

Harlan-Magraw House
CE-915
Richardsmere
Destroyed

C. 1860

The Magraw House no longer stands along the north bank of the Octoraro Creek at the crossing known as Porter's Bridge. A mill complex, which included the house, a frame grist mill, and wagon sheds were located along the north bank as depicted ^{the} by Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas. (1877) Harry S. Magraw purchased the property in 1864 from John and Margaret Harlan for \$9,300. (WHR 7/112). The tract is called "Steels Resurneyed" and patented to the Harlans in May of 1835.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

FILE # 897

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McGraw House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Just south of Route 1 at Porter's Bridge (RICHMONDSMERE)

CITY, TOWN

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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X VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Harlan

The McGraw House c. 1870 is a 2½ story balloon frame I-House located just south of Route 1 and immediately west of the Octorara Creek. The house is on the south slope of a hill and faces south toward the creek. The primary gable runs east/west.

The main block is a typical three bays across by one room deep with a central hall. A L extension is attached on the north side. The house has not been lived in and has been extensively vandalized in the recent past. The structure rests on coursed stone foundation and is sheathed with narrow weather boards. The slate roof has a steep pitch. Single story porches are found across the front of the structure and in the corner of the ell. The porches have square posts, decorated brackets and slate roofs.

The main facade is 3 bays across with the entrance in the center bay. Sidelights flank the door and a transom is overhead. A single lower panel is found below each sidelight. The windows are 6/6 sash with beaded trim and louvered shutters. The second floor windows have been removed. There is a attic window in the front cross gable. Interior end chimney with clay chimney pots are found on each gable end.

The rear addition is two bays across by one room deep. It has the same detailing as the main block.

The interior has been vandalized extensively but a few 4 panel doors with 19th century molded trim remain. Small mantels with plain pilasters and undecorated frezes were found lying in the front parlors.

SIGNIFICANCE

The house is not very significant in its decrepit state and will eventually disappear. The house originally, according to local residents, was quite elaborate and until recently in excellent shape. The house was probably built by the ~~late~~ 19th century mill owner due to its close proximity to the mill.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Courthouse Committee

DATE

9/22/79

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

WAS 371/125 H. S. McGraw 1877
~~WAS 307/139 64 Acres Eikner F.P. Rawlings 1877~~

WAS 371/125 Stanley L. Perkins & Frances R. Perkins
To
12/18/1976 Brant Stanley Perkins
Plat No. 1283

WAS 301/213 Harry J. Goodrick - Anm. for Jerry J. Atkinson
To
12/1/1972 Stanley L. Perkins
3.737 Acres

CK 6/497 Manor Real Estate & Trust Co.
To
9/1/1913 Jerry M. Atkinson
Grist Mill mentioned in 158.062 acres being part of the same.

