

CARR-819

Willis F. Tracey Mill Farm
3969 Lineboro Road
Lineboro

c. 1905

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Willis F. Tracey Mill Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3969 Lineboro Road (MD 86) not for publication

city, town Lineboro 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 Robert J. Schmigel and Steven A. Rostkowski

street & number 3969 Lineboro Road telephone no.: 239-4579

city, town Manchester state and zip code Maryland 21102

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 1163

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 912

city, town Westminster state Maryland

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		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.

Summary: The Willis F. Tracey Mill Farm is located east of Lineboro Road, at the intersection of Watertank Road. The house is a two-and-one-half-story, three-bay by two-bay structure of all-stretcher bond brick on all four elevations. It has a rubble stone foundation, 1/1 segmentally-arched windows, and a standing-seam metal gable roof. The northwest (front) facade has a central entrance. The half-hipped-roof porch has brick piers with wood lattice infill at the cellar level and four turned posts. There is a boxed cornice with returns. The center bay has a gabled dormer. Southeast of the house is a frame summer kitchen that butts against the roof of the rear porch and is perpendicular to it. The summer kitchen is one-and-one-half stories, with German siding, and a standing-seam metal gable roof. The northeast elevation has a one-story shed-roof porch. The southeast elevation has an exposed brick fireplace flush with the siding of the wall. North of the house is the frame ground barn with German siding. Southeast of the barn is a frame springhouse with German siding. The roof is cantilevered about two feet on the southwest end. The space below the cantilever has been enclosed with clapboards. Southeast of this springhouse is a frame poultry house with board-and-batten siding and a shed roof.

The Willis F. Tracey Mill Farm is located east of Lineboro Road, at the intersection of Watertank Road. It is situated in the flat valley of the south branch of the Gunpowder Falls, at the base of a low ridge. The brick house, built c. 1905 faces toward the new Lineboro Road and beyond toward the Conrad Kerlinger Mill, which at that later date was the Willis Tracey Mill. Lineboro Road originally snaked around to the west of the mill and did not separate the house from the mill. Also on the property are a summer kitchen, a small barn, a springhouse and a poultry house.

The house is a two-and-one-half-story, three-bay by two-bay structure of all-stretcher bond brick on all four elevations. It has a rubble stone foundation, 1/1 segmentally-arched windows, with wood sills, and a standing-seam metal gable roof. The northwest (front) facade has two segmentally-arched sash in the cellar covered by the porch. There is a central entrance with a one-light transom and a later six-panel wood door. The half-hipped-roof porch has brick piers with wood lattice infill at the cellar level and five steps on the northeast end. There are four turned posts. There is no evidence that it ever had balusters, but the porch did have brackets once. The southwest end of the porch is enclosed now with wood. There is a boxed cornice with returns. The center bay has a gabled dormer on the roof with siding of wood shingles with clipped corners. The dormer has a round-arched 9/1 sash. There is an internal brick chimney on each end. Each chimney contains a copper lightning rod with glass ball.

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There is a matching lightning rod, with weather vane attached, on the peak of the central dormer.

The cellar of the northeast elevation has a segmentally-arched four-light sash in the north bay and a segmentally-arched door covered by a cellar bulkhead in the east bay. The gable end has two small, segmentally-arched 1/1 sash. The southeast elevation has two bays on the second story and three on the first, with an off-center entrance set to the east of center. It has a one-light transom and a six-panel wood door. There is an altered one-story, shed-roof porch across the first story. It has an inverted-V-seam-metal roof. The southwest elevation matches the northeast, but with another four-light sash in place of the cellar door.

Southeast of the house is a frame summer kitchen that butts against the roof of the rear porch and is perpendicular to it. The summer kitchen is one-and-one-half stories, with a rubble stone foundation, German siding with corner boards, and a standing-seam metal gable roof. The northeast elevation has a 2/2 sash in the center and a vertical board door to the north. There is a one-story, shed-roof porch with standing-seam metal roof and new metal posts. The southeast elevation has an exposed brick fireplace flush with the siding of the wall. The internal brick chimney is just east of the gable ridge. The southwest elevation has one 2/2 sash. The siding extends northward beyond the end of the summer kitchen and butts the house at the south corner, enclosing the southwest end of the rear porch. There is a 2/2 sash set in this siding.

