

CARR-1450
John Dorsey Farm
Gaither (vicinity)

c. 1915

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Dorsey Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6271 Old Washington Road not for publication

city, town Sykesville vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Anne Schuler

street & number 6271 Old Washington Road telephone no.: 795-1471

city, town Sykesville state and zip code MD 21784

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

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

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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.

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Contributing Resources: 3

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The northeast elevation has two four-light casements in the foundation. The first story has four 1/1 sash set in two pairs, one in each end. The second story is identical to the first. There is a dormer on the roof identical to the northwest elevation. The southeast elevation has a one-story, three-bay porch, 2½ bays of which are enclosed. The porch has square boxed posts on brick piers and a half-hip roof. The east end of the porch has an original five-lying-panel door that leads to the house. The second story of the southeast elevation has three 1/1 sash and a five-lying-panel door set between the south and south-center bays. There is a railing along the top of the south end of the porch. The roof contains a typical dormer. The southwest elevation has a four-light casement in the west bay of the foundation. The south bay has hurricane doors. Just west of these is a low stone foundation with concrete on top and a four-light casement on the southwest. The first and second stories have four 1/1 sash, like on the northeast elevation, and the roof has a typical dormer.

About 200 feet northeast of the house is a bank barn with a forebay that faces southeast. The southeast elevation lower story has horizontal beaded-edge-and-center boards. The doors have beaded-edge-and-center vertical boards. They are dutch doors hung on machine-cut strap hinges, while the windows in this story have 6/6 sash. The lower story has, from south to east, a door, a window, a door, a window, two doors, a window, a door, a window, and a door. There is a stone wall on the east end underneath the forebay and a steel post at the south corner of the bay. The upper story has vertical-board siding. There are three vents to the south, then a vertical board door on rollers, two more vents, another door, and three vents to the east. The barn has a gable roof with diamond-pattern asphalt shingles and four lightning rods. The southwest elevation lower story has vertical-board siding, with an opening, a 6/6 sash, a typical dutch door, and another 6/6 sash. The upper story has three vents. The gable end vent has been closed up, but retains a pediment above the opening with dentils and a drop pendant. The northwest elevation lower story has an addition on the north side. The west side of the ramp has a stone wall. The west side of the barn has a 4/4 sash. Each sash is set on its side. The upper story also has an addition on the north side. The southwest elevation of this addition has a doorway. The barn has two pair of wagon doors on rollers in the center of the northwest elevation, then two vents with window openings in the bottom of them, to the west. The northeast elevation has two 4/4 sash set on their sides in the lower story. The upper story also has three vents. The gable end has two vents, and there is an opening in the peak with the same pediment as found on the southwest elevation.

The lower story of the barn has three summer beams with five posts under each and block capitals on top of the posts beneath the summer beam. The posts are mortised and tenoned and pegged into the blocks. The blocks have chamfered corners, and the summer beams have half-lap scarfs that are pegged. All of the timber is circular sawn. The joists

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run northwest to southeast from the northwest wall to the northwest summer beam, then from the northwest summer to the southeast summer, and finally, separately, from the southeast summer to the forebay. Several of the joists are only of two pieces, with a half-lap scarf and two pegs at the center summer beam. The southeast wall is frame, set on a low concrete foundation. The southwest wall is frame on a low stone foundation. The upper story has two center threshing floors and a hay mow on each end. There is a granary in the west corner. The barn has five circular-sawn bents that are mortised and tenoned and pegged. Each bent has five posts. The bents have a Queen post truss supporting the roof. The top girt connecting the Queen post truss has through-tenons with wedges. The center girt has metal straps fastening it to the posts, as well as pegged joints. The rafters are approximately 2 x 4's that are mitered at the ridge, and there is a hay track. The barn is slated for demolition.

