MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-916

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Richard Richards Graveyard

2. Location

street & number 1830 Rattlesnake Ridge ___ not for publication

city, town Hampstead ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

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

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

name Claude B. Widerman

street & number 8905 Garfield Drive telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20879

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 371

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 368

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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	X ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Richard Richards Graveyard is located in the midst of a cornfield on the west side of the town of Hampstead in northeast Carroll County. The cemetery is hidden within a clump of trees in the middle of the field. It is several hundred feet northwest of the end of Terrace Drive, and several hundred feet east of Hampstead Elementary School. The cemetery has several marble stones with semi-circular tops. They have all been knocked over and broken, and have become overgrown with weeds. In the fall of 1981 the surviving stones that could be identified were recorded.

In Memory of / George Richards / Died July 10, 186? / Aged 76 Yrs. / 9 Mo. / and 1? days.

In memory of / Catherine / wife of George Richards / Died April 10, 1847 / Aged 59 Yrs. / and 4 days.

Native Stone carved: C. R. 1847

Native Stone carved: R. R. 1835

In Memory of / Elizabeth / Consort of / Moses Lawson / Born Feb. 2, 1777 / Died / April 23, 1859 / Age 82 Yr. 2 Mo. / 21 days. Footstone: E. L.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military	X social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates **Builder/Architect** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B ___C X D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
Chronological/Development Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
Historic Period Themes: Cultural
Resource Types: Cemetery

Though referred to as the Richard Richards cemetery, the known inhabitants are George and Catherine Richards, most likely their four-year-old son Richard, and Elizabeth Lawson. The graveyard is located on what was the farm of Charles and Susan Richards from before the creation of Carroll County until 1861, when it was sold to David Richards. Most of the interments had occurred while the property was owned by Charles Richards, but there is no mention in the deed of a cemetery or anyone's right to use it. What connection any of these people may have had with the owners is as yet unknown. The farm remained in the Richards family until 1938. None of the farm buildings seem to have survived. The stones are simple and typical for mid-nineteenth-century Carroll County.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records
"Richards Cemetery" typescript Martha Hyson and Joan Porterfield, Fall 1981

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Hampstead **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Planner

organization Carroll County Planning Department **date** July 30, 1993

street & number 225 North Center Street **telephone** (410) 857-2145

city or town Westminster **state** MD

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.

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

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Richard Richards Cemetery
1830 Rattlesnake Ridge

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
Charles D. & Helene K. Bankert (wife)	Carroll	Claude B. Widerman & wife, Kathine K., et al	Carroll	3-27-1964	CCC 371	368	Deed fee simple	$10, ½ interest other half to Newman & Marie Marsilius
								Rattlesnake Rige, Landoff, Corn Hill Res., Transylvania Res. on Shiloh Road, 152 a. part of second lot below
Bankert Brothers Co., Inc.	Carroll MD Corp.	Charles P. Bankert & wife, Helene K.	Carroll	11-29-1951	EAS 211	165	Deed fee simple	$10, 5 lots, Lot (2) 148 a.
D. Eugene Walsh, et al, trustees	Carroll	John A. Bankert Robert N. Bankert Bankert Brothers	Carroll	1-5-1938	LDM 167	412	Deed fee simple	Equity #6759, 19 oct. 1937, $8800, 148 a.
David W. Richards	Carroll	Saranda Richards (wife of David W.)	Carroll	6-21-1909	DPS 112	104	Deed	$1, 152 a.
David Richards	Carroll	David W. Richards	Carroll	2-4-1875	FTS 44	446	Deed	$250 & furnish room, fuel, boarding & necessary conveniences & $200 annually for life 152 a. [no earlier ref.]