North of the house is the frame ground barn with German siding and corner boards. It has a gable roof of standing-seam metal. Two roll-up garage doors have been added to the southwest gable end, with a single 1/1 sash above. The southeast elevation has a standing-seam-metal, shed-roof porch on metal posts. There is a vertical board door to the south and a vertical board dutch door to the east. The northeast elevation has two wood-louvered vents and an opening in the gable end. The northwest elevation has a wood vent at each end, with an off-center opening that is boarded up and a vertical board door above it.

Southeast of the barn is a frame springhouse on a stone foundation, with a corrugated metal gable roof. It has German siding with corner boards. The roof is cantilevered about two feet on the southwest end, and the gable end is filled with German siding and a 1/1 sash. The space below the cantilever has been enclosed with clapboard on the southwest and northwest sides. The southeast space below the cantilever has a vertical board door and German siding. The southeast elevation of the springhouse has a vertical board door in the center.

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Southeast of this springhouse is a frame poultry house with board-and-batten siding and a corrugated metal shed roof. The southeast elevation has a vertical board door on strap hinges to the south and two new vertical board doors. There is one three-light sash on each of the other elevations.

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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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Specific dates c. 1905 **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.

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

The Willis F. Tracey Mill Farm is located on land that was part of Conrad Kerlinger's Mill Farm (see CARR-818). When Martin Kroh sold the property in 1845, the mill and stone house were separated. Mill owner George Grove was apparently living elsewhere, and may have constructed a wood frame house in the vicinity of the mill in the nineteenth century. John Tracey purchased the mill from George Grove's executor's in 1879. It appears that by the early twentieth century, Willis Tracey was running the mill for John Tracey. He must have begun construction of this house around 1904 or 1905, shortly before or shortly after the death of John Tracey. In 1906 he purchased the mill property on which this house used to sit from John Tracey's executors. The fact is noted in the tax assessments in 1907. Also noted for that year is a new house valued at \$700.00. By 1910 an improvement worth \$150.00 was added, but it is not clear whether this was to the mill or the farm. In 1909, Willis Tracey bought Conrad Kerlinger's stone house, but sold it in 1918 to his son-in-law, Charles Folk, and presumably remained in his new brick house. After Willis Tracey's death, the mill and this house also passed into the possession of Charles Folk. This house was separated off in 1960 and sold out of the family.