About 25 feet northeast of the barn is a hog pen. It has a concrete foundation, vertical-board siding with some aluminum on the southeast, and a gable roof with a northeast to southwest ridge. It has inverted V-seam roofing. The southeast elevation has three low openings, and has concrete pens on the exterior. The southwest elevation has a vertical-board door on machine-cut strap hinges set to the west, and a small door set to the south. There is an opening in the gable end. The northwest elevation has no openings. The northeast elevation lower story is the same as the southwest elevation. There is no opening in the gable end. The hog pen has a circular-sawn, mortised-and-tenoned-and-pegged, heavy-timber, braced frame. There is an aisle along the northwest side with two pens on the southeast. This arrangement has been altered. There are stairs along the northeast end to the upper story. The rafters are 2 x 4's that are circular sawn and mitered at the ridge.

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1450

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 c. 1915 **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.

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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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1450

1862, 1877, 1917 maps

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property c. 1915

Quadrangle name Winfield

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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city or town Westminster

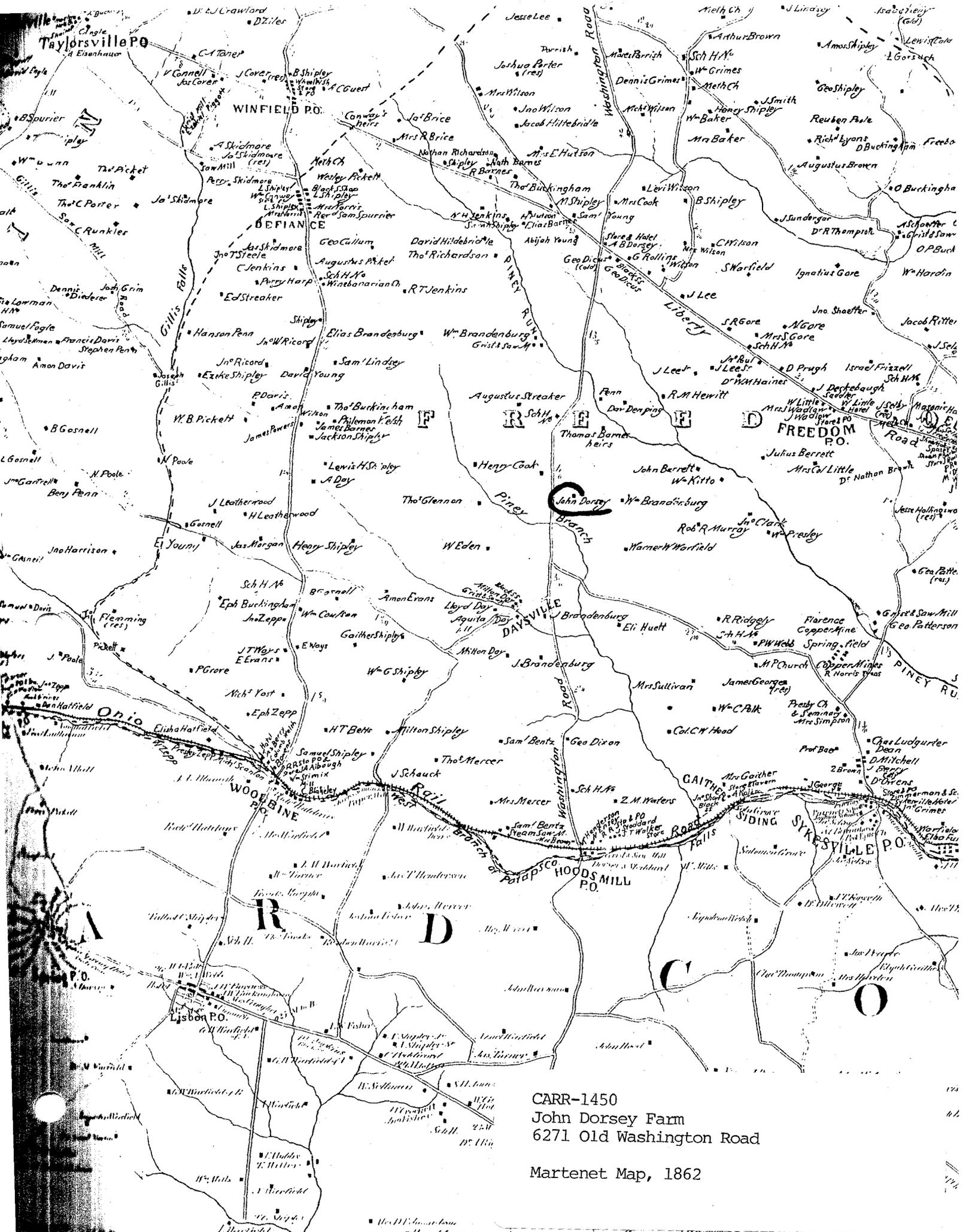
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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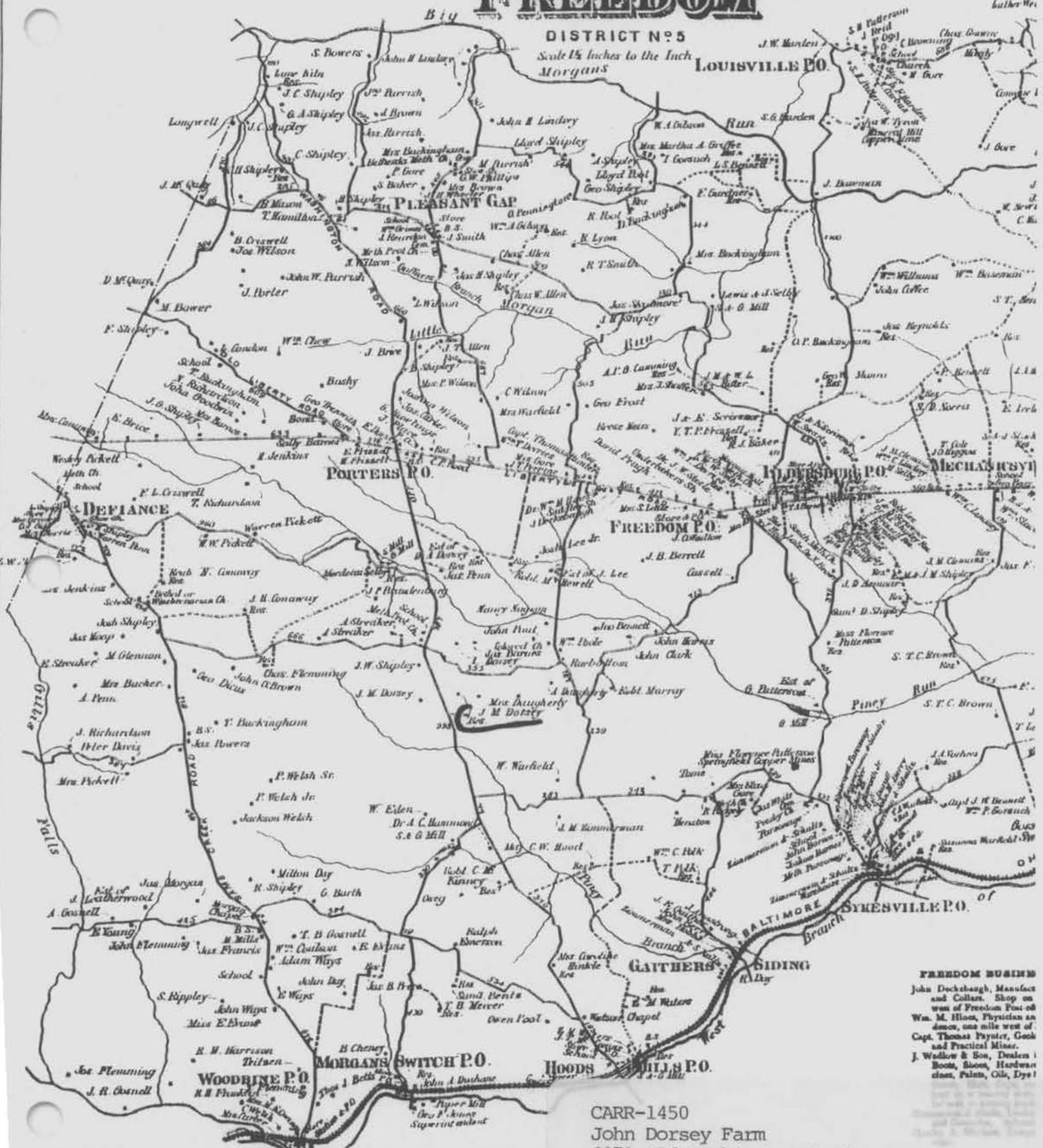
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John Dorsey Farm
6271 Old Washington Road
Martenet Map, 1862

