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Amon Shipley Farm, ruin (Gist Farm, Stull Farm)

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Amon Shipley Farm
Gist (vicinity)

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1. STATE <i>Md</i> COUNTY <i>Carroll</i> TOWN STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE <i>dwelling</i> <i>Stull</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION <i>frame</i> NO. OF STORIES <i>2</i>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME <i>STOLL FARM</i> DATE OR PERIOD <i>19th</i> STYLE <i>late</i> <i>Vic.</i> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <i>A very late Victorian house of no particular merit at this time.</i>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		7. PHOTOGRAPH <i>McRivort</i> <i>MHT 12/70</i> DATE OF RECORD	

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Amon Shipley Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Cherry Tree Lane ___ not for publicationcity, town Gist ___X___ vicinity of ___ congressional districtstate Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___X___ building(s)	___X___ private	___X___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___X___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___X___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___X___ other: abandoned

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

name Harold Stullstreet & number 4529 Cherry Tree Lane telephone no.:city, town Sykesville state and zip code MD 21784

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 341street & number 55 North Court Street folio 142city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☒ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: The Amon Shipley Farm is located on the north side of Cherry Tree Lane, approximately 3½ miles northwest of Eldersburg. The house is set well back from the road, in the middle of a low ridge that slopes to the east, toward a small stream. The house, which is vacant and collapsing, faces east. The outbuildings have disappeared. The house is a two-story, four-bay by one-bay log structure built in two stages. Both sections are built on a rubble stone foundation and have a gable roof with standing seam metal covering and north-south running ridge. They also have a box cornice. The south half was apparently built first, and is of V-notched log. The northern two-bay section has notched corner posts on the south that butt up against the original building. German siding survives on the east elevation, and it covers the break between the two sections, indicating that it was added after the north section was built. There is a stone chimney on the north end of the south section, and an interior brick chimney on the north end of the north section.

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The east elevation of the southern section has two window openings in the second story and one in the south bay of the first story. The north bay has a door opening. This window and door have an architrave trim that appears to have an ogee moulding along the outside edge and a beaded interior edge. The north section has two window openings in the second story and one in the south bay of the first story. They have a flat,

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

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: Amon Shipley assembled a large farm in south central Carroll County in the 1840's by purchasing 138 acres in 1841 and another 150 acres eight years later. The low cost of the first purchase, only \$356, suggests that the land was unimproved. The second purchase was for \$1200. The large sum might reflect either improvements to that parcel or better quality land. By 1876, the two tracts had been consolidated into one 160-acre parcel worth \$1120. The log dwelling had to have been completed by this time, but its value of only \$200 suggests that it was in rather poor condition. The assessor's description of it as a log dwelling suggests the possibility that it had not yet been covered with the German siding. There was also a log barn and shed on the property worth \$150 and a tobacco house worth \$75. Shipley died in 1885 at age 81, and was buried in the Bethesda M.E. Church cemetery. In his will he left his land and property to his wife, Mary, until she died.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Historic Period: Agriculture, Architecture

Resource Types: Small Family Farmstead, Rural Vernacular

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records
Tax Assessments, 1852, 1866, 1876, 1876-96, 1896-1910, 1862 & 1877 maps
Amon Shipley Will, JOW 5-447, and inventory JOW 13-91
Democratic Advocate 4 November 1893, p. 3, c. 7

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 78.89Quadrangle name FinksburgQuadrangle 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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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plain architrave trim. There is a one-story, shed roof porch across all four bays, although the southern portion has collapsed. The roof of the porch is covered with corrugated metal. The northern third of the porch is enclosed with German siding, has a 6/6 sash on the east elevation, and a new flush door in the south elevation. The north elevation of the enclosed porch has a vertical board door with a later opening cut in it. The porch is built of sawn lumber. Stairs were attached to the porch at the south bay of the north section. Some German siding survives on the east elevation, and it covers the break between the two sections, indicating that it was added after the north section was built. The logs under the porch are white-washed and appear to have always been left exposed. There is a stone chimney on the north end of the south section, and an interior brick chimney on the north end of the north section.

