

CARR-713

Amos Shaeffer Farm  
Westminster (vicinity)

c. 1858, c. 1875

**Summary:**

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-713

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Amos Shaeffer Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 222 Cranberry Road  not for publication

city, town Westminster  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

## 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied                   | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" 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                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial                   |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military                     |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> park                         |
|   |  |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
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|   |  |   | <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 Cranberry Equities Limited Partnership/John J. Schuster, Jr.

street & number 111 Westminster Road telephone no.: 833-5484

city, town Reisterstown state and zip code MD 21136

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber LWS 1435

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio 744

city, town Westminster state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Field Sheet - Historic Resources Survey - CARR-713

date 8-83  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records MHT

city, town Crownsville state MD

# 7. Description

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|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
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| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <input 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.

### Summary:

The Amos Shaeffer farm is located at 222 Cranberry Road, in the small settlement of Cranberry. The house sits on a virtually flat lot on the northwest side of the road and faces southeast towards the road. The house is a two-story, three-bay-by-one-bay brick structure with a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof of standing-seam metal. There is a two-story ell on the northwest elevation that is three bays by one bay. The gable roof of the ell has standing-seam metal. On the southeast elevation, the first story has a door in the south bay with one light over bolection-moulded panels. There are also six-over-six double-hung sash. The southeast elevation has all-stretcher bond brick. The building was cased in brick. There is a one-story, three-bay, shed-roof porch. The ell has five-to-one common bond brick. The first story has a side-passage, single-pile plan with two rooms in the ell. The passage, which runs along the southwest side of the house, has an enclosed stair on the southwest wall. The northeast elevation has a wide opening that leads to the southeast room. The southeast room has a fireplace centered on the northeast elevation. It has a wood mantel with pilaster strips that have a cushioned baluster profile. The mantel has a tudor arch. The second story has a side-passage, double-pile plan with the same baseboards and architraves found on the first story. About 75 feet west of the house is a poultry house that faces southeast. The building is constructed of circular-sawn two-by-fours. There is a summer kitchen set about 20 feet southwest of the house. It has a rubble stone foundation, German siding, and a gable roof. The building is of two-by-four construction. About four feet southwest of the house is a spring house with a concrete foundation, vertical board walls, and a gable roof. There is a shed-roof addition on the northeast. The building is also constructed of two-by-fours. There is a windmill about 10 feet southeast of the springhouse.

### Contributing Resources: 5

The Amos Shaeffer farm is located at 222 Cranberry Road, in the small settlement of Cranberry. The house sits on a virtually flat lot on the northwest side of the road and faces southeast towards the road. It is located approximately ¾ mile northeast of Westminster in central Carroll County Maryland. The house is a two-story, three-bay-by-one-bay brick structure with a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof of standing-seam metal with a northeast-to-southwest ridge. There is a two-story ell on the northwest elevation that is three bays by one bay. The gable roof of the ell has standing-seam metal and a northwest-to-southeast running ridge.

On the southeast elevation, the first story has a door in the south bay with one light over bolection-moulded panels. The door has a wood sill and a splayed brick jack arch.

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There are also two six-over-six double-hung sash with wood sills, bull-nose frames, and splayed brick jack arches. They have blinds that are louvered on the bottom and panelled on the top. The southeast elevation has all-stretcher bond brick. Beneath the center bay are two short courses of headers that are only the width of the window, suggesting that the door was originally here and that this opening was infilled and converted to a window when the building was cased in brick.

There is a one story, three bay, shed-roof porch with standing-seam metal and a new concrete deck and new metal posts. A portion of the original porch balustrade may be inside of the poultry house. This balustrade has a horizontal board bottom rail, and square-in-plan balusters that are mortised into the rail and wire nailed. The second story has three six-over-six sash with blinds and straight brick jack arches. There is a wood box cornice with returns and with a narrow fascia board beneath it.

The southwest elevation of the main block has a projecting water table. This elevation has all-stretcher bond brick with three courses of headers centered on both the first and second stories, suggesting that there were once windows at both of these locations before the house was cased in brick. The first story now has a typical six-over-six sash with blinds near the northwest corner. The second story has an identical treatment. The gable end has a jalousie window in an original opening with a straight brick jack arch.

The southwest elevation of the ell has one brick bay to the west and it has a typical six-over-six sash on both the first and second stories. It is of five-to-one common bond brick. Between this bay and the main block of the house is a recessed porch that has now been enclosed on the first story with German siding, eight six-light sash, and a four-panel door that has sunk fields and no panel moulds. The original first story southwest wall has from west to south a typical six-over-six sash, a four-panel door with sunk fields and no panel moulds, an identical four-panel and a typical six-over-six sash. The northwest wall of the main block has an identical four-panel door. The second story of the porch has a horizontal board rail on the bottom with square-in-plan vertical balusters and square posts. The recessed wall has a center door flanked by one six-over-six on each side. They have bull-nosed frames and blinds. This wall is of German siding and not brick.

The northwest elevation of the ell has a parged foundation. There is one six-over-six sash set north of center. It has a bull-nosed frame and a splayed brick jack arch. The first story has a typical six-over-six sash set north of center. The second story is identical to the first and has blinds. The gable end has a jalousie with a wood sill and a straight brick jack arch. There is a tapered rake board at the eave. This elevation has five-to-one common bond brick.