FREEDOM

DISTRICT N^o 5

Scale 1 1/2 Inches to the Inch

LOUISVILLE P.O.



FREEDOM BUSINESS
John Deckerbaugh, Manufacturer and Callan, Shop on west of Freedom Post of Wm. M. Hines, Physician an dancer, one mile west of Capt. Thomas Paynter, Cook and Practical Miner. J. Wadlow & Son, Dealers in Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Glass, Paints, Oils, Dye!

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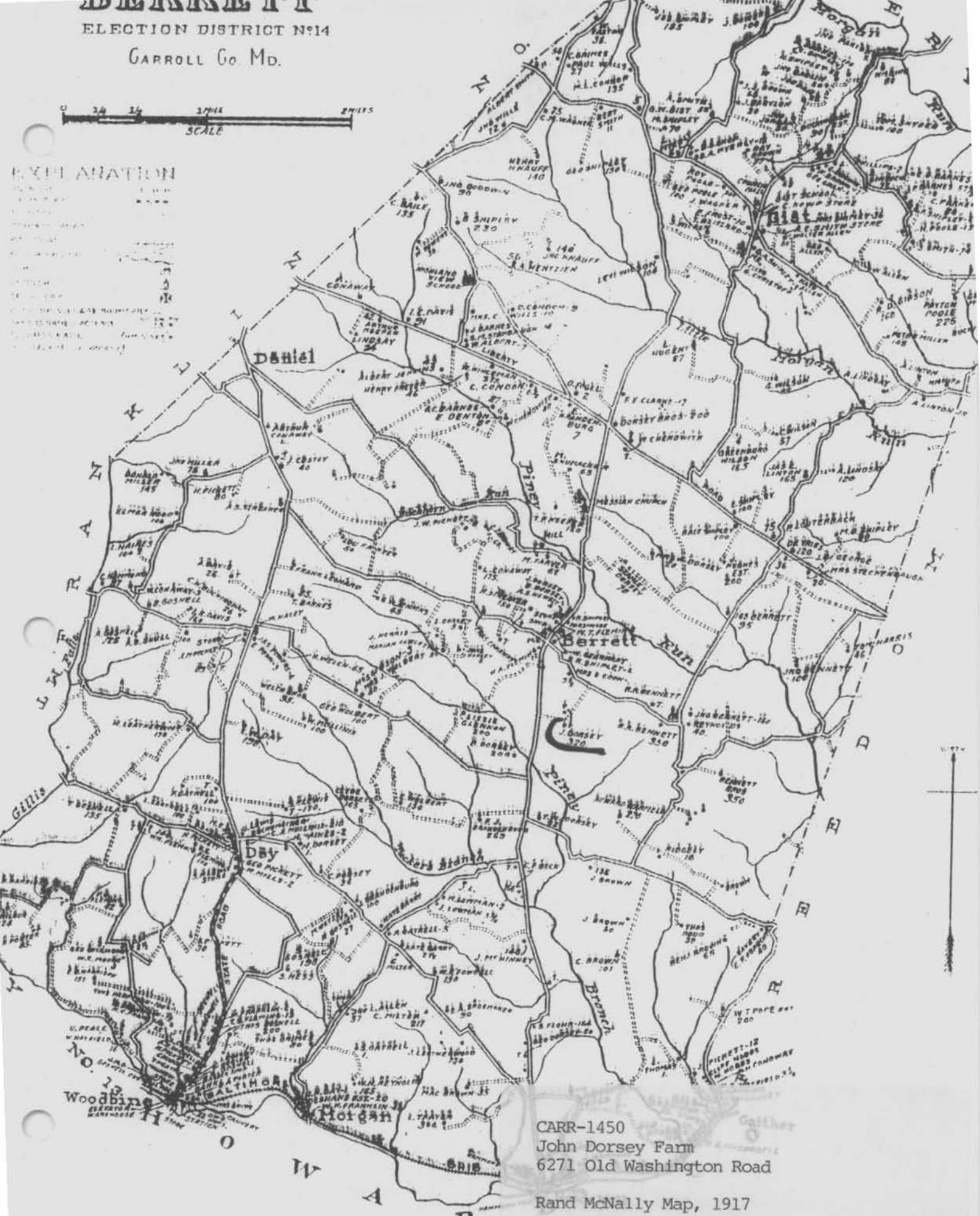
Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877