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
Charles & Susan Richards (wife)	?	David Richards	?	6-7-1861	GEW 29	215	Deed fee	$3000, Rattlesnake Ridge Landoff, Corn Hill Res., Transylvania Res., 218 a. [no earlier ref.] [not sold in Carroll County]

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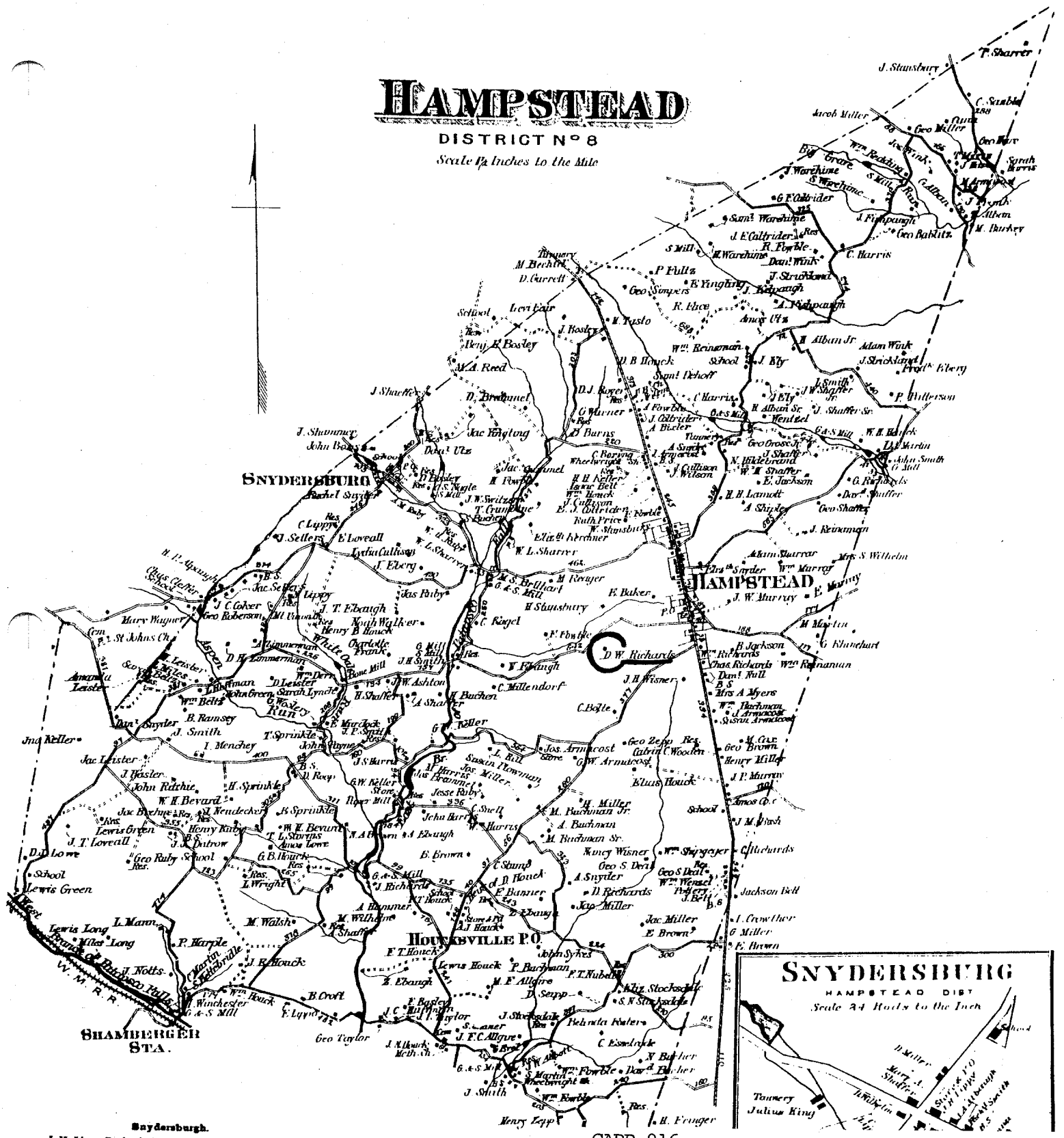
Martenet Map, 1862



Snydersburgh.

J. H. Lippy, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, and all kinds of goods usually kept in a country store. Snydersburgh.

Julius King, Tanner and Manufacturer of all kinds of Upper Leather. Snydersburgh.