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The northeast elevation of the ell is three bays. The foundation has a six-over-three sash with a bull-nose frame and a splayed brick jack arch in the center bay. The north bay has an altered door with six panels and a wood lintel with a narrow, straight brick jack arch above it. The first story is primarily five-to-one common bond brick with some four-to-one and some six-to-one. It has tie rods with s-shaped ends. The first and second stories have a typical six-over-six sash in both end bays. There is a wood boxed cornice with no returns on the northwest. There is an interior brick chimney centered on the ridge in the center of the ell and an interior brick chimney centered on the northeast ridge of the main block.

On the northeast elevation of the main block, the foundation has an opening with a new vent set at the northwest edge of the main block. It has a splayed brick jack arch. The first and second stories both have a typical six-over-six sash set at the northwest edge. The gable end has a jalousie window set northwest of center. It has a wood sill and a straight brick jack arch. This elevation is of all-stretcher bond. It is not possible to tell if there are headers where windows used to be because the wall is covered with ivy.

The cellar under the main block has a dirt floor and whitewashed walls. The joists are hewn on top and bottom and run southeast to northwest. They are six and a quarter to seven inches deep by eight and a half to eleven inches wide. They are spaced to 27½ to 33 inches on center. They rest on an approximately one inch thick board set on top of the foundation wall. There is a stone chimney pier centered on the northeast elevation and a six-light sash set to the northwest. The hearth support has been altered. There are small openings on the southeast elevation both to the east and to the south. The cellar under the ell also has a dirt floor and whitewashed walls. The joists are three-quarter-round logs that run northeast to southwest. They rest on an approximately one-inch-thick board set on the wall and they are not tied in any way to the brick. The joists are seven to nine inches deep by seven to ten and a half inches wide and are spaced 22 to 28 inches on centers. The floor above is mill sawn. There are two brick piers set in the center of the cellar to support a fireplace and chimney above. The piers have a wood lintel that is sawn but no marks are visible because of thick whitewash. The piers have corbelled bricks to support shelving boards. There is a hearth on the northwest side of this pier. The tongue-and-groove boards are supported by the masonry stack at one end and by a nailer fastened to the nearest joists with cut nails at the other end.

The first story has a side-passage, single-pile plan with two rooms in the ell. The passage, which runs along the southwest side of the house, has only one floor board exposed. It is seven inches wide and tongue-and-grooved, and appears to be of random width. There is a plain baseboard and a broken field architrave. There is an enclosed stair on the southwest wall and a closed-off doorway on the northwest elevation. The northeast elevation has a wide opening that leads to the southeast room.

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The southeast room has a fireplace centered on the northeast elevation. It has a wood mantel with pilaster strips that have a cushioned baluster profile. The mantel has a tudor arch and a beaded interior edge. The architrave and baseboard in this room are identical to the passage. On each side of the fireplace, set above the mantel shelf height, is a small cupboard that has a board door on cast iron butt hinges. The northwest elevation has a door to the center room.

The center room has three- to five-inch-wide pine flooring that runs northwest to southeast. The baseboards and architraves match those in the passage. Centered on the northwest wall is a plain wood mantel with no fireplace. There is a swinging four-panel door set to the west of the fireplace that leads to the northwest room. The door has sunk fields with no panel moulds.

The northwest room has beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board wainscot under a moulded chair rail. There is a fireplace centered on the southeast wall that has a plain wood mantel. The fireplace is closed off with beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board doors and was not accessible for inspection. There is a winder stair in the east corner with a closet beneath it that has a beaded-edge vertical-board door. At the southwest corner of this room is a pantry.

The second story has a side-passage, double-pile-plan with the same baseboards and architraves found on the first story. The front of the passage has a closet. The addition has a side passage that has been added along the southeast elevation. The doorways along this passage have plain architraves. The four-panel doors have cast iron rim locks that are marked with "R&E Mfg. Co. Pat May 29 1866". There are two rooms in the addition with a winder stair to the attic in the east corner of the northwest chamber. These stairs have a beaded-edge vertical-board door.

In the main block attic, the rafters are mill sawn and are two inches wide by three inches deep. They are spaced two feet on centers. The rafters were originally set with a lower pitch, had a ridge pole, and were fastened to it with cut nails. The rafters were taken apart and boards were fished onto the sides of them to lengthen them by about nine and a half inches. The rafters originally had lath wind braces. The rafters were not reused in the same order that they were originally laid. The rafter feet are cut off flush and nailed to the end floor board. They are set over the joists. There is a narrow board set between the outer floor board that the rafter feet now rest on and the next floor board in. This board was probably the original false plate. The rafter feet were probably just pushed out to widen the span. These rafters support lath and wood shingles. The rafters in the addition are mill sawn and are three inches wide by four inches deep. They are spaced 25 to 26 inches on centers and are mitered at the ridge with a ridge pole. The rafter feet have a notch cut out

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of the bottom of them to lap over a narrow false plate. They support lath and wood shingles. The flooring is not tongue-and-grooved and is fastened with cut nails.

About 75 feet west of the house is a poultry house that faces southeast. It is covered with tar paper and has a shed roof of corrugated metal that slopes to the northwest. The southeast elevation has a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door on each end and two openings in the middle. These are each now covered by two two-light sash with one two-light sash set above them. The northeast elevation has no openings. The northwest elevation has a centered door made of German siding. The southwest elevation has two two-light sash. The building is constructed of circular-sawn two-by-fours and has three and a quarter inch wide tongue-and-grooved floor that runs northwest to southeast. There was apparently a similar such structure set about 20 feet to the northeast of this one, but it was demolished the day before the field work was done.