MD 6/600 Joseph T. Bunting
To
2/9/1908 Manor Real Estate

JGW 14/500 Joseph T. Richards & Martha Eliz.
To
Joseph T. Bunting of McGraw

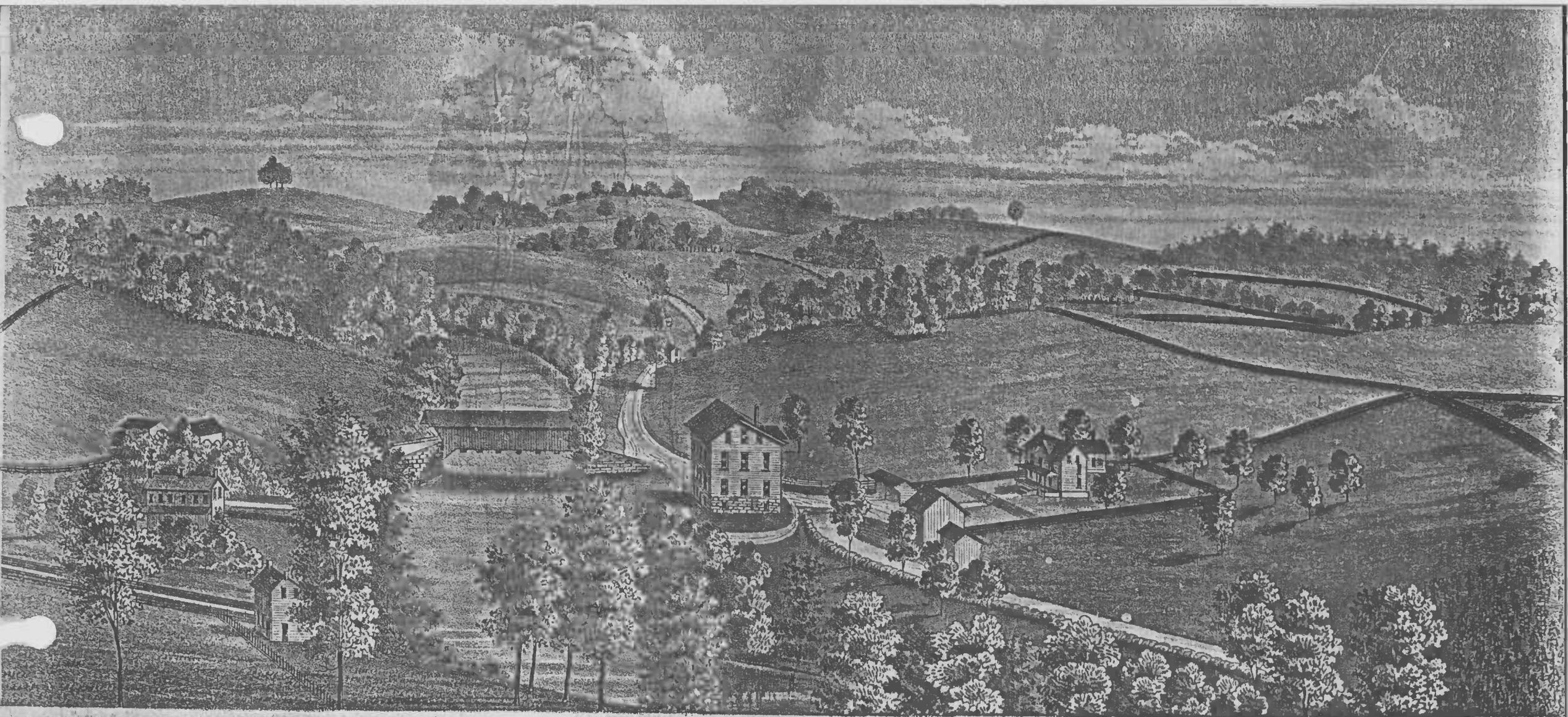
JAD 18/252 Wm. S. Evans, Attorney Equity Case NO. 1527
To
7/19/1889 Joseph T. Richards - Default of Mortgage
\$9,000.00 To Richards by Stephen C. & Jane S. MaGraw
Part of tract called "Steels Resurveyed"

WHR 7/112 David Harlan & Margaret R.
To
Harry S. MaGraw - city of Philadelphia
9,300.00 234 acres

3/10/1864

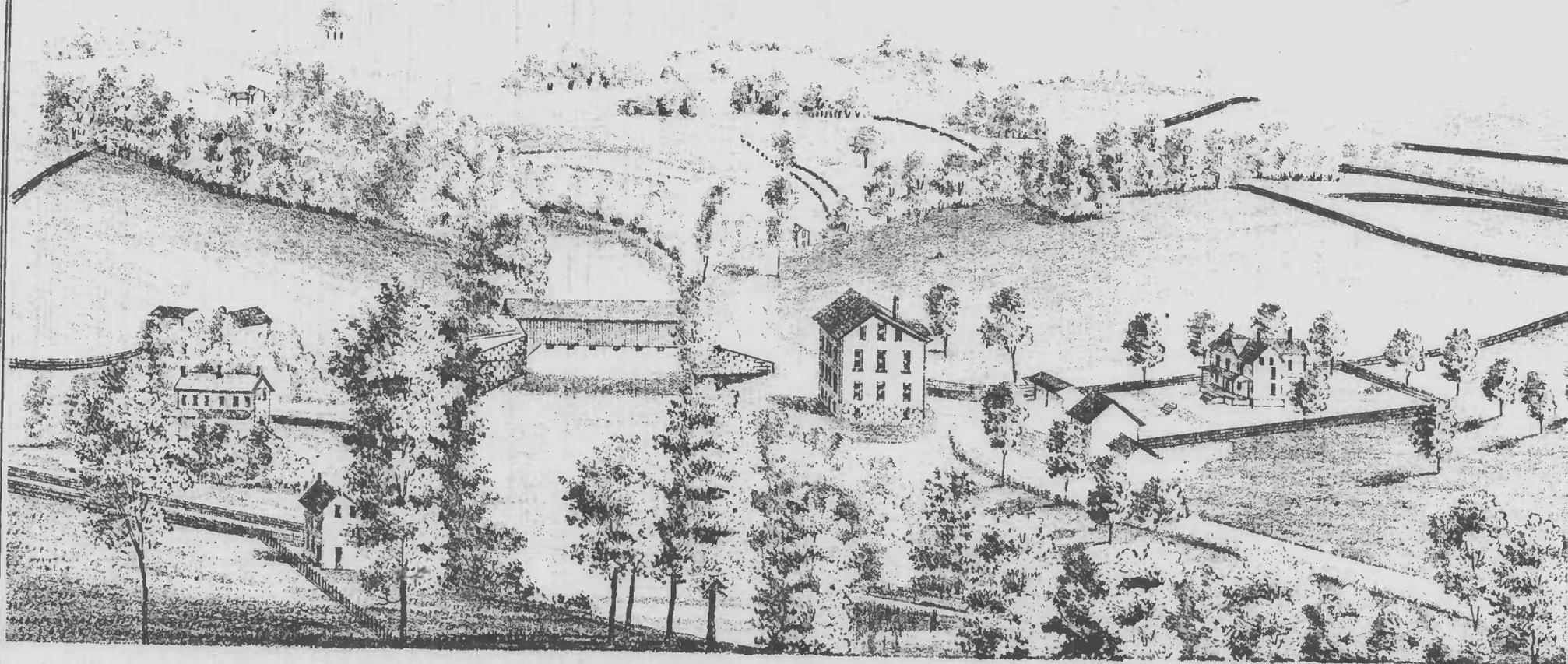
WHR 4/692 John H. Harlan & Margaret
To
9/17/1863 David Harlan
\$3000 Churchville, Harford County