The southwest corner of the south section has collapsed and is leaning badly. The south elevation appears to have had one window in the center of the first story, no openings on the second, and two small openings in the gable end. The gable end is built of vertical studs covered by German siding. The north elevation of the north section has a cellar entrance in the east bay. Stone cheek walls and steps are all that survive. It could not be determined if there is a cellar under the southern section. There are no other openings on the north elevation. The west elevation has two window openings on both the north and south sections of the second story. The first story of the southern section has collapsed. The northern section had a center door flanked by a window opening on each side of the first story. It retains whitewash on the exterior as well as evidence of the later German siding, suggesting that the logs of the addition were exposed for some time before the house was sided.

The southern half of the Amon Shipley house appears to have been a single pen, with a winder stair in the northwest corner and a stone fireplace centered on the north wall. The mantel is now missing and the fireplace has probably been rebuilt. This room has sawn lath and thus may have undergone alterations to create a single pen plan from several original rooms. The second story appears to have had one large room on the east and two rooms on the west. The northwest room contained the window stair, of course. There was apparently no fireplace on this story. The northern half of the house appears to be one large room, although evidence of partitions may be scant since the floor has collapsed into the cellar. The east wall has a center door with a window on each side, and a peg rail attached high on the wall. The north wall has a large fireplace with a surviving wood mantel. The mantel has pilasters on each side, a panelled frieze, and a scotia bed mould with a wood shelf above. The interior of the appears to be plastered. In the northeast corner of the room is a winder stair, with a closet underneath it. The second story appears to have been divided into four equal rooms, with the stairs in the northeast corner, and with no fireplaces.

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About 100 feet northwest of the house is a stone foundation, although primarily only the west wall survives. It is narrow and could only have supported a small structure and small load. Over 500 feet east of the house is the foundation of a bank barn. It has stone walls on the north and east, and rubble on the south. The ramp, and a stone cheek wall on the south side of the ramp, remain on the east side of the east wall. There was one opening in the east wall, on each side of the ramp, and one on the north elevation. Judging from the probable pockets in the north wall, the barn had two summer beams. Some plaster remains on the interior of the stone wall. The forebay apparently faced west, toward the stream and the house beyond. The dirt road from Cherry Tree Lane winds along south of both the house and barn foundation.

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Significance (continued)

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now only 120 acres, and was worth \$720. Now his livestock was worth \$334 and he had a carriage valued at \$45.

By 1876, the two tracts had been consolidated into one 160-acre parcel worth \$1120. The log dwelling had to have been completed by this time, but its value of only \$200 suggests that it was in rather poor condition. The assessor's description of it as a log dwelling suggests the possibility that it had not yet been covered with the German siding. There was also a log barn and shed on the property worth \$150 and a tobacco house worth \$75. If Shipley was primarily a tobacco farmer, this might explain the low valuation of the buildings and land. This assumes that trends well documented in the Tidewater region in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries continued in the nineteenth century Piedmont. There seems to be no economic history of tobacco farming in the nineteenth century. Shipley also had a 40-acre tract that he had sold in 1869 and apparently bought back a few years later. The land was worth only \$280, but had a frame dwelling worth \$150, and a small bank barn valued at \$200, and surely was a tenant farm. On his home farm were four horses, four cows, fifteen sheep, and ten hogs, valued at \$320. His farm implements were worth another \$100. Thus he seems to have had a rather typically-sized farm, though his dwelling and furniture (now worth \$75) were rather below average. The number of acres he owned, on the other hand, was above the average for late- nineteenth-century Carroll County.