There is a summer kitchen set about 20 feet southwest of the house. It has a rubble stone foundation, German siding, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and a northeast-to-southwest ridge. The southeast elevation has a six-over-six sash in the south bay, a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door in the south-center bay, and two six-over-six sash to the east. The southwest elevation has vertical-board siding. The northwest elevation also has vertical-board siding and has a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door set southwest of center. The northeast elevation has German siding and a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door to the southeast with a six-over-six sash set to the northwest. There is a later exterior brick chimney on the northwest elevation, set to the northeast. The interior is divided by a horizontal board wall set just northeast of the door on the southeast elevation. This wall has a vertical-board dutch door. The northeast end of the building has a random-width floor that runs northeast to southwest. The southwest end has a dirt floor. There are two-by-four circular sawn rafters that are mitered at the ridge and there are tongue-and-grooved floor boards that are used as lath. The wood shingle roof has been covered by the existing metal roof. The building is of two-by-four construction with four-by-four circular sawn sills.

About four feet southwest of the house is a spring house with a concrete foundation, vertical board walls, and a gable roof with corrugated metal and a ridge that runs northeast to southwest. There is a shed-roof addition on the northeast with the same materials as of the rest of the building. The southwest elevation has a door of the same material used in the siding. The southeast and northwest elevations each have two four-light sash. The building is constructed of two-by-fours that are circular sawn. It has a concrete floor and a concrete tub on the northeast end with a hinged door on top of it. The ceiling has beaded-edge-and-center boards. There is a windmill about 10 feet southeast of the springhouse, and there was

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apparently a smokehouse to the northwest of the springhouse. It was demolished the day before field work began. All that survived was a hip roof with standing seam metal.

# 8. Significance

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
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| <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"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

**Specific dates** c. 1858, c. 1875      **Builder/Architect**

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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:**

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
Chronological/Development Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870;  
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture  
Resource Types: Small family farm, Rural vernacular

The early history of the Amos Shaeffer Farm is virtually impossible to ferret out. The land was owned by John K. Longwell, who was born in Gettysburg in 1810, moved to Taneytown in 1832, and a year later came to Westminster, where he established the Carrolltonian and lobbied for the establishment of a new county, with Westminster as its seat. Longwell became a prominent politician and in 1842 built his residence, "Emerald Hill", overlooking Westminster. Just when Longwell bought the land that would become the Shaeffer farm has not been determined, since no deed could be located back to 1815, and the

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tax books for 1841 record that he only owned 4 acres. By 1852 he owned 58 acres, but no buildings were listed even though some existed.

Longwell sold 17 acres to John Yingling on 24 April 1858 for \$700 and two days later Yingling sold the land to Amos Shaeffer for \$1,000. It seems unlikely that the land was improved until acquired by Shaeffer, and one is tempted to suggest that Yingling may have constructed the buildings, which would explain his involvement with the deeds, and his apparent profit of \$300. In any case, Shaeffer's parcel held a log house and log barn by 1866. A 17-acre tract was hardly sufficient for farming, so Shaeffer must have had a trade that brought additional income, but it is not known what that might have been. No livestock or furniture was listed with the land and buildings in 1866. In 1875, however, the tax assessments do record livestock, furniture, and "Adl improvements 400." These improvements were most likely casing the log house in brick and adding the brick rear wing. In the process, the log building was altered from a three bay, center entrance plan to a side passage plan, and the centered windows on the southwest elevation were closed off, with the windows moved to the west. The mantel in the southeast first-story room was probably added at this time.

According to the 1876 tax book, Shaeffer had expanded his lot to 30 acres, but the deed for the additional land was not executed until 1883. He also had a 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre tract with improvements worth \$150. His livestock worth \$353 and farm implements worth \$125 suggest that he was an average farmer, though the amount of land he owned was still below average. Shaeffer got rid of his livestock in 1880, probably selling or giving it to his son, John D. Shaeffer. A new barn was added in 1888. Amos Shaeffer died in 1891 and left his 30-acre home farm to John D. Schaeffer after the death of his widow, Mary. The inventory of his estate is partly recorded room by room, and includes:

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Furniture in Dining Room                |       |
| Cupboard                                | 5.00  |
| Leaf Table                              | 3.00  |
| Desk with Drawers                       | 5.00  |
| 3 Split-Bottom chairs                   | .75   |
| 1 do chair                              | .25   |
| Old Silver plated Castor                | .50   |
| set of Knives & forks                   | .50   |
| ½ Dining Plates                         | .25   |
| Large Meat Plate                        | .10   |
| 2 Vegetable Dishes                      | .20   |
| Set of Old Cups and Saucers & Cream Mug | .25   |
| Melodian (in Parlor)                    | 15.00 |

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| Large Hair-seated sofa                     | 10.00 |
| Small do                                   | 4.00  |
| 6 Cain seated chairs                       | 3.00  |
| 1 do Rocking Chair                         | 2.50  |
| Round Lamstand                             | 1.00  |
| Parlor Woodstove and pipe                  | 2.00  |
| Gilt framed Looking-glass                  | 2.00  |
| Parlor Carpet and Rug                      | 3.00  |
| 2 Venetian Window Blinds                   | 2.00  |
| 1 Parlor Lamp                              | 2.00  |
| <br>                                       |       |
| Carpet in Bed chamber front Room 2nd floor | 4.50  |
| <br>                                       |       |
| do / do 2nd Room                           | 4.50  |
| <br>                                       |       |
| 1 Bureau in 3rd Bed chamber                | 6.00  |
| Old Stove and pipe in do                   | 1.00  |
| Bedstead and Bedding "                     | 10.00 |

