removal of the entry portico and second-story balcony, which were defining features of the structure. This alteration has resulted in the loss of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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Ridinger/Benner Farm
Carroll County, Maryland

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data
Historic Context

Geographic Organization: (3) Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods: (10) Agricultural-Industrial
Transition

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes: (1) Agriculture; (2) Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building(s)

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use: Farmstead

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR1447

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ridinger/Benner Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Trevanion Road and Stonesifer 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 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 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 James A. and Brenda J. Selby

street & number 84 West Green Street telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21878

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse liber 892

street & number N. Court Street folio 128

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

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 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.

The 18 1/2 acre Ridinger/Benner Farm is comprised of a mid-nineteenth century frame farmhouse, a smokehouse, and two historic frame outbuildings. The house faces east, toward Trevanion Road.

The frame farmhouse is a banked, three-bay, two-and-a-half story, double-pile, building standing on a stone foundation. The house is presently sided with asbestos shingles. Originally, a portico with second-story balcony covered the central bay of the facade; however, both have recently been removed. Remnants of the entry portico include brick piers and wooden joists. A one-story frame addition runs across the rear of the house; the addition also has a stone foundation. At the northwest corner of the addition is an enclosed entry porch with a shed roof. Off the northwest corner of the entry porch is a one-story, gable-roof frame outbuilding which may have served as a smokehouse. The smokehouse is covered with vertical board siding.

To the north of the house stands a frame gable-front garage/wagon house with a side shed roof addition. To the northwest of the house is a large wagonhouse with hinged doors on the gable end facing the house, and two side sheds on the southeast elevation. The building is sided with vertical boards.

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR1447

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	NOT APPLICABLE
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 type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Ridinger/Benner Farm consists of a mid-nineteenth century frame farmhouse, a smokehouse, and two historic frame outbuildings. The property, comprised of 18 1/2 acres, has remained the same size since 1868. Although the farmhouse is a characteristic vernacular type for the region, alterations to the facade of the building have created a loss of integrity.

The Ridinger/Benner Farm is part of the land grant, "Resurvey on Brother's Agreement." The farmhouse appears on the 1862 map of Carroll County as the property of Samuel Ridinger (Simon J. Martenet, "Martenet's Map of Carroll County" Baltimore: Simon J. Martenet, 1862). Ridinger had purchased the tract (then 52 acres, 2 roods, and 34 square perches) from John and Joseph Witherow in 1859 (Carroll County Land Record Book 25: 201). [The Witherows had purchased a farm of approximately 111 acres from Andrew G. and Margaret Ege in 1851 which included the 52 acre parcel. (CCLRB 12: 263).]

Samuel Ridinger sold an 18 1/2 acre and 12 square perch tract (the present size of the property) of the larger parcel to George Benner in 1868 (CCLRB 36: 32). Benner appears as the owner of a house at this location on the 1877 map (Illustrated Map of Carroll County (Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877). Benner held onto the property until 1898 when he sold it to Kate M. McLane (CCLRB 87: 433). The farm changed hands five times between 1898 and 1985 when the present owners purchased the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR1447

