

CARR-42

London Bridge Road, Gamber

Summary:

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. Carr 0042

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name) The Gorsuch Property

historic The Gorsuch Property

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4430 London Bridge Road not for publicationcity, town Gamber vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources

street & number Tawes State Office Building telephone no.: (410) 260-8186

city, town Annapolis state and zip code Maryland 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 757

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio 167

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" 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 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.

SEE ATTACHED

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 |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input 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 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.

SEE ATTACHED

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 11.5868 A.

Quadrangle name Finksburg

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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| | 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 Planner

organization Carroll County Planning & Develop. date May 17, 1999

street & number 225 North Center Street telephone (401) 386-2145

city or town Westminster state Maryland

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CROWN POINT, MD 21032-2023
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Description

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The Gorsuch Property is on London Bridge Road just south of Morgan Run. It is located on the west side of the road where the road turns to the west and the house faces south toward the road. It was recently burned and is scheduled for demolition. There is a banked 2-story log structure with v-notch corners, it is three bays x one bay and has gable roof of asphalt shingles with an east/west ridge. There is a porch added to the front and a wing on the rear that is a frame.

The south elevation foundation has a doorway in the west bay, the first story has center doorway with a window to each side, all of the doors and windows have been replaced. The second story has two new 1/1 sash with no opening in the center bay, there is a wood box cornice. The east elevation has no openings in the first or second story, the gable end has an interior brick chimney. The opening in the gable end was probably cut by the fireman fighting the fire. The west elevation has a new wide opening on the first story and a new window opening on the second story and gable end. On the north elevation the first story appears to have originally had a center door and window to each side. The two windows were converted to doors and the door was blocked off and converted to a shelf. The second story has a new 1/1 sash in both end bays. The wing has been substantially destroyed by the fire.

The cellar has a dirt floor and a stone chimney support on the east elevation, there is a window opening in the center of the south elevation. The first story has entirely new flooring and framing of 2x4's with plywood. On the first story there is a fireplace on the east elevation that is covered with z- brick. The walls have paneling with no other finishes beneath it. There is a rebuilt winder stair that is made of plywood. There is no original trim and most everything here has been heavily burned. The second story has circular sawn lath that appears to be fastened with wire nails and is covered with early twentieth century plaster. The room arrangement has been greatly altered. The winder stair in the southeast corner appears to be original but has been burned through. The attic is finished where it is visible but is not accessible as the stairs have been damaged.

About 100' southeast of the house between the road and the stream is a spring house of rubble stone. The stone is set with the ends on the interior and exterior making each stone stick out strangely from the wall, these is an unusual construction technique. It has a shed roof that slopes down to the east, it is constructed with wire nails and is very deteriorated. There is a four panel door on the west elevation and a window opening on the north elevation. The interior of the building is plastered.

Significance

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Lot 7, also 102 ½ acres, was purchased for \$10 by Lovelace Gorsuch. Six years later he sold the entire tract to William H. Shipley for \$900. The low price just under \$9 and acre, suggests that little had been done to the land. In 1852, by act of the Maryland Legislature, William Shipley changed his name to William H. Gorsuch. The following year he sold lot 7 to John W. Gorsuch for \$600 and seven years later John W. sold it to Rachel Ann B. Gorsuch, the wife of Lovelace, for the same price. They in turn sold to John W. Hartzell of Baltimore City in 1878. While the 1862 map indicates the property, the 1877 map does not. Hartzell did not own the property long, selling 21 acres to Eliza A. Gorsuch, the widow of Nathan Gorsuch, in 1881 for only \$5. She in turn sold it to her daughter, Ella L. Murphy, for \$300 in 1910, and the Murphys lost the property at a Sheriff's sale in 1916. The property continued to bounce around among owners, and again was not shown on the 1917 map.

This convoluted history suggests that the Gorsuch property was, for much of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, a rental property. The log house probably dates to the time when Lovelace Gorsuch acquired the land, c. 1845, though it could date twenty years earlier or later. Unfortunately, renovation of the building some years ago left little historic fabric inside the log shell. A recent fire actually revealed more of the fabric than it damaged, but there is nothing much to date the building accurately. Now owned by the Department of Natural Resources and used as a rental property, it is expected that the house will be torn down shortly.