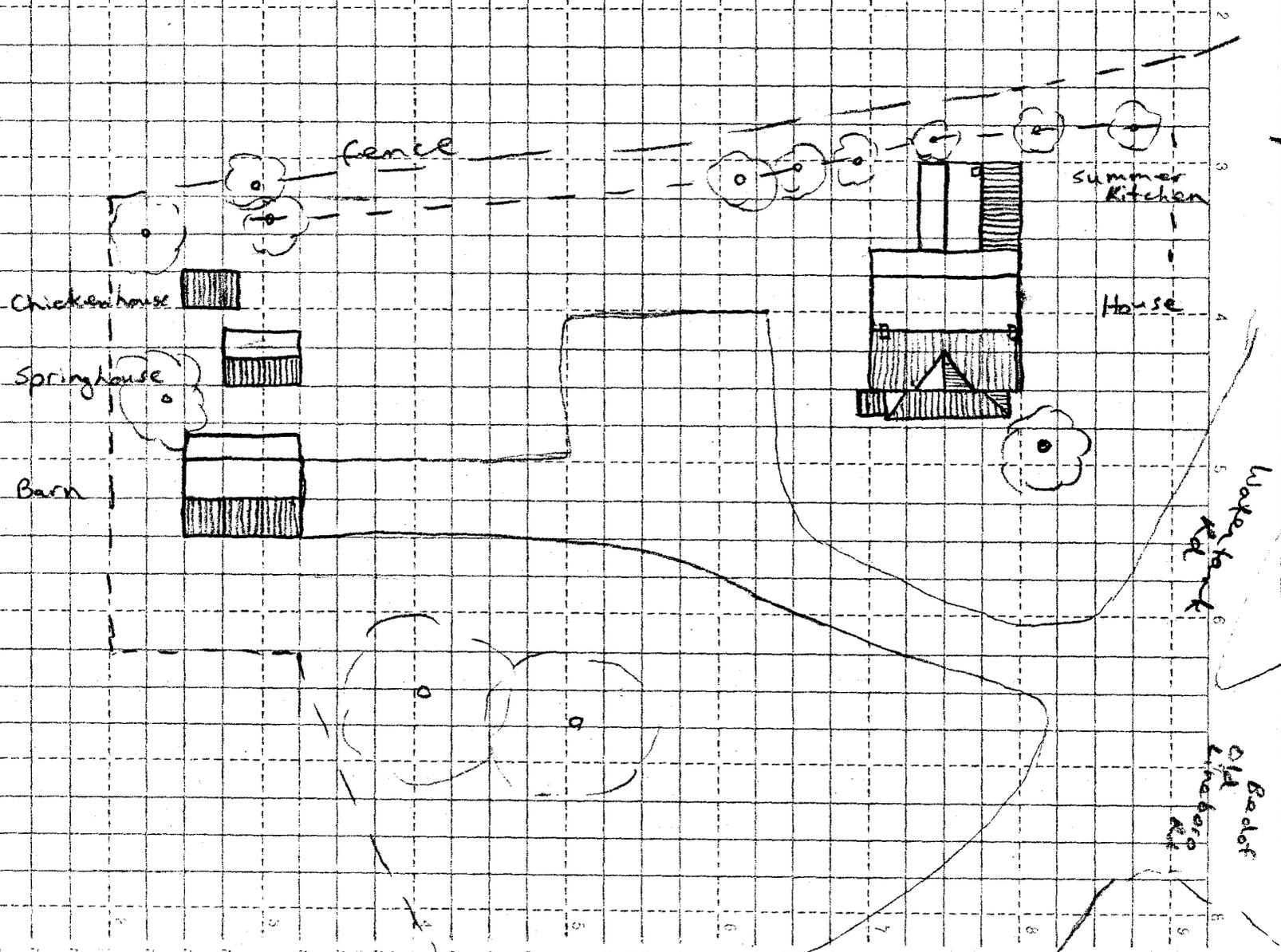
Significance (continued)

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The house is a typical three-bay, center entrance building that was very popular in Carroll County throughout the nineteenth century and especially after the Civil War. Most houses of this type seem to be found in towns. The central gable is a ubiquitous form in the mid-Atlantic region found in conjunction with the I-house, and in Carroll County, as in this particular example, it seems to have been used on the deeper, more traditional, local three-room or double pile house. This house also demonstrates the persistence of traditional designs into the twentieth century despite the existence of readily available pattern books with an infinite variety of new styles to influence home builders.