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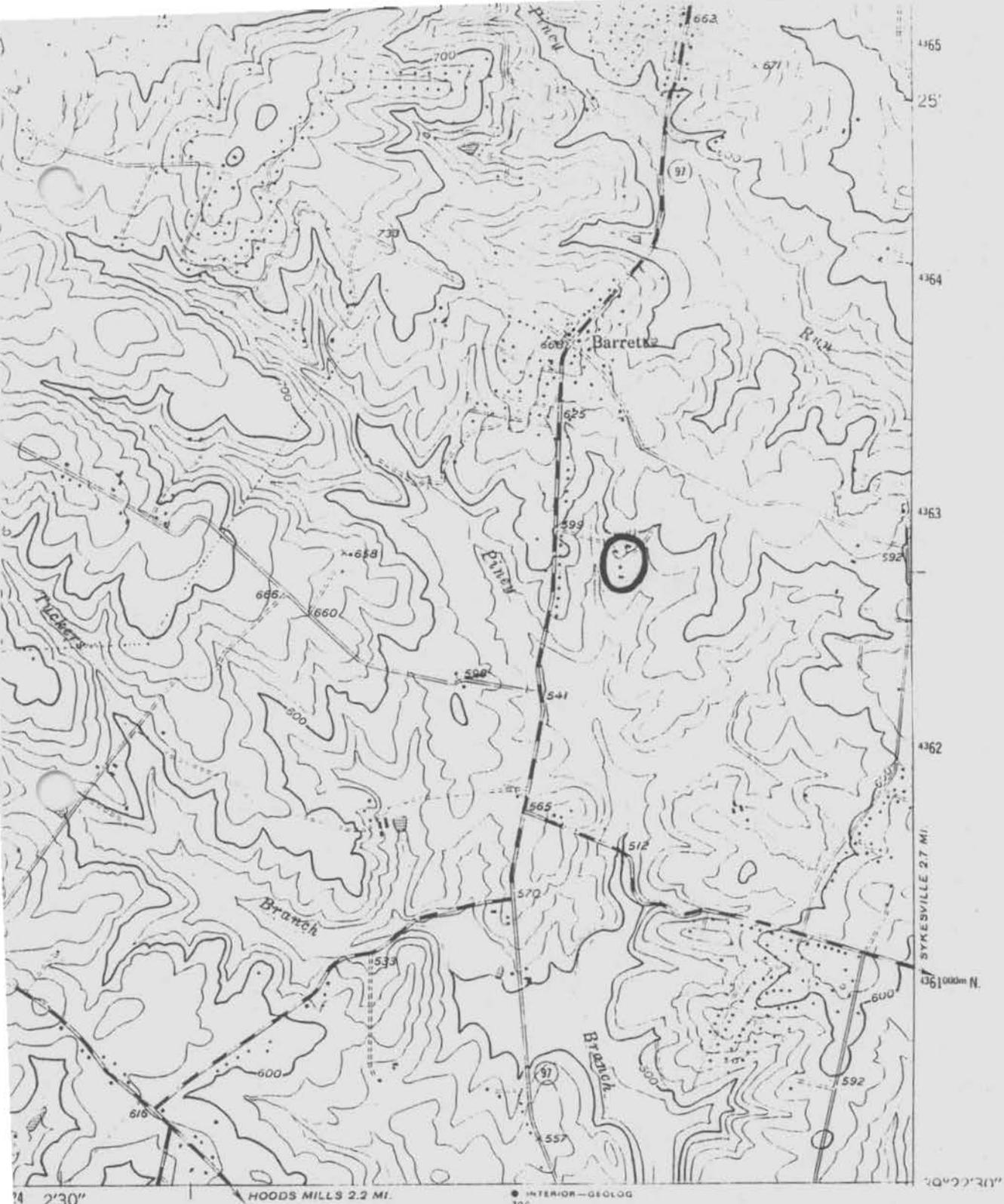