See Narrative Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 18.476 acres

Quadrangle name Taneytown, MD

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Not Applicable

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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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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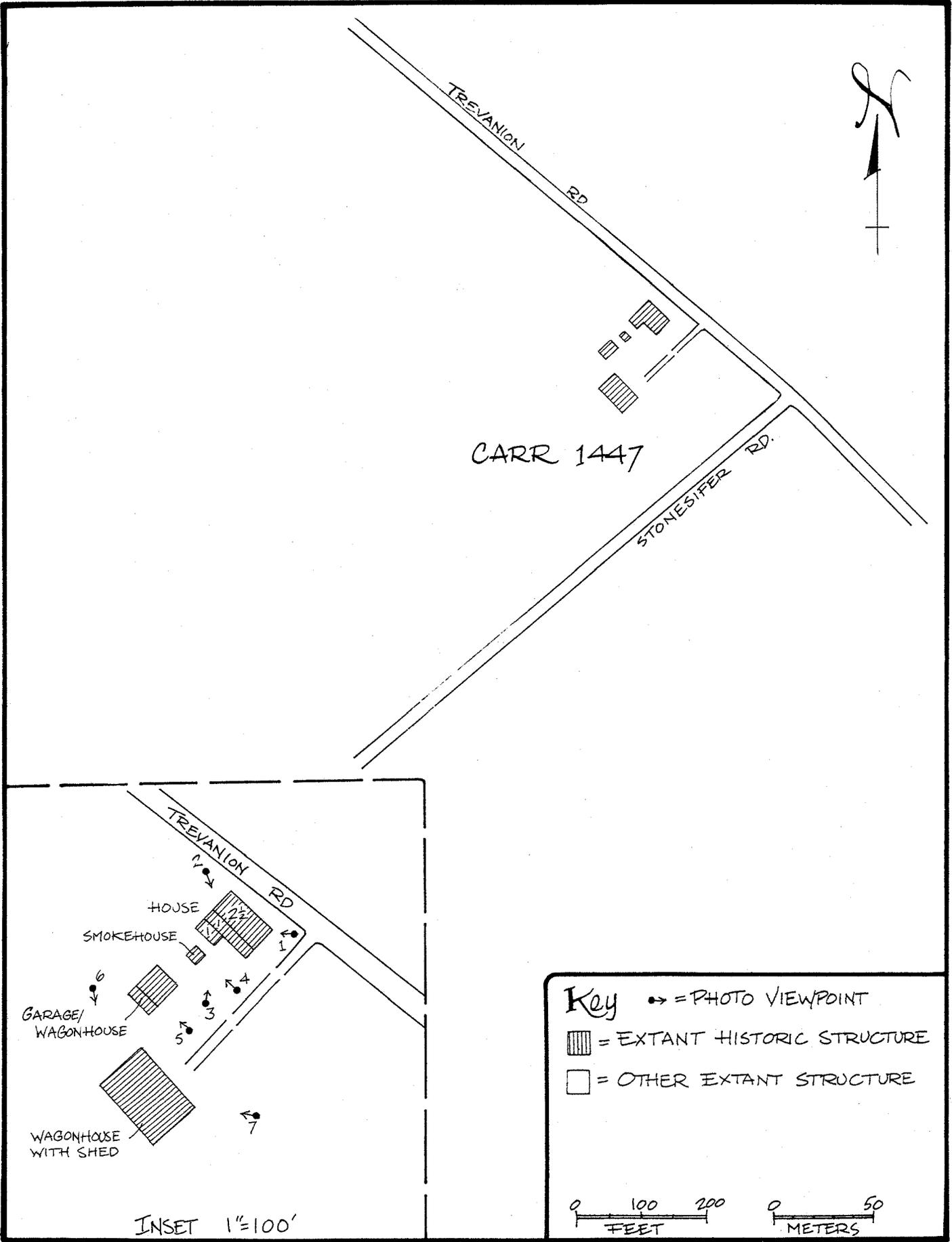
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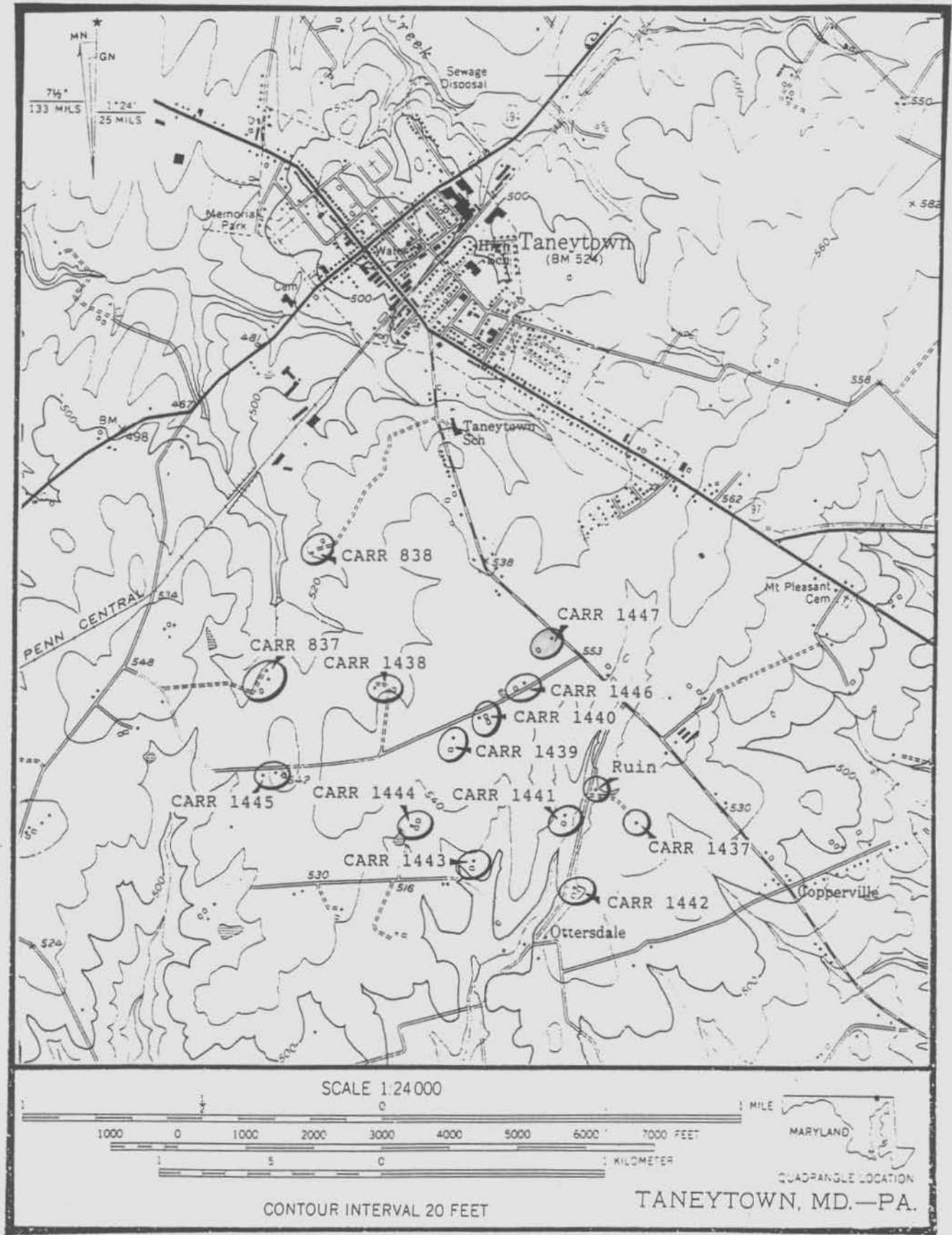
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house - southeast & northeast elevations