"All that plantation and farm whereon we reside on Octoraro
Creek, Cecil Co. which was patented to us John H. Harlan
and Margaret A. Harlan May 25, 1835 and recorded in Liber
LoWel ~~platt~~ No. D. 175, 176, 177 Land Record Books of the land
office of Md.

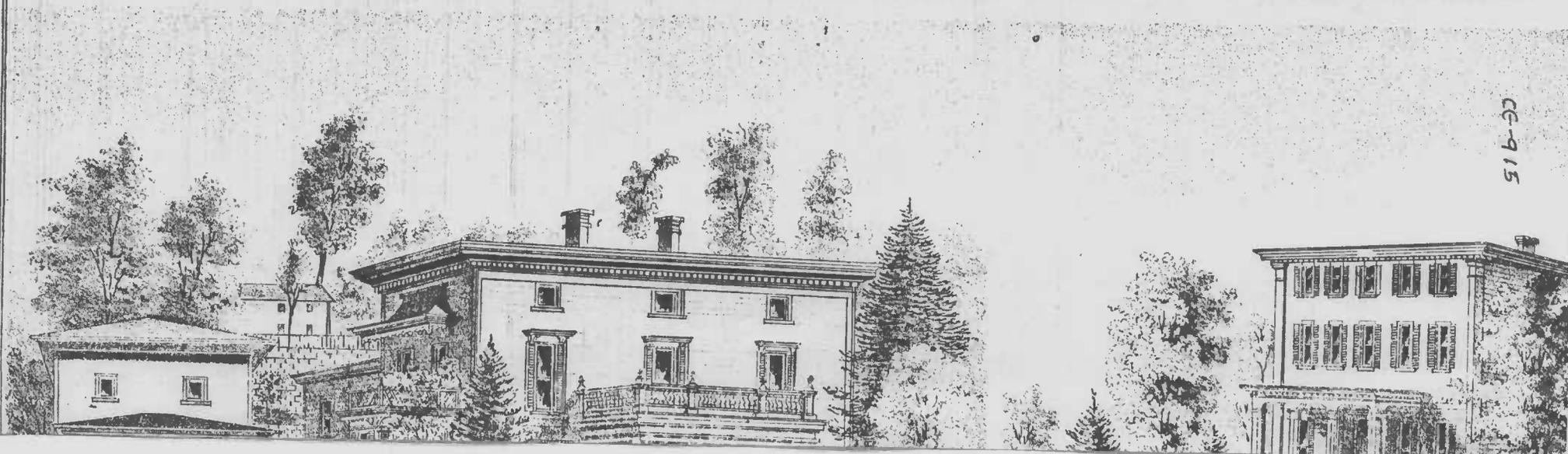


MILL & FARM PROPERTY OF H.S. MAGRAW ESQ. DIST. NO 8 CECIL CO. MARYLAND.

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PENNSYLVANIA

LANCASTER CO

CECIL CO

CONOWINGO MD. / PA
Quad

Rock Springs

New Valley Sch

Porters Grove Ch

Richardsmere

Kilby Corner

Conowingo Sta

OCTORARO

Rowlandsville

BM 535

BM 590

BM 294

BM 51

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42'30"

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CE-915
4394

(RISING SUN)
5763 11 NE

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4392

40'

4391

MISSING SUN 3 M
PHILADELPHIA, PA 83 M





~~Harlan~~

Mc GRAN House

CE-915

CONOWINGO, MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

PBT

8/78