EXPLANATION

- 1. HIGHWAYS
- 2. RAILROADS
- 3. CANALS
- 4. STREAMS
- 5. LAKES
- 6. SWAMPY LANDS
- 7. UNIMPROVED LANDS
- 8. CULTIVATED LANDS
- 9. WOODLANDS
- 10. PASTURE
- 11. FIELDS
- 12. HOUSES
- 13. CHURCHES
- 14. SCHOOLS
- 15. MILLS
- 16. STORES
- 17. BARNS
- 18. FENCES
- 19. BOUNDARIES
- 20. TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES
- 21. COUNTY BOUNDARIES
- 22. STATE BOUNDARIES
- 23. WATER COURSE
- 24. WATER FALL
- 25. WATER GAP
- 26. WATER RAMP
- 27. WATER WEIR
- 28. WATER DAM
- 29. WATER LOCK
- 30. WATER MILL
- 31. WATER WHEEL
- 32. WATER TURBINE
- 33. WATER ENGINE
- 34. WATER PUMP
- 35. WATER MOTOR
- 36. WATER WHEEL
- 37. WATER TURBINE
- 38. WATER ENGINE
- 39. WATER PUMP
- 40. WATER MOTOR



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John Dorsey Farm
6271 Old Washington Road
Rand McNally Map, 1917



2'30" HOODS MILLS 2.2 MI.

● INTERIOR—GEOLOG 326

30°22'30"

MILE ROAD
 HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATH
 Heavy-duty ———— + 1.4
 Medium-duty — — — — + 1.4
 Loose-surface, graded,
 □ U. S. Rout

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 John Dorsey Farm
 6271 Old Washington Road
 Winfield quad



WINFIELD, MD.
 NE/4 MOUNT AIRY 15' QUADRANGLE
 N3922.5—W7700/7.5

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Boundary lines shown in purple compiled from latest information available from the controlling authority

EDITION OF 1950
 PHOTOREVISED 1979
 AMS 5562 I NE—SERIES V833



John Dorsey Farm
6271 Old Washington Rd.
Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Date: June 1995

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
house - NE & NW elevs

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CARE-1450

John Dorsey Farm
6271 Old Washington Rd.
Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Matt Hankins

Date: January 1995

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
barn - SW; SE elevs.

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6271 Old Washington Rd.
Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Matt Hankins

Date: January 1995

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
barn-NE & NW elevs.

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CARE-1450

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barn - upper story bent

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