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Periods:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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Significance

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Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture, Architecture

Resource Type:
Small Family Farm, Rural Vernacular

1. STATE
 COUNTY *Carroll*
 TOWN
 VICINITY
 STREET NO. *London Bridge Road*

ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE
 PRESENT OWNER
 PRESENT USE
 WALL CONSTRUCTION
 NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 INVENTORY *CARR-42*

2. NAME *Ballinger Log house*

DATE OR PERIOD
 STYLE
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

*on line, line is surveyed * woods cut - narrow strip.*
sold out
near park woods & stream
house in good condition, remodeled.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
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DATE OF RECORD

PHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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| 1. STATE <i>Md.</i> COUNTY <i>Carroll</i> TOWN _____ VICINITY <i>Gambier</i> STREET NO. _____ ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE <i>dwelling</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION <i>log</i> NO. OF STORIES <i>2</i> | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY | |
| | 2. NAME <i>Bellinger Farm</i> DATE OR PERIOD _____ STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____ | 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____ |

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

mid to
 a late 19th century farmhouse of
 no particular merit at this time.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior *V. good*

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

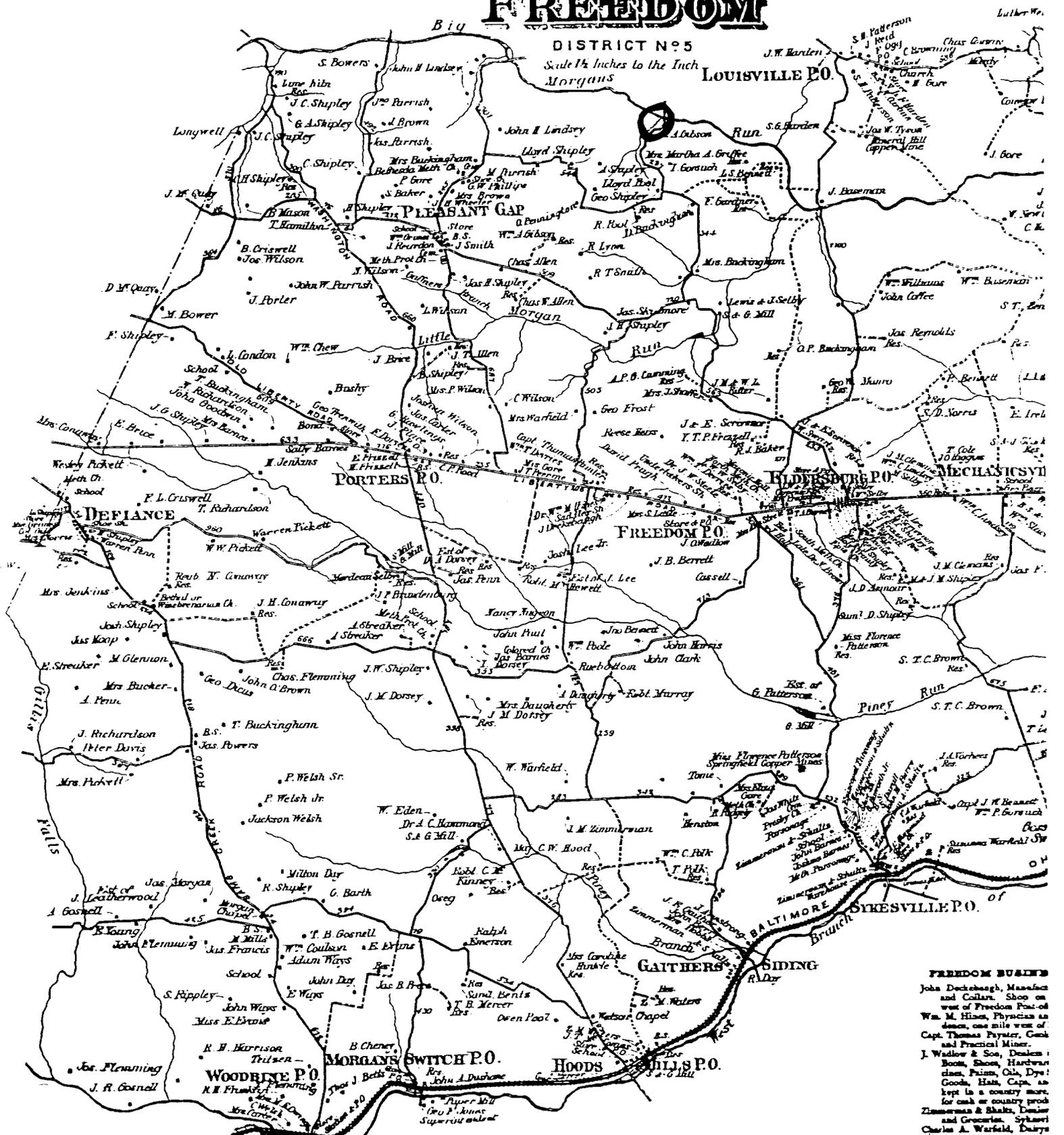
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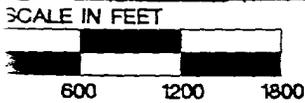
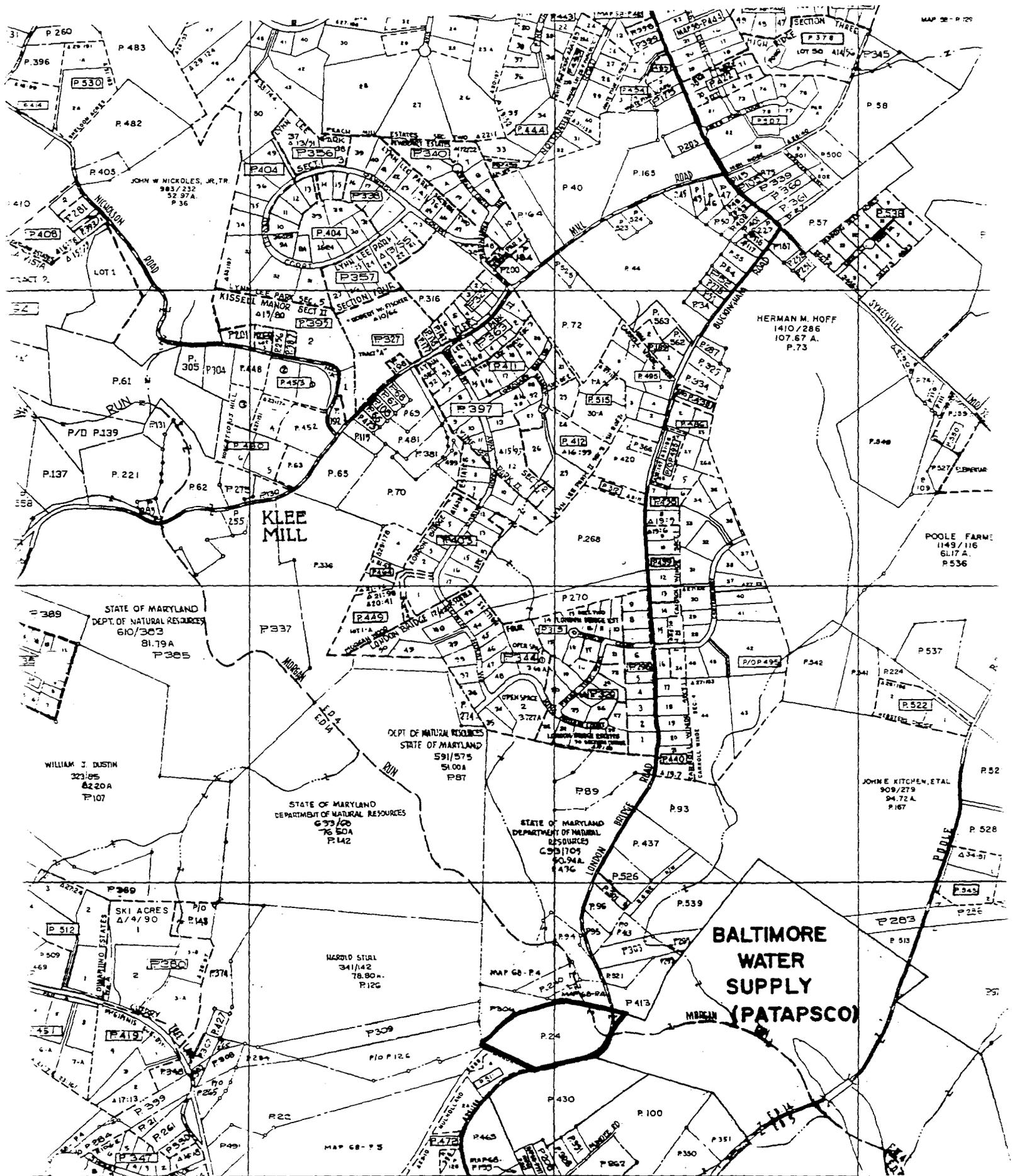
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FREEDOM



