

**Addendum to  
Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form  
CARR-637  
SCHAEFFER FAMILY FARMSTEAD**

**1. Name -** Change Historic Name to: Schaeffer Family Farmstead

**2. Location -** Change street and number as follows:

Southeast corner of junction of Maryland Route 30 and Traceys Mill Road

Congressional District is the 6th

**3. Classification -**

Public Acquisition - not applicable

**4. Owner of Property -**

Donald W. and Rose M. Hoff  
2815 Traceys Mill Road  
Manchester, MD 21102

**5. Location of Legal Description -**

Carroll County Tax Assessor  
Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street  
Westminster, MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys -** Unchanged

**7. Description -** Change as follows:

The description of the property on the original survey form is brief and at some points inaccurate. It is largely rewritten below and additional descriptions are added of the property's outbuildings.

Summary paragraph:

The Schaeffer Family Farmstead contains a farmhouse and seven principal outbuildings, including a forebay bank barn and a stone springhouse. The plainly finished, two-story, gable-end dwelling, erected in 1903 on the foundation of an earlier farmhouse, has been greatly altered. The late 19th/early 20th-century bank barn has been altered, as have most of the other frame outbuildings,

which appear to date from the 20th century. The stone springhouse, which probably dates from the last third of the 19th century, has escaped alterations.

*Farmhouse (1903) [A]:*

The present farmhouse was erected in 1903 on the foundation of an earlier dwelling (Hoff 1996). Its main block, typical of numerous other local farmhouses, is two stories tall, two rooms deep, and topped by a gable-end roof pierced by interior-end brick stacks. The west-facing front facade has a bay arrangement common in the area, with two doorways at the center and window bays to either side. The house has numerous modern alterations. These include the alteration of its front porch and 1/1 windows; the addition of asphalt and vinyl siding; the construction of a concrete block exterior-end chimney stack at the north gable end; and the addition of a long, one-story, shed-roofed ell to the south gable end.

*Springhouse (last 1/3 of 19th c.) [B]:*

The intact stone springhouse is older than the farmhouse. As noted on the original survey form, it is three bays wide with an off-center batten door flanked by 6/6 windows at its west-facing facade; features uncoursed rubble masonry edged by roughly dressed quoins; and has a brick chimney rising from the east peak of its wood-shingled gable-end roof. Because of its residential appearance, it was incorrectly identified on the original form as a stone house with Scotch-Irish antecedents. While its antecedents remain unclear, it is known to have been built as a springhouse rather than a dwelling. A spring still sends water through a trough set into the floor of its western room, which is entered through a partially below-grade doorway at its south elevation. The eastern room was not entered and it is not known what its original function was.

*Garage/carriage house (early 20th c.) [C]:*

The garage/carriage house, along with the springhouse, is the only outbuilding on the farmstead that remains virtually unaltered. A small frame building topped by a seam-metal hipped roof, it is clad in vertical board siding and adorned with window surrounds with triangular lintels. The building may have been erected at the same time as the house.

*Bank barn (late 19th/early 20th c.) [D]:*

This forebay bank barn is constructed of a mix of sawn and hewn timbers that are largely mortised, tenoned, and pegged together, suggesting a construction date of the late 19th or early 20th century. It retains a stone foundation, a banked entrance at its east side, a forebay at its west side, some vertical board siding, and some triangular-arched decorative louvers. Its integrity has been mostly compromised, however, by modern metal sheathing that covers much of its exterior wall area.

*Pig barn (mid/late 20th c.) [E]:*

This shed-roofed pig barn is constructed of poured concrete, metal, and frame.

*Horse barn (mid 20th c.)* [F]:

This shed-roofed horse barn is constructed of frame and metal.

*Equipment shed (mid 20th c.)* [G]:

This open equipment shed is constructed of concrete and metal.

*Equipment shed (mid 20th c.)* [H]:

This open equipment shed is constructed of frame and metal.

*Equipment shed (mid 20th c.)* [I]:

This open equipment shed is constructed of frame and metal.

**8. Significance** - Change as follows:

Under Period of Significance, 1900- should be checked. Under Areas of Significance, Agriculture should be checked. Its Specific Date is 1903.

The statement of significance on the original survey form was brief and general and has become outdated since it was prepared in 1980. It is replaced by the following statement of significance.