John D. Schaeffer defaulted on a mortgage and the farm was ordered sold by the Equity Court in 1903. The advertisement described it as having ". . . a Large and Comfortable Two Story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, Large Barn, two large Wagon sheds, smokehouse, hennery and other necessary outbuildings." Though only 29 acres, it had a large orchard and meadow land, though no mention of timber. Schaeffer was still living on the farm. John N. Kroh bought the farm and added 7½ acres in 1911 before selling it three years later. In 1915 it was purchased by Daniel Hunter, and remained in the Hunter family until 1961. The house is a late example of a brick-cased log structure, in relatively good condition, and is slated for rehabilitation. The outbuildings are all in the process of demolition.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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land records Democratic Advocate, 7 Nov. 1903, p.2, c.6  
tax assessments, 1841, 1852, 1866, 1866-76, 1876, 1876-96, 1896-1910  
1862, 1877, 1917 maps Weeks, The Building of Westminster, pp 41-3  
Chancery JHB55-261  
Amos Shaeffer Will, GMP6-482; inventory, GMP14-554

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6.79 ac

Quadrangle name Westminster

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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| street & number | telephone |
| city or town    | state     |

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
-514-7000

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CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR  | HOME COUNTY | GRANTEE  | HOME COUNTY | DATE       | LIBER    | FOLIO | TRANS-ACTION       | COMMENTS   |
|--|-------------|--|-------------|------------|----------|-------|--------------------|--|
| Gerald D. Bitzel,<br>personal rep. of Mildred<br>A. Bitzel | ?           | Cranberry Equities<br>Limited Partnership      | MD          | 2-23-1993  | LWS 1435 | 744   | Deed fee<br>simple | \$250,000<br>Mildred dec.:<br>10-9-91, Martin<br>dec. 1-20-87  |
| A. Earl Shipley, trustee                                   | Carroll     | Mildred A. &<br>Martin W. Bitzel<br>(wife)     | Carroll     | 4-30-1963  | CCC 372  | 485   | Deed fee<br>simple | \$5.00, 6.79<br>acres, Cranberry<br>Station  |
| Mildred A. & Martin<br>W. Bitzel (husband)                 | Carroll     | A. Earl Shipley,<br>trustee                    | Carroll     | 4-30-1963  | CCC 372  | 483   | Deed fee<br>simple | \$5.00, 6.79<br>acres, Lillie dec.<br>3-19-64  |
| Lillie May Hunter,<br>widow                                | Carroll     | Mildred A. Bitzel                              |             | 11-18-1961 | 339      | 556   | Deed fee<br>simple | \$1.00, life<br>interest in<br>property retained,<br>6.79 acres  |
| Horace A. & Josephine<br>R. McDaniel (wife)                | Carroll     | Daniel J. and Lillie<br>May Hunter (wife)      | Carroll     | 5-13-1915  | ODG 127  | 118   | Deed fee<br>simple | grantees assume<br>mortgage lien<br>and judgement<br>lien held by<br>Union Bridge<br>Banking & Trust<br>Co., \$4,200 and<br>pay \$700, 37 +<br>acres |
| John N. & Mary J. Kroh<br>(wife)                           | Carroll     | Horace A. &<br>Josephine R.<br>McDaniel (wife) |             | 3-12-1914  | ODG 124  | 49    | Deed fee<br>simple | \$5,250<br>(1) 17 acres<br>(2) 12 acres<br>(3) 7½ acres  |

CARR-713  
Amos Shaeffer Farm  
222 Cranberry Road

CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR  | HOME COUNTY | GRANTEE                              | HOME COUNTY | DATE                  | LIBER                 | FOLIO | TRANS-ACTION    | COMMENTS  |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|---|
| Elias O. Grimes &<br>Helen V. (wife)<br><br>William B. Thomas &<br>Rebecca F. (wife) | Carroll     | John N. Kroh                         | Carroll     | 7-14-1906             | DPS 104               | 337   | Deed fee simple | \$3,125 on Manchester Road near Westminster<br>(1) 17 acres<br>(2) 12 acres<br>(1) & (2)                  |
| William B. Thomas &<br>Rebecca F. (wife)   | Carroll     | John N. Kroh                         | ?           | 8-14-1911             | ODG 117               | 514   | Deed fee simple | \$1,000, 7½ acres, part of Rochester part of 61⅞ acres (3)  |
| Joseph E. Hunter   |             | William B. Thomas                    |             | 5-31-1905             | DPS 102               | 419   |                 | (3)   |
| Joshua W. Hering,<br>attorney for Sallie Longwell                                    |             | Joseph E. Hunter                     |             | 5-13-1905             | DPS 101               | 446   |                 | (3)   |
| John Fisher and Jacob Reese, trustees  |             | John K. Longwell                     |             | 12-23-1854            | JBB 18                | 150   |                 | (3)   |
| E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., trustee   | Westminster | Elias O. Grimes<br>William B. Thomas | ?           | 1-5-1904              | JHB 98                | 483   | Deed fee simple | public sale, 11-23-1903, default on mortgage \$3,000, Equity Court #4092<br>(1) 17 acres<br>(2) (1) & (2) |
| Amos Schaeffer   | Carroll     | John D. Schaeffer                    | ?           | 1-15-1886<br>3-2-1891 | <u>wills</u><br>GMP 6 | 482   | Bequest         | Home Farm 30 acres, after death of widow, Mary, \$500 (1) & (2)   |