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house - northeast & northwest elevations



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house - southwest & southeast elevations



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Smoke house - Southwest & Southeast elevations



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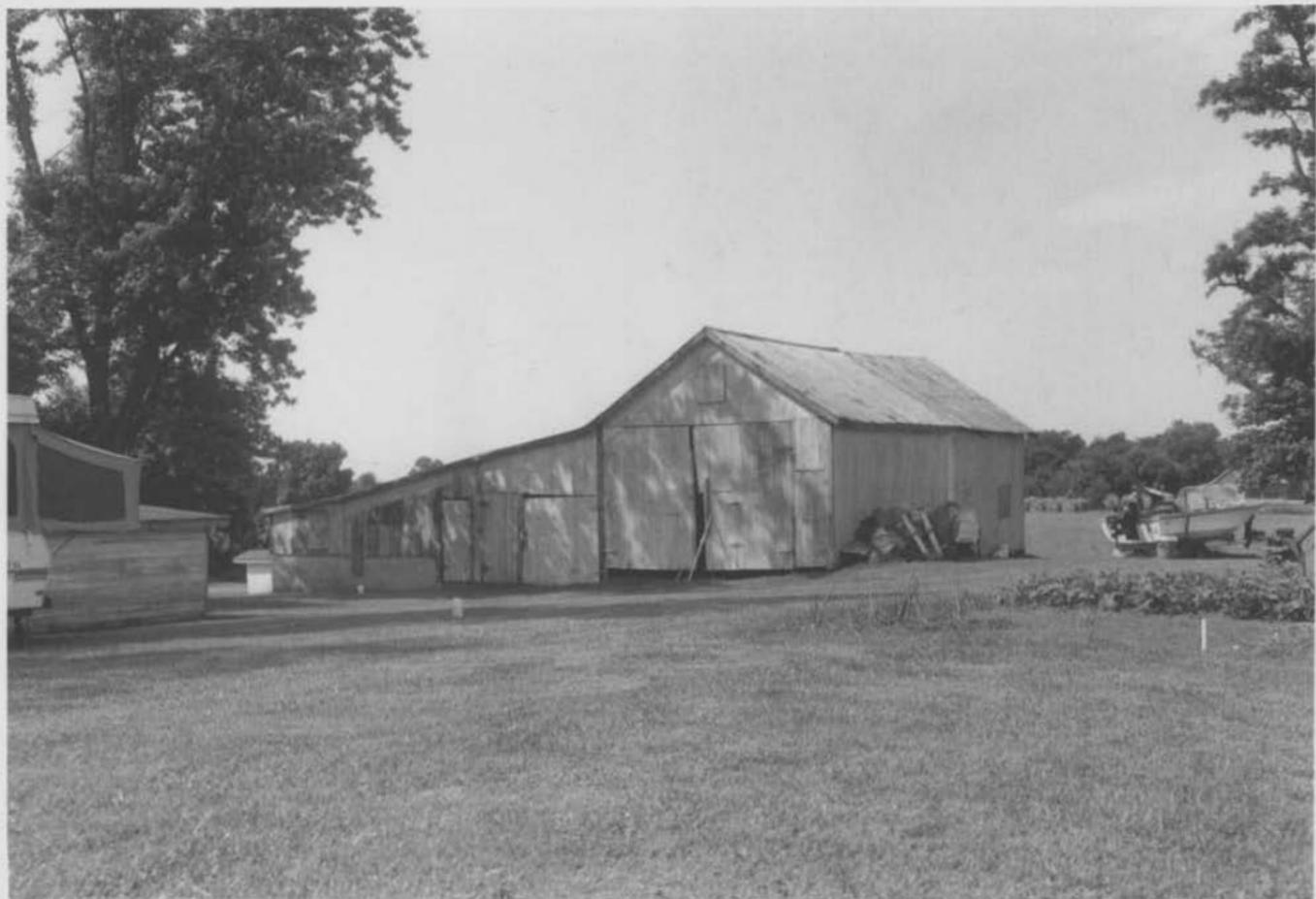
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garage / wagonhouse - southeast & northeast elevations



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wagonhouse with shed - north west & northeast elevations



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Wagonhouse with shed - southeast & northeast elevations

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