Summary paragraph:

The farmhouse at the Schaeffer Family Farmstead is a much-altered gable-end dwelling erected in 1903. Its outbuildings, erected by the Schaeffer family and later owners, include an intact stone springhouse (last third of 19th century) and frame garage (early 20th century), an altered bank barn (late 19th/early 20th century), and an altered pig barn, horse barn, and three equipment sheds dating from the 20th century. Because of the marginal integrity of the house and most of the outbuildings, and because they do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, the farmstead is not believed to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. Lacking an association with historical events and significant persons, it is also not believed to be Register-eligible under Criteria A or B. Because of the many alterations to the house and outbuildings, they are no longer believed to be representative of late nineteenth/early twentieth-century agricultural activity in the area.

History:

According to Rose Hoff, who owns the Schaeffer Family Farmstead with her husband, Donald, the farmhouse was erected in 1903 on the site of an earlier dwelling. The farm, according to her, was historically owned by the Schaeffer family. In 1877, according to the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson county map, the farm was owned by an R. Schaeffer, who apparently lived in the no-longer-extant

farmhouse. Under his ownership, the springhouse was probably erected and the bank barn may have been standing by this date as well. In 1916, according to the Rand McNally county map, the farm was owned by a Jonathon Shaffer, who in all likelihood erected the present farmhouse and the garage/carriage house. The other outbuildings were constructed later in the 20th century. The Hoffs continue to farm the property, which takes in 60 acres on the east side of Maryland Route 30, both south and north of Traceys Mill Road, and on the west side of Route 30 behind the linear community of Melrose.

#### Evaluation:

The Schaeffer Family Farmstead is not believed to be eligible for listing in the National Register under any of its Criteria. Because of the many alterations to the house and outbuildings, the buildings retain marginal integrity and are no longer believed to be representative of late nineteenth/early twentieth-century agricultural activity in the area. Surviving in the county are numerous other more intact assemblages of outbuildings that better represent the county's agricultural history. The farm is therefore not believed to be eligible for Register listing under Criterion A for any agricultural or other historical associations. The farm is not known to have any association with significant persons and is therefore not believed to be eligible for Register listing under Criterion B. Because of the many modern changes and additions to the property's buildings, particularly the farmhouse and the frame agricultural outbuildings, the farmstead's buildings do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction and do not represent a significant or distinguishable entity. The farmstead is therefore also not believed to be eligible for Register listing under Criterion C.

#### **9. Major Bibliographical References -**

Hoff, Rose

1996            Personal communication with owner of farmstead, April, 1996.

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson

1877            *An Illustrated Atlas of Carroll County, Maryland.* Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, Philadelphia.

Rand McNally

1916            *Manchester, Election District No. 6, Carroll Co., Md.*

#### **10. Geographical Data -**

Acreage: 60.26 according to tax map

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the farmstead is coterminous with that of Carroll County Tax Map 14, Grid 16, Parcel 51, which encompasses 60.26 acres of land historically associated with the farmstead.

Quadrangle name - Manchester, MD

Quadrangle scale - 1 to 24,000

**11. Form Prepared By -**

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April, 1996

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>[Date]</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>"</u>

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*Schaeffer Family Farm/CARR-637 Maryland Historic Preservation Plan*

**Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:**

*Geographic Organization:* Piedmont

*Chronological/Development Periods:* Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870; Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

*Historic Period Themes:* Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning; Agriculture