Shipley died in 1885 at age 81, and was buried in the Bethesda M.E. Church (CARR-1014) cemetery just west of his land, on Klees Mill Road. In his will he left his land and property to his wife, Mary, until she died, then it was to be split between his children. (Mary A. Shipley died in 1893 at age 70 and was buried next to Amon.) The inventory taken when he died shows that Amon had two mares, a colt, a steer, seven sheep, five lambs, two hogs and six bee hives. His farm tools included the usual wheel barrow, grind stove, ladder, wind mill, harness, two wood carriages, a hay carriage, a two-horse wagon, a four-horse wagon, a reaper, two plows, three shovel plows, harrow, drag, manure spreader, shovels, rakes, halters, chains, saws, barrels, and tubs. The house had two clocks, three tables, cupboard, fifteen chairs, two looking glasses, a cooking stove, a ten-plate stove, four benches, dishes and glassware, a chest, a bureau, several stands, carpeting and an oil cloth on the floors, and one bed with bedding. Most houses had many beds. Presumably Shipley's children had moved away and perhaps taken the beds with them.

After Mary Shipley's death in 1893 the farm was advertised for sale. At that time the public road was known as "Pool Road", not Cherry Tree Lane. The farm was described as being ". . . improved by a large 2-story Dwelling House, bank barn, Wagon Shed and all usual outbuildings, in fair condition; plenty of water, with spring in the yard, orchard of fine fruit, and 60 acres in good timber." The farm was purchased by Joseph T. Parrish, who eventually subdivided it into two farms. Little of note seems to have occurred to the farm and buildings, other than their deterioration, in the twentieth century.

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Amon Shipley Farm
Cherry Tree Lane

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Charles & Emma Helen DeGraw (wife)	Baltimore City	Harold & Marjorie Stull (wife)	Baltimore City	11-3-1961	341	142	Deed fee simple	\$5.00, 88 a. near Gist, MD, off Cherry Tree Lane, 14th Election District
James F. McKenzie & Elizabeth Cesler McKenzie (sister)	Carroll	Arthur R. & Peggy M. Martin (wife)	Baltimore County	5-26-1955	EAS 246	401	Deed fee simple	\$5.00, 88 a. 14th Election District
John A. & Clara V. Easton (wife)	Carroll	James F. McKenzie & Elizabeth Cesler McKenzie (sister)	?	12-9-1944	EAS 185	348	Deed fee simple	\$5.00, 88 a. 14th Election District
Columbus & Cora A. Parker, Jr. (wife)	Carroll	John A. & Clara V. Easton (wife)	?	4-13-1918	EOC 132	192	Deed fee simple	\$3,000.00, 88 a.
Nathan G. Pool & Mary W. (wife)	Carroll	Columbus & Cora A. Parker, Jr.	Carroll	11-3-1906	DPS 105	120	Deed fee	\$2,200.00, 88 a.
Joseph T. Parrish & Mary A. (wife)	Carroll	Nathan G. Pool	Carroll	3-25-1902	JHB 95	17	Deed fee simple	\$2,200.00, 88 a., remaining part of 159 a.

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Elias B. Arnold, trustee, Amon Shipley, dec.	Carroll	Joseph T. Parrish	Carroll	1-2-1894	BFC 78	77	Deed	Laura J. Arnold, et al, V. Carroll Shipley, #3190 Equity sold 11 Nov. 1893, \$1,590, 2 parcels (1) 150 a. - 59¼, - 3, -1 = 85 a. (2) 138 a. - 64, - 38, +38 = 74 a.
Joseph Parrish & Margaret (wife)	Carroll	Amon Shipley	Carroll	4-23-1849	JS 9	362	Deed	\$1,200 part of Calidonia or Edinburgh & part of lot 15. 150 a. [no earlier ref.](1)
William Jordan & Margaret V. (wife)	Carroll	Amon Shipley	Carroll	1-13-1841	WW 6	225	Deed Indenture	\$356 part of Edinburgh, 138 a. [no earlier ref.] (2)