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CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR                             | HOME COUNTY | GRANTEE        | HOME COUNTY | DATE      | LIBER  | FOLIO | TRANS-ACTION    | COMMENTS  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------------|---|
| John K. Longwell & Sarah Mck (wife) | Carroll     | Amos Schaeffer | Carroll     | 2-17-1883 | FTS 58 | 268   | Deed fee simple | \$766.50, 12 acres part of Rochester [no previous reference] (2)                          |
| John Yingling & Rachel (wife)       | Carroll     | Amos Schaeffer | ?           | 4-26-1858 | GEW 23 | 441   | Deed fee        | \$1,000, 17 acres part of Rochester (a) 70 acres (b) 10 acres [no previous reference] (1) |
| John K. Longwell & Sarah Mck (wife) | Carroll     | John Yingling  | ?           | 4-24-1858 | GEW 23 | 445   | Deed            | \$700, 17 acres, part of Rochester (1) 7 acres (2) 10 acres [no previous reference] (1)   |

CARR - 713

222 CRANBERRY ROAD

mid-19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

222 Cranberry Road is an excellent example of a mid-nineteenth century brick farmhouse. The house is built in the regional style with its L-shaped plan, two story height, three-by-one bay facades, and double-tiered porch on the ell. The windows are six-over-six sash with louvred shutters. The brick is laid in stretcher bond with flat-arch lintels over the doors and windows. This house has a side entrance plan instead of the frequently found central entrance. There is a full-length, one-story front porch.



## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

## WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

## FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-713

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/NorthingU.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: Westminster

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: residenceORIGINAL USE: residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( ) Good ( )

Fair ( ) Poor ( )

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: mid-19th century

COUNTY: CARROLL  
TOWN: Westminster vicinity  
LOCATION: 222 Cranberry Road

TAX MAP 39 Block 20-21 P-23B

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: residence

OWNER: Martha W. Bitzel  
ADDRESS: 222 Cranberry Rd.  
Westminster, MD 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ( ) No (X) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

## Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  2. Wall Structure
    - A. Wood: Log ( ) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
    - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
    - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other
  3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten ( )  
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: stretcher Other:
  4. Roof Structure
    - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
    - B. Other:
  5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal (X)  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
  6. Engineering Structure:
  7. Other:
- Appendages: Porches (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )  
Ells (X) Wings ( ) Other:
- Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )  
With False Front ( ) Other:

Number of Stories: 3 2Number of Bays: 3 x 1Entrance Location: side

Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )

Development ( ) Deterioration ( )

Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )

Mixed ( ) Other:

## ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

excellent mid-19th century brick farmhouse  
 6/6 windows with louvered shutters  
 side-hall plan  
 L-shaped with double-tiered porch  
 full-length, 1 str front porch  
 stretcher bond - flat arch lintels

## RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

excellent example of mid-19th c. farmhouse

## REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:

1877 LG & S Atlas: *Anos Sheffer*

## SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings ( )  
 Moderately Built Up (X) Densely-Built Up ( )  
 Residential ( ) Commercial ( )  
 Agricultural ( ) Industrial ( )  
 Roadside Strip Development ( )  
 Other:

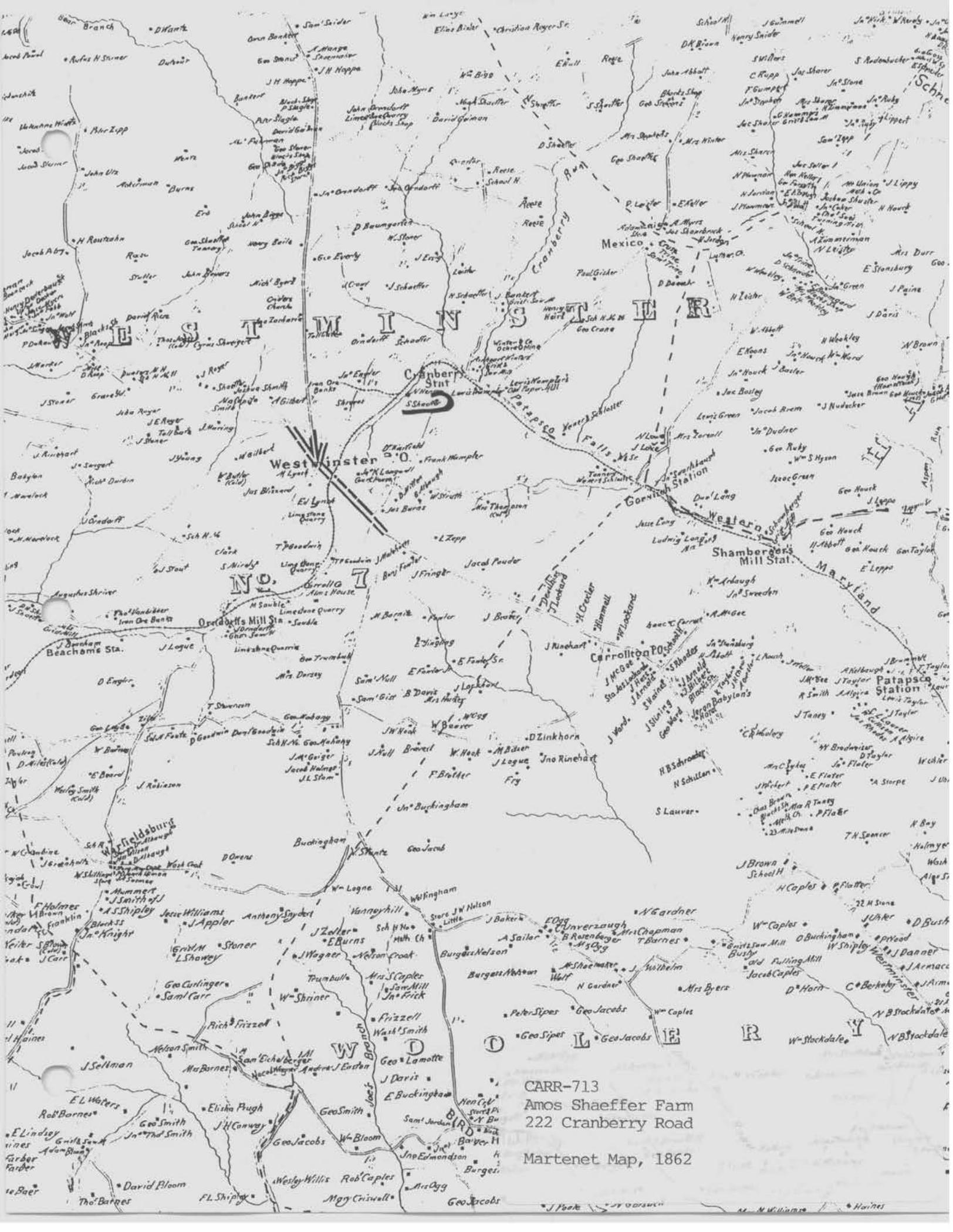
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*Jae Getty*