*Resource Types:* Farmhouse; Farmstead

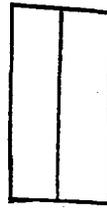


Maryland Route 30

Traceys Mill Road



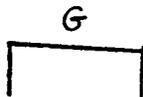
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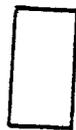
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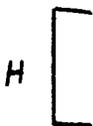
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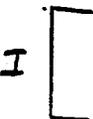
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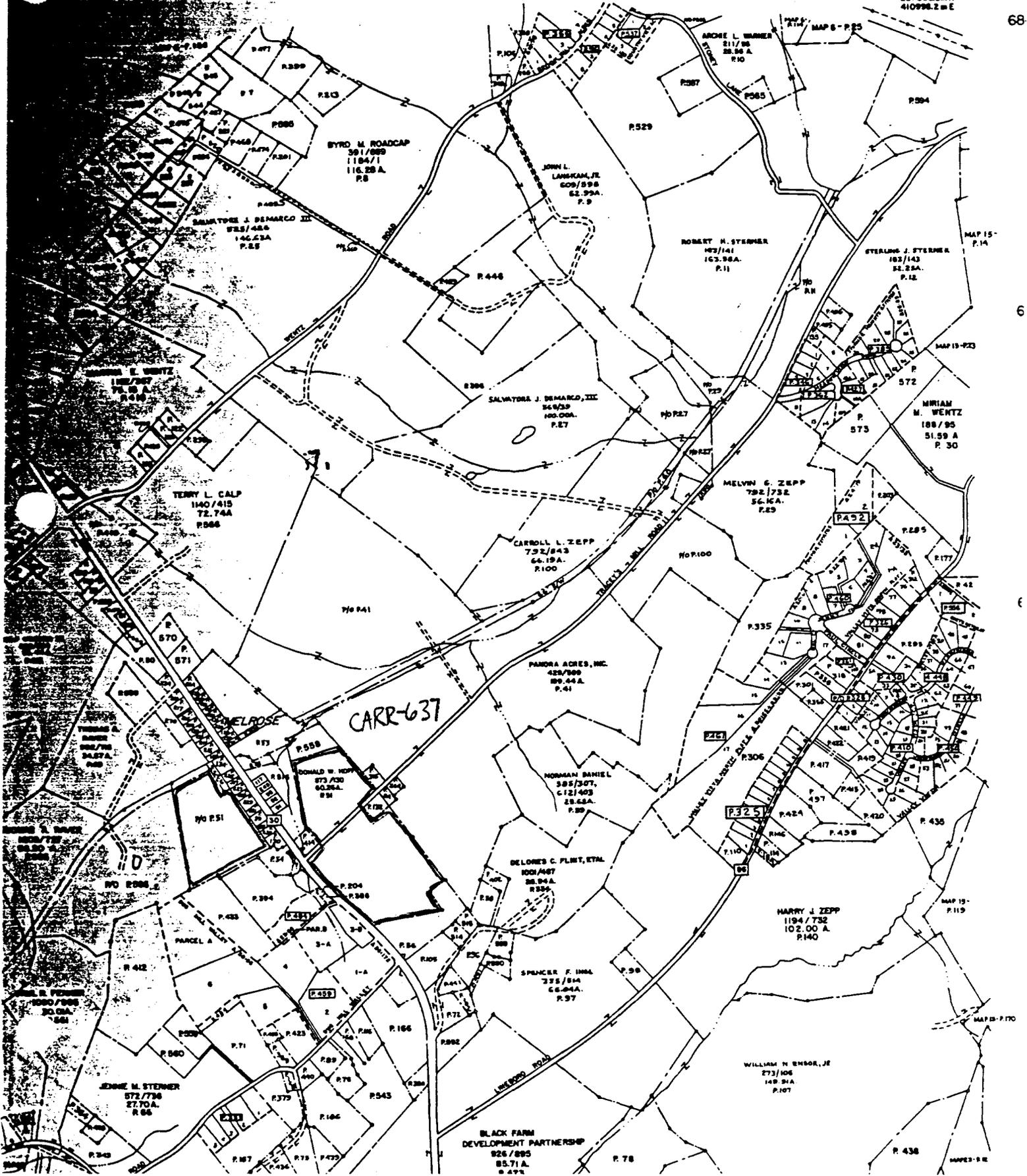
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Carroll County  
Manchester Quad