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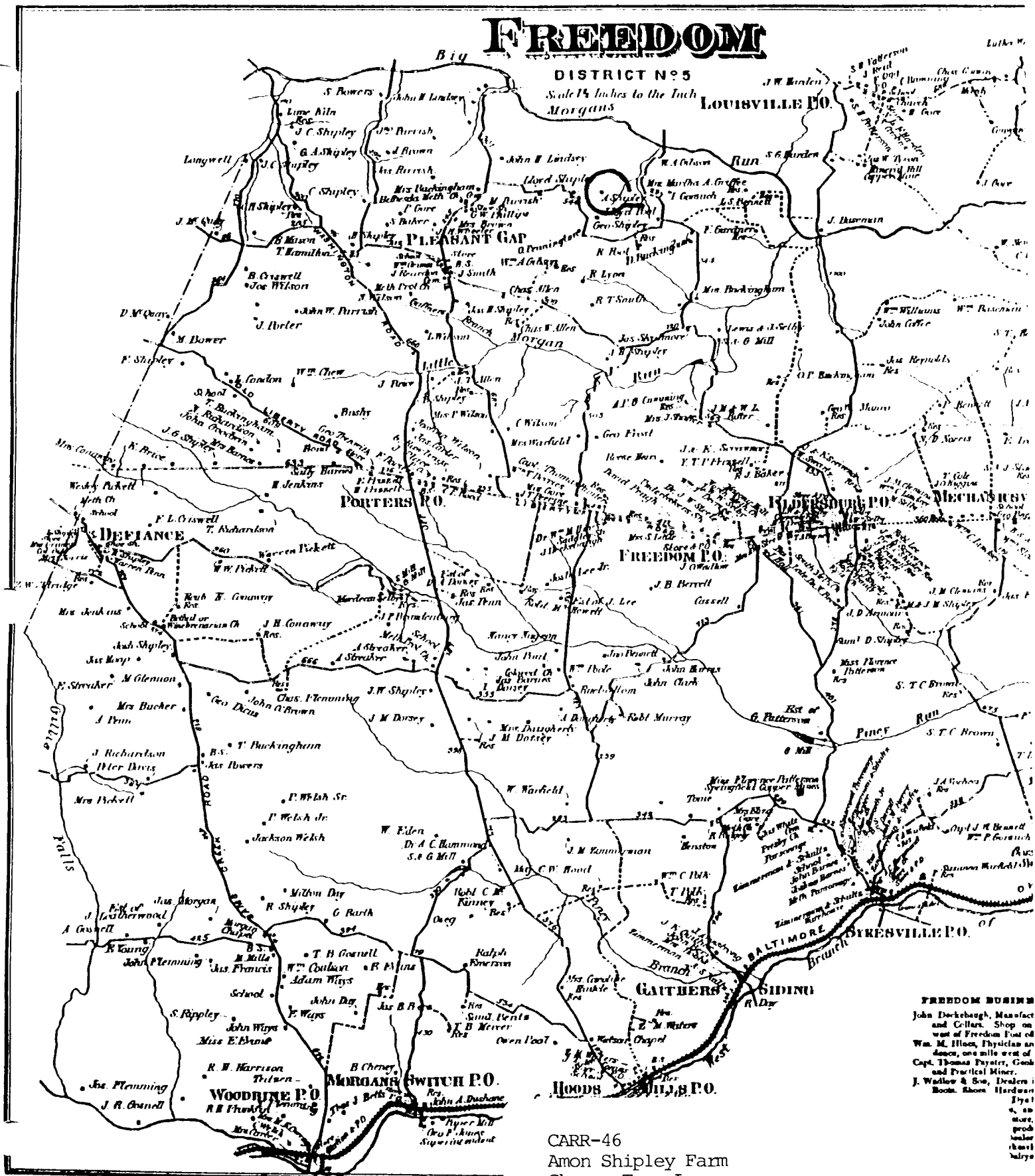