## ORGANIZATION:

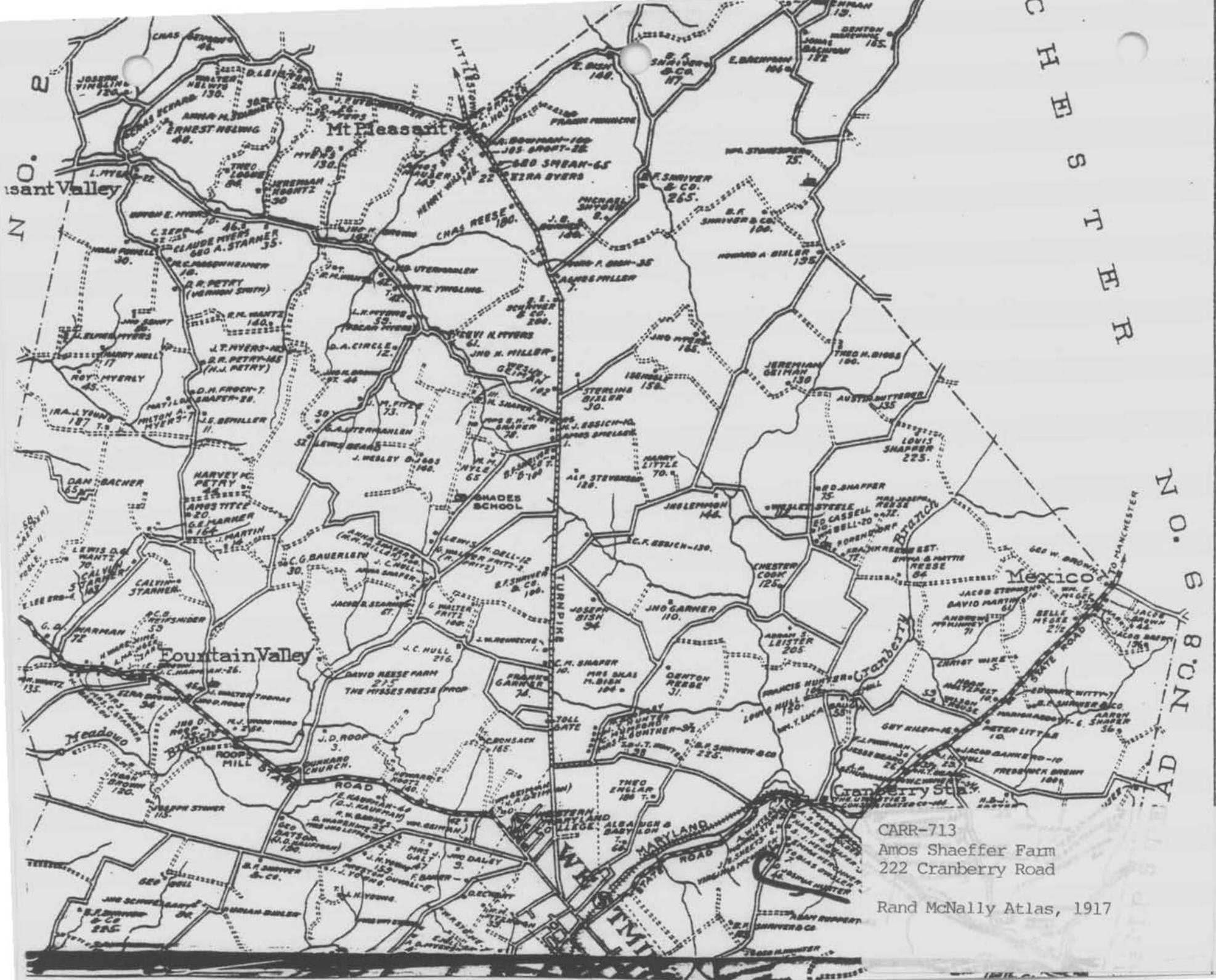