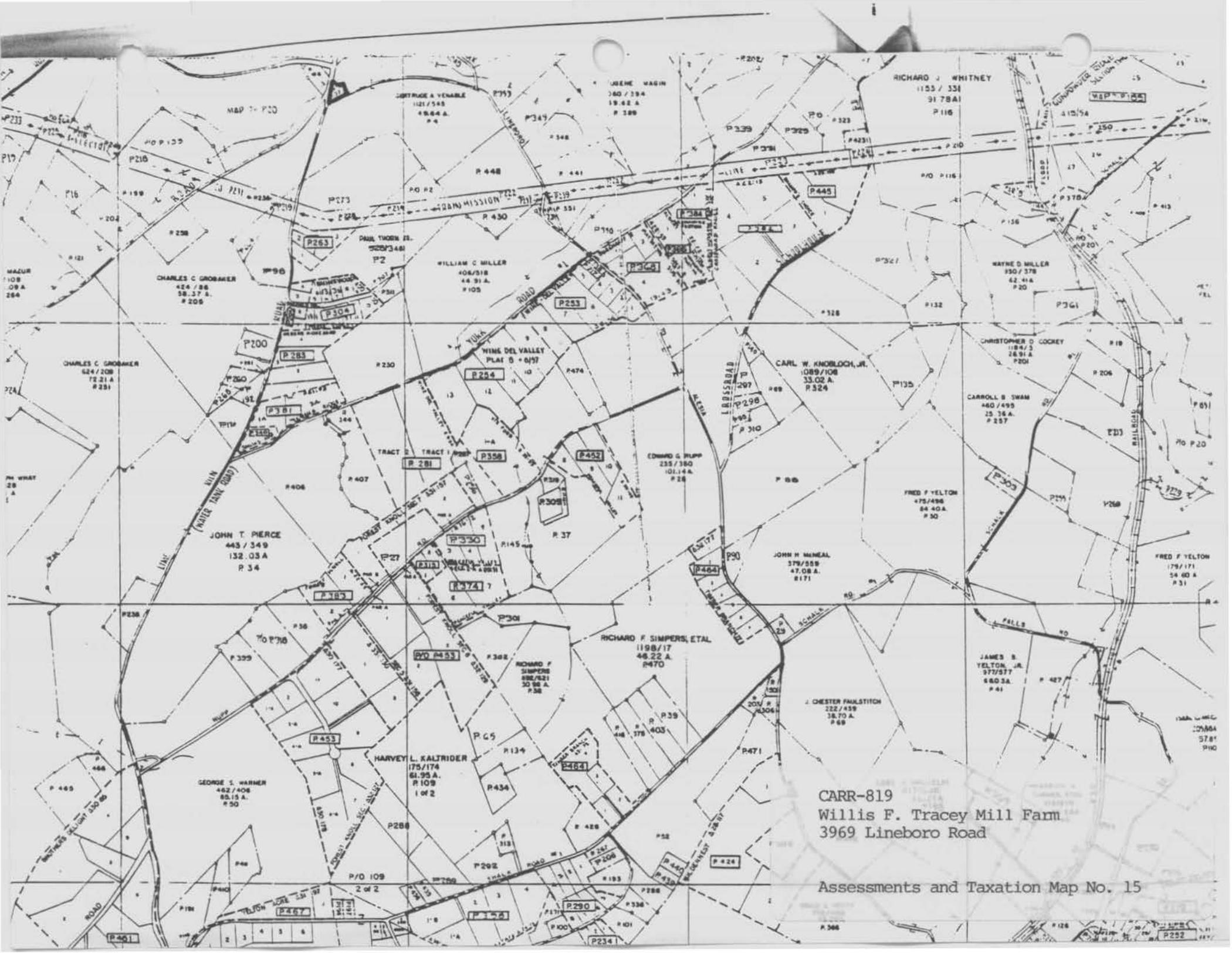
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3969 Lineboro Rd. CARR-819
Site plan



Lineboro Rd

Old Badol
Lineboro Rd



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Willis F. Tracey Mill Farm
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Assessments and Taxation Map No. 15