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 Wm. M. Hines, Physician on descent, one mile west of Capt. Thomas Pyster, Cook and Practical Miner.
 J. Wadlow & Son, Dealers in Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Glass, Paints, Oils, Dye, Goods, Hats, Caps. As kept in a country store, for cash or country produce.
 Zimmerman & Shultz, Dealer and Groceries. Sylvania Charles A. Warfield, Dairy

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 The Gorsuch Property
 London Bridge Rd. Gamber, Md.
 Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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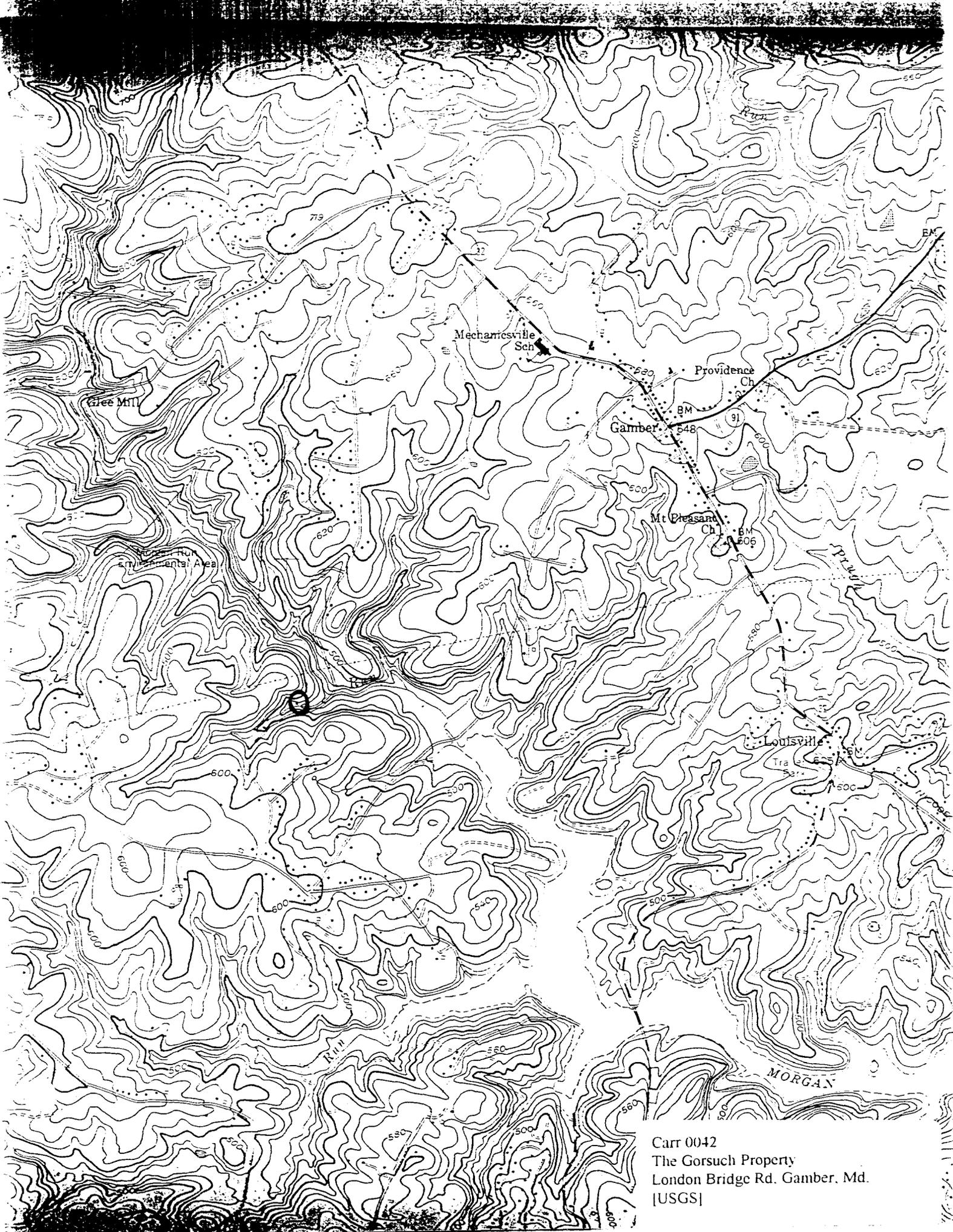
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 PROPERTY MAPPING SECTION

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| PROPERTY LINE | SECTION BOUNDARY | CELESTIAL BOUNDARY |
| PARCEL BOUNDARY - PAID | PARCEL BOUNDARY - PAID | PARCEL BOUNDARY - PAID |
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 The Gorsuch Property
 London Bridge Rd. Gamber. Md.
 Assessments & Taxation Map parcel



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The Gorsuch Property
London Bridge Rd. Gamber, Md.
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THE GORSUCH PROPERTY
LONDON BRIDGE ROAD
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
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MPS No. 6 X218 21** N N N-B-042

DATE: JUNE 1998
NEG. LOC: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
SPRINGHOUSE - NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS

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THE GORSUCH PROPERTY
LONDON BRIDGE ROAD

CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

PHOTO: KENNETH M. SHORT

MPS No. 5 X218 21** N N N-B-022

DATE: JUNE 1998

NEG. LOC: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
HOUSE - SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS

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BELLINGER PROPERTY

CARROLL COUNTY, MD

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FIRE DAMAGE, NORTH FACADE

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INTERIOR, FACING NORTH, 1ST FLOOR

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DETAIL OF LOG CONSTRUCTION, EXTERIOR

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SOUTHWEST FACADE

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