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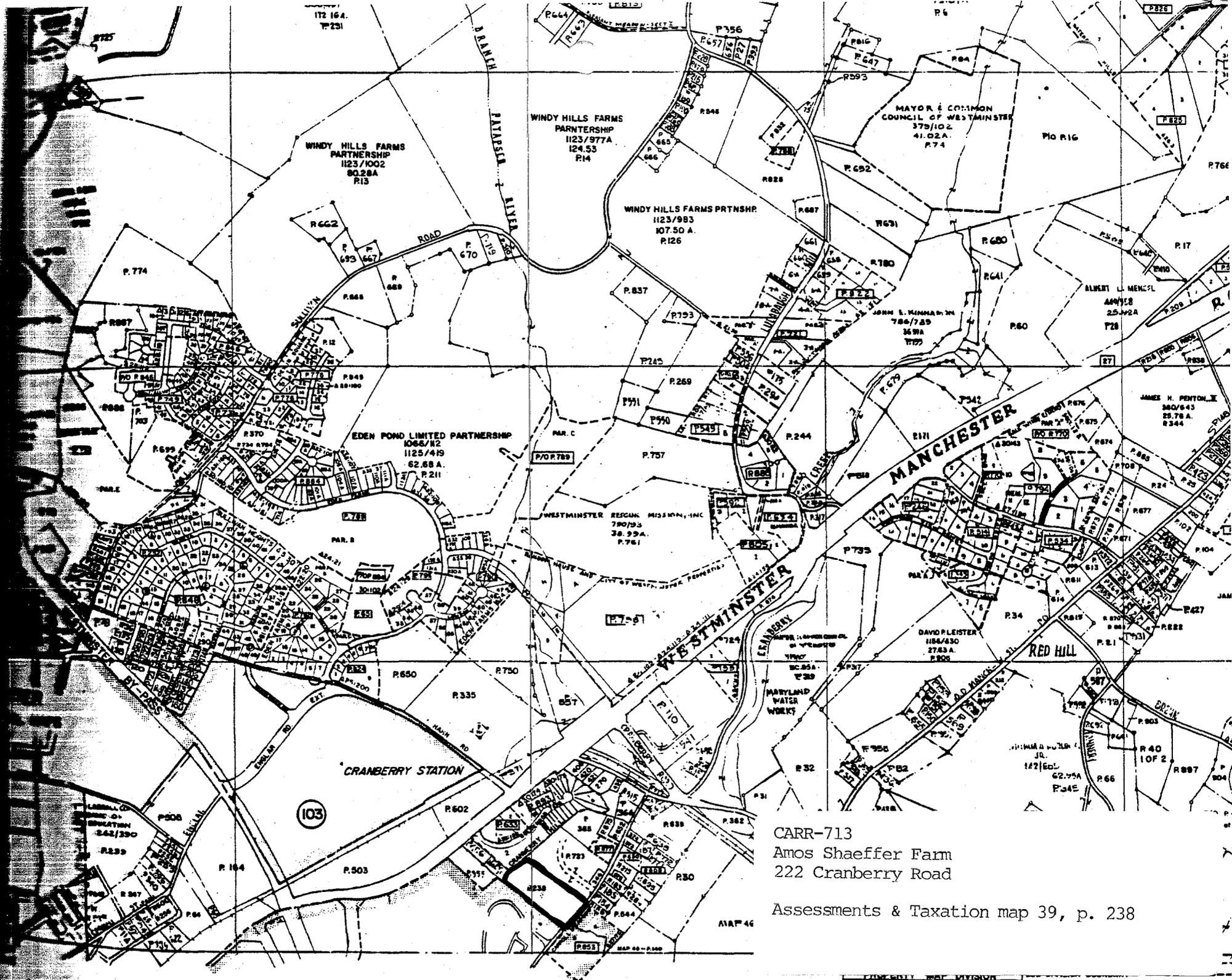