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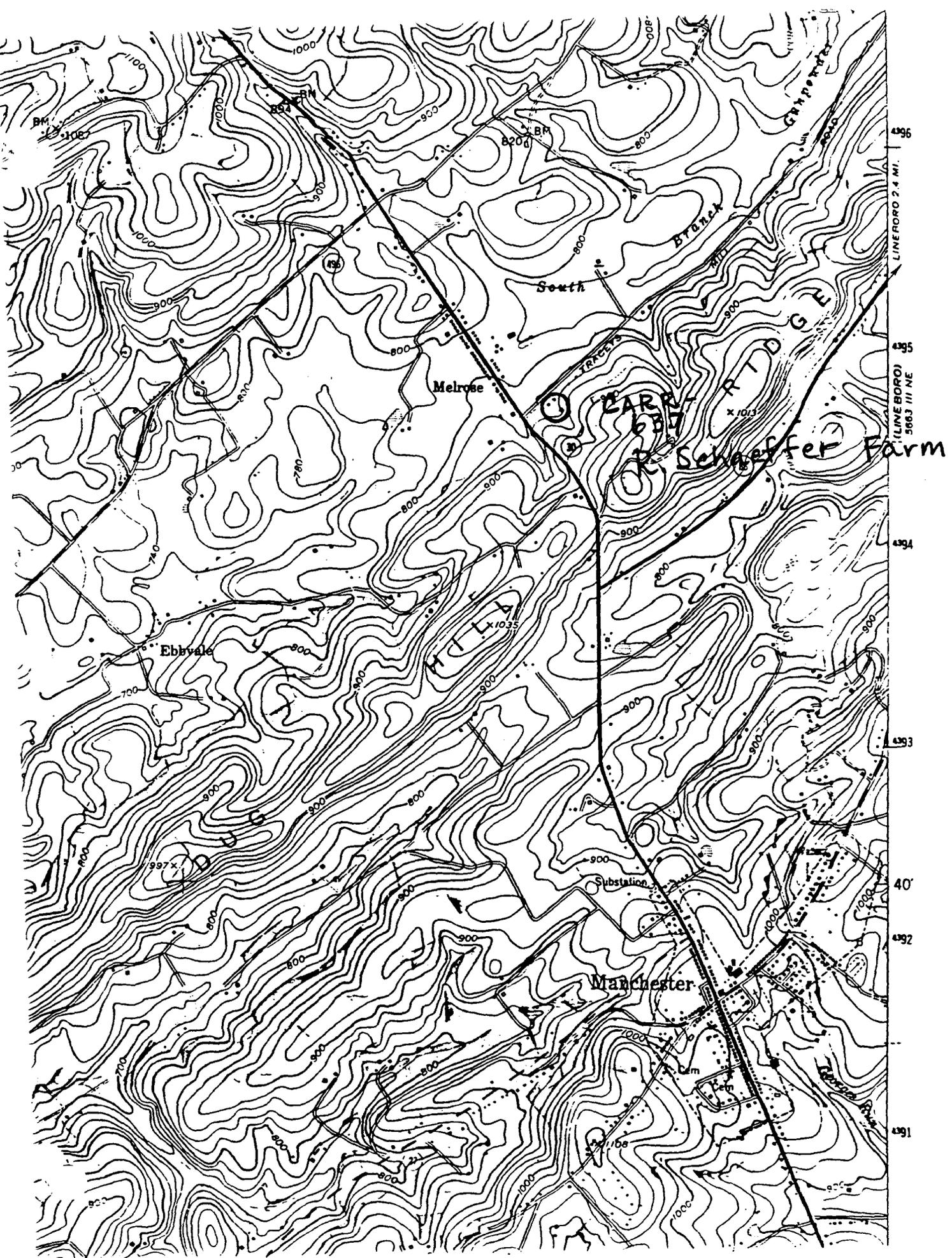
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MAP 15- P.14



*Manchester was*



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CARROLL CO, MD

MARVIN BROWN

4/96

MARYLAND SHPO

House W and N elev

1/10 of 3x5s

1/3



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CARROLL CO, MD

MARVIN BROWN

4/96

MARYLAND SHPO

SPRING House N & W elev

2/10 3x55

2/3



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CARROLL CO, MD

MARVIN BROWN

4/96

MARYLAND SHPO

BANK BARN, N & E elev

8/10 of 3x5s

3/3

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

R. Shaeffer Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Tracey's Mill Rd., east of Md. Rte. 30

CITY, TOWN

Melrose

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

0000-657

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmstead includes an excellent large frame house and barn apparently dating from the mid-nineteenth century. Especially notable among the buildings on this site, however, is a one-story, three-bay-wide stone house whose form reflects Scotch-Irish antecedents. A batten door is located in the central bay, which is offset slightly to the left; 6/6 sash windows occupy each of the flanking bays. The uncoursed rubble masonry features large, roughly-dressed quoins. A brick chimney rises from the peak of the left gable. Wood shingles cover the gable roof.