M&P 3- P20

JORTRIDGE & VENABLE
121/545
18.64 A.
P 4

JOSEPH WAGIN
360/294
19.62 A.
P 388

RICHARD J. WHITNEY
153/331
91.78 A.
P 116

CHARLES C. GROBAKER
424/28
58.37 A.
P 205

WILLIAM C. MILLER
406/518
44.91 A.
P 105

WAYNE D. MILLER
350/378
62.44 A.
P 201

CHARLES C. GROBAKER
624/208
72.21 A.
P 231

WINE DEL VALLEY
PLAT 6 - 0197
P 224

CARL W. KNORLOOG, JR.
1089/108
33.02 A.
P 324

CARROLL S. SWAN
460/495
25.16 A.
P 257

JOHN T. PIERCE
443/349
132.03 A.
P 34

EDWARD G. PAPP
235/380
101.14 A.
P 28

FRED F. YELTON
475/496
84.40 A.
P 30

JOHN H. MENEAL
379/359
47.08 A.
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FRED F. YELTON
179/171
54.60 A.
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RICHARD F. SIMPERS, ETAL
1198/17
46.22 A.
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JAMES S. YELTON, JR.
377/571
64.03 A.
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GEORGE S. WARNER
462/406
85.15 A.
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HARVEY L. KALTRIDER
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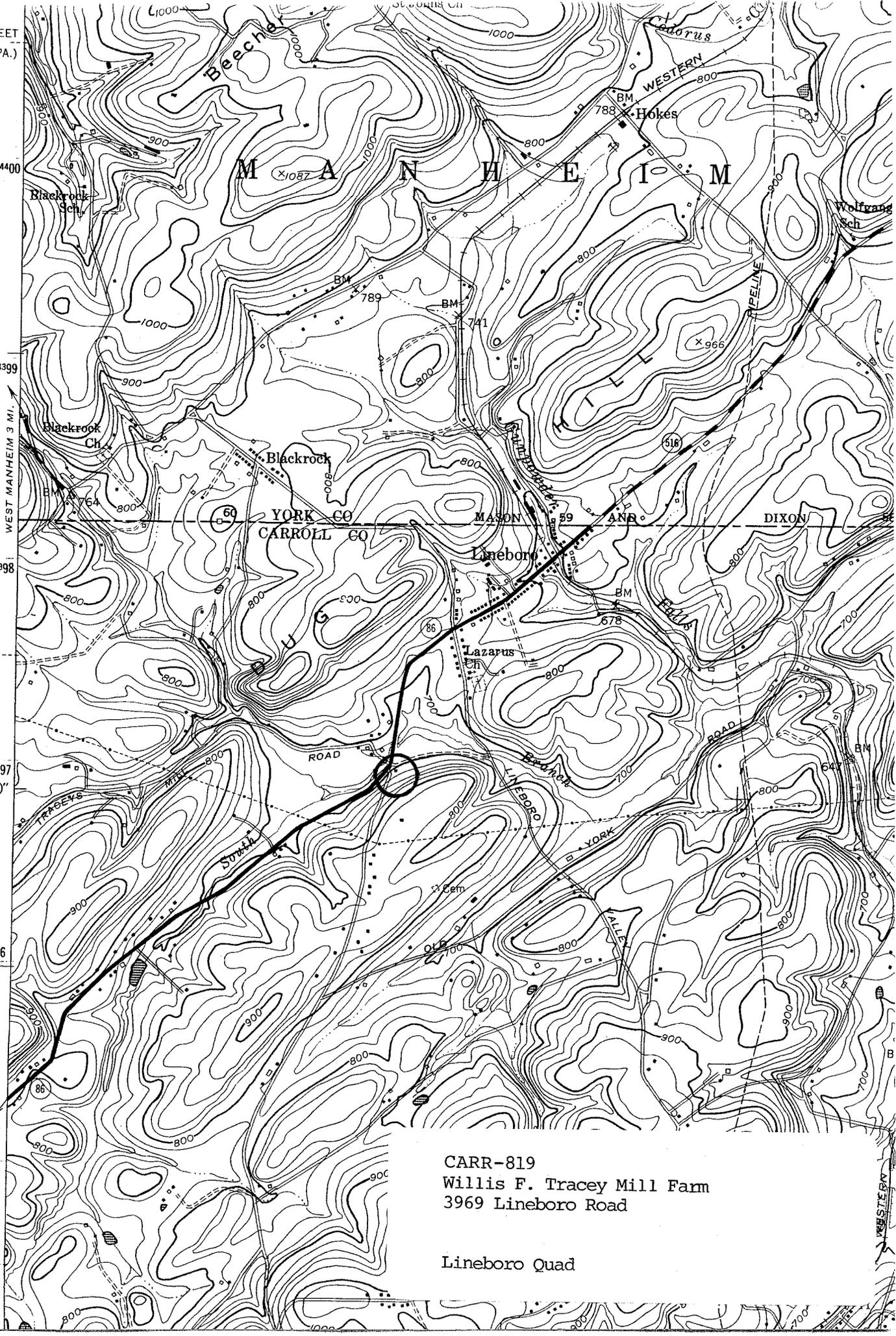
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Lineboro Quad



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Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Date: May 1992

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

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Summer kitchen; house - NE elev.

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W. S. F., Grassy Mill Farm
3954 Lineboro Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: beneath M. Short

Date: May 1972

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Baron: Susan M. Short



Willis F. Tracey Mill Farm
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Springhouse - NW : SW elevs.

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