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Martenet Map, 1862





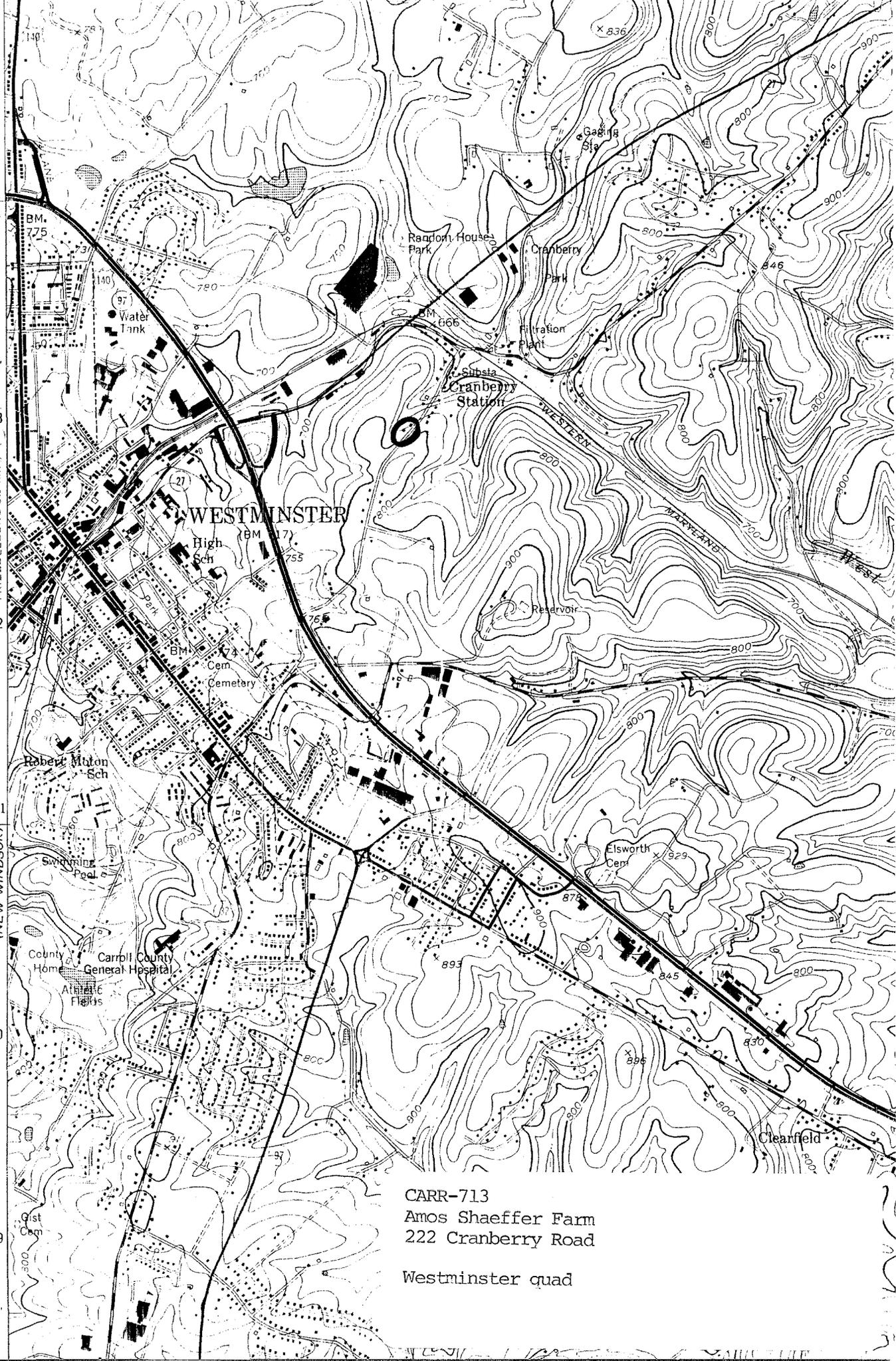
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222 Cranberry Road  
Rand McNally Atlas, 1917



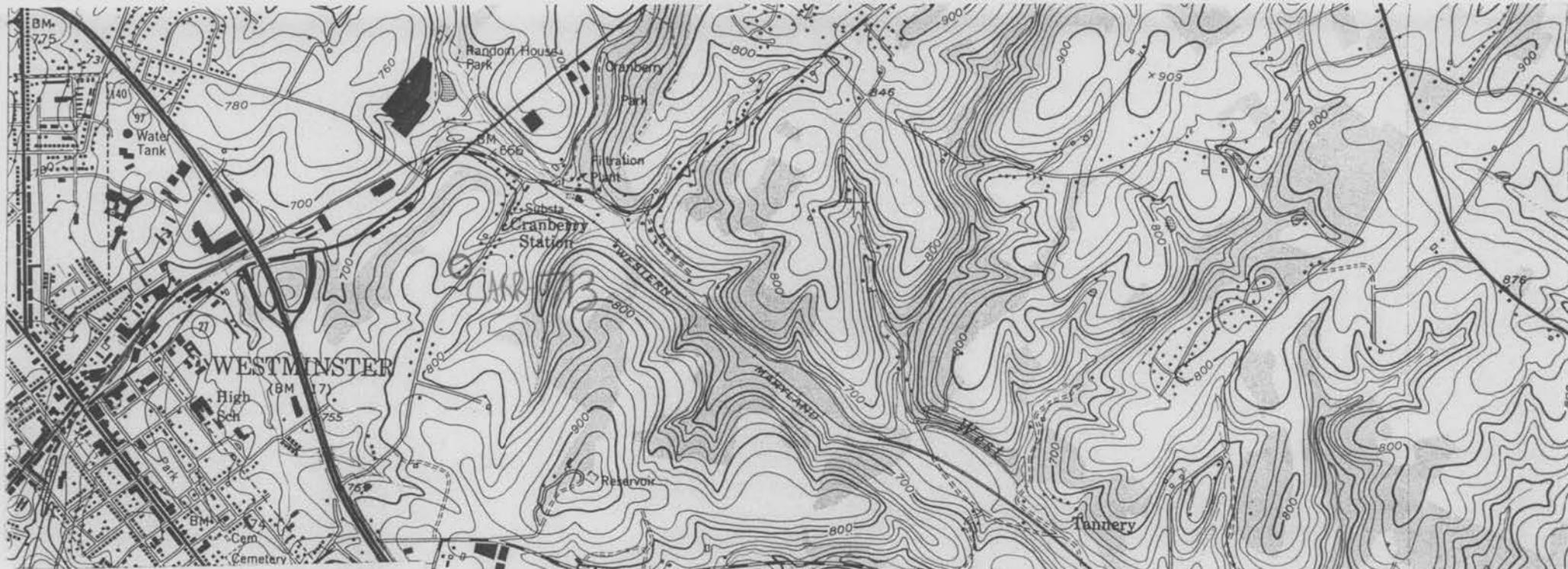
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(NEW WINDSOR)  
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Amos Shaeffer Farm  
222 Cranberry Road  
Westminister quad



U.S.G.S. MAP  
WESTMINSTER, MD.  
1:24000 SCALE





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Amos Shaeffer Farm  
222 Cranberry Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

Date: Oct. 1994

Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

General view from South direction

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Amos Schaeffer Farm

222 Cranberry Road

Carroll County, Maryland

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House - southwest and southeast elevs.

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General view from north

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2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. South and east elevations  
(camera facing northwest)
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