This site is indicated on Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson's 1877 map of Manchester as the property of R. Shaeffer.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The frame house and barn on this site are significant as well-preserved examples of mid-to-late nineteenth century building forms typically found in this area. The stone cottage exemplifies a building type associated with the early phases of Scotch-Irish immigration, whose occurrence in this area of predominantly German settlement is unusual, as is this building's good state of preservation.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION  
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE  
March 1980

STREET & NUMBER  
21 State Circle - Shaw House

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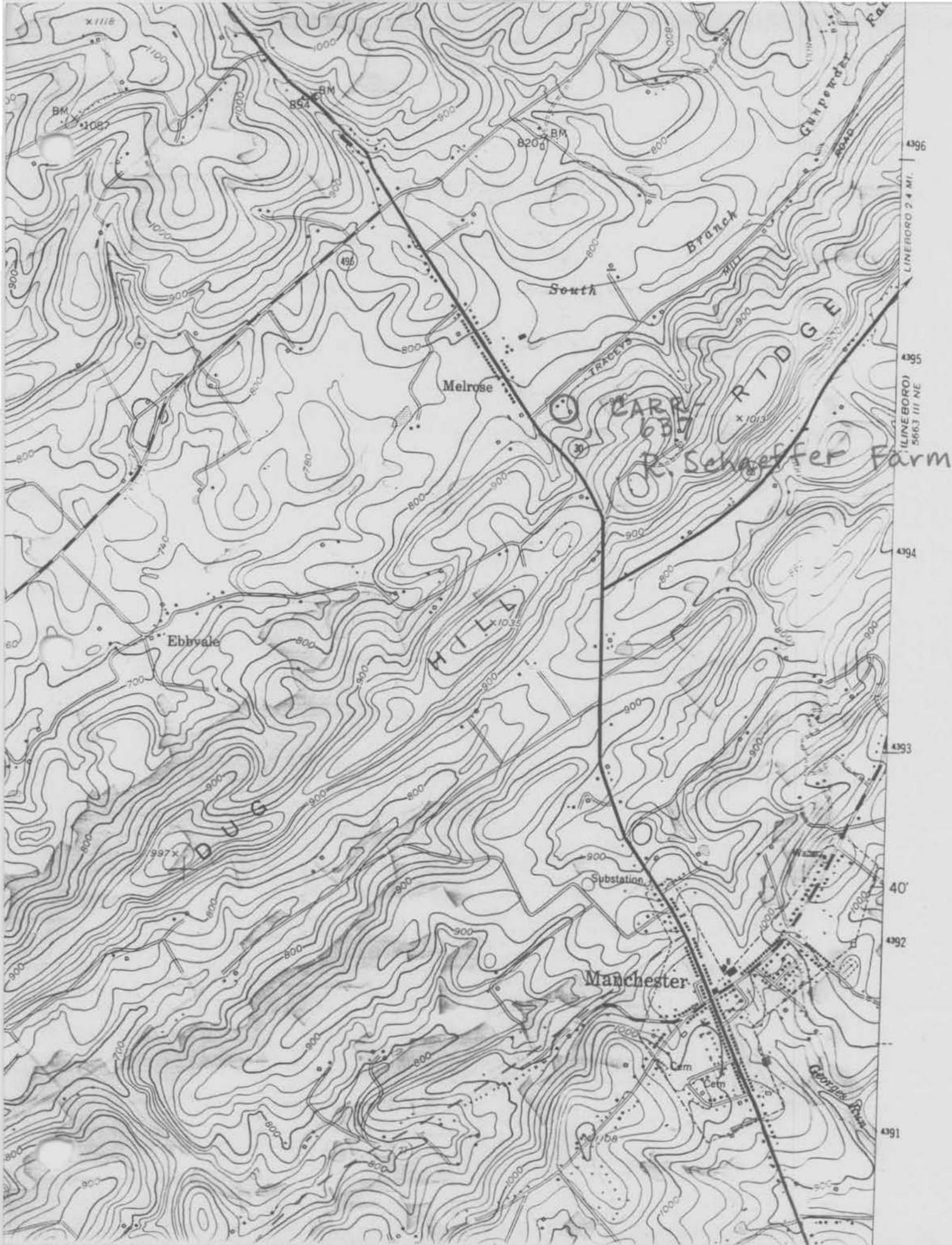
CITY OR TOWN  
Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland 21401

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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CARRINGTON RIDGE  
R. Schaeffer Farm

Manchester Quad



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K SHAEFFER FARM

VIEW FROM NORTH

P WEISSMAN 6/79