C. S. Nagle, Manufacturer of Lumber, Shingles, and Lath. Mills one-half mile east of Snydersburgh.

Daniel O. Brummel, Farmer and House Painter, Snydersburgh.

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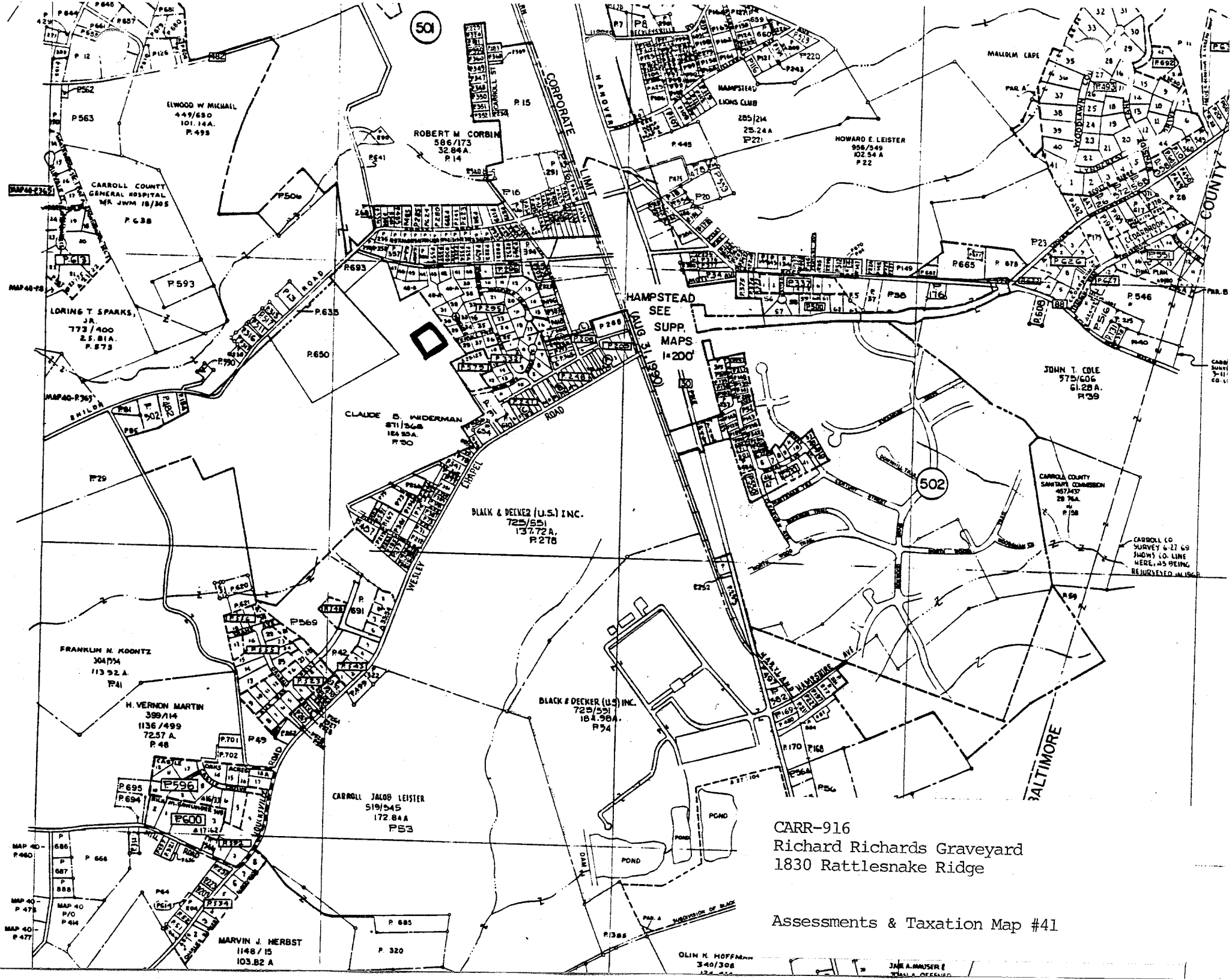
Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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