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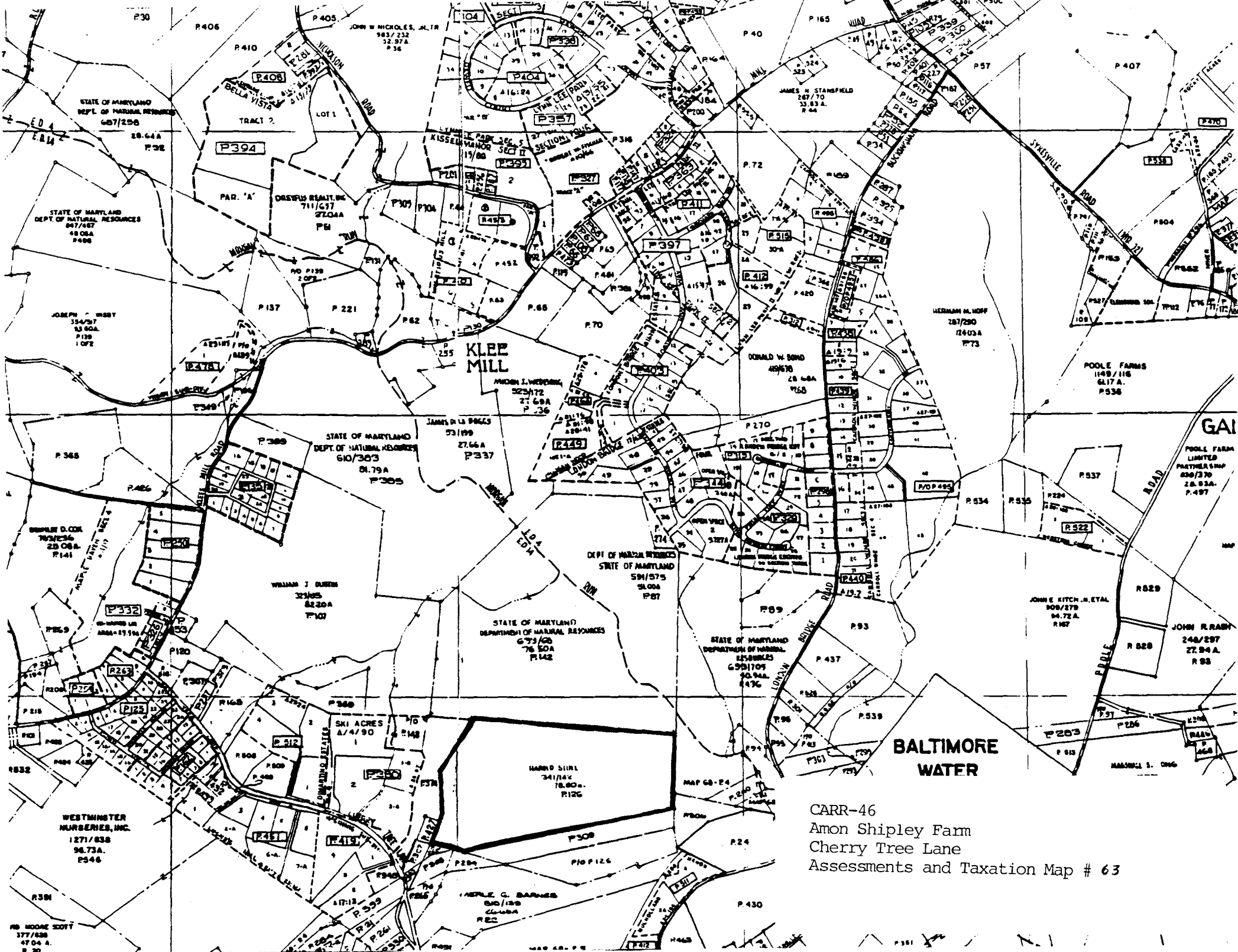
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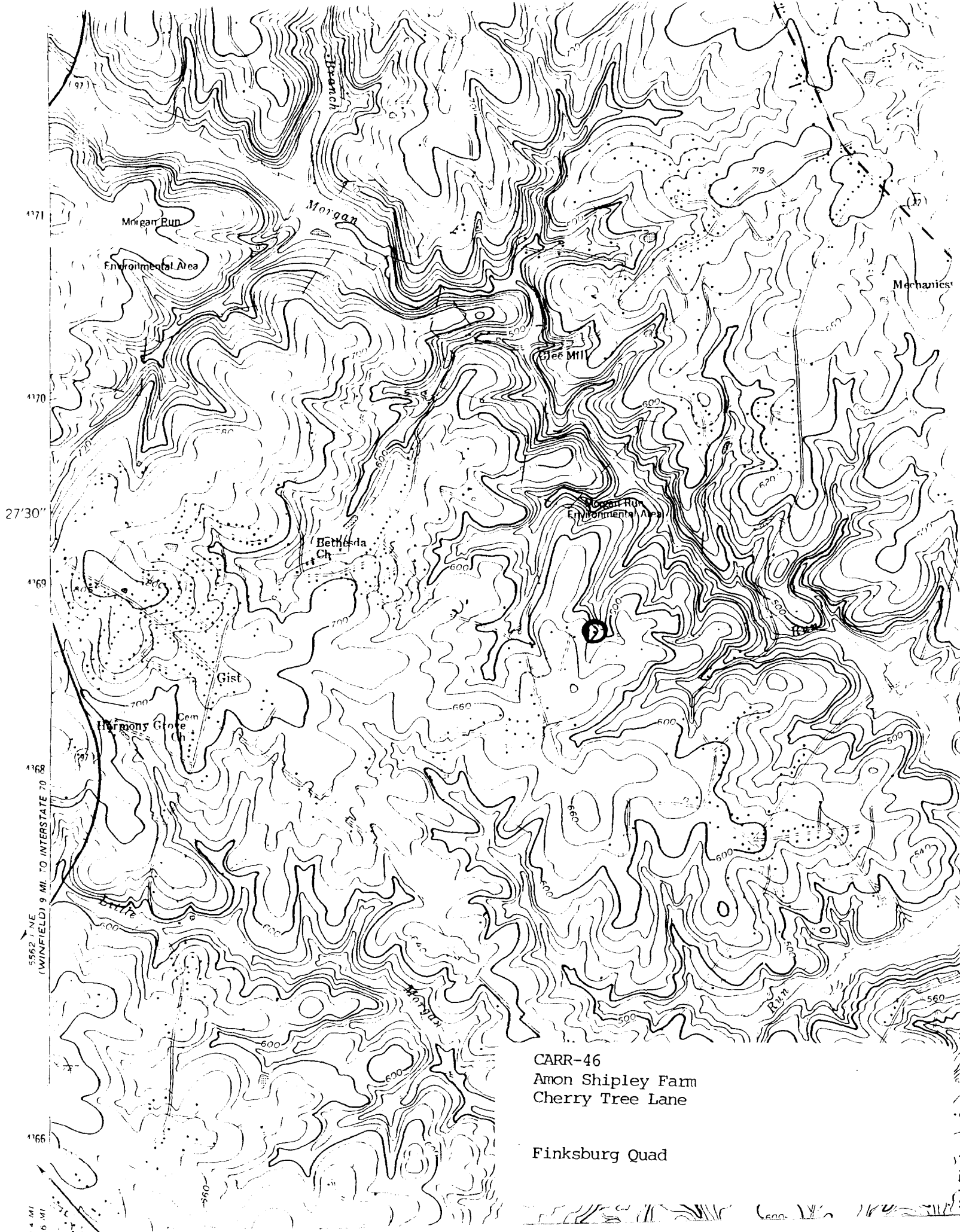
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Finksburg Quad



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South: east elevations



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West elevation

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1st story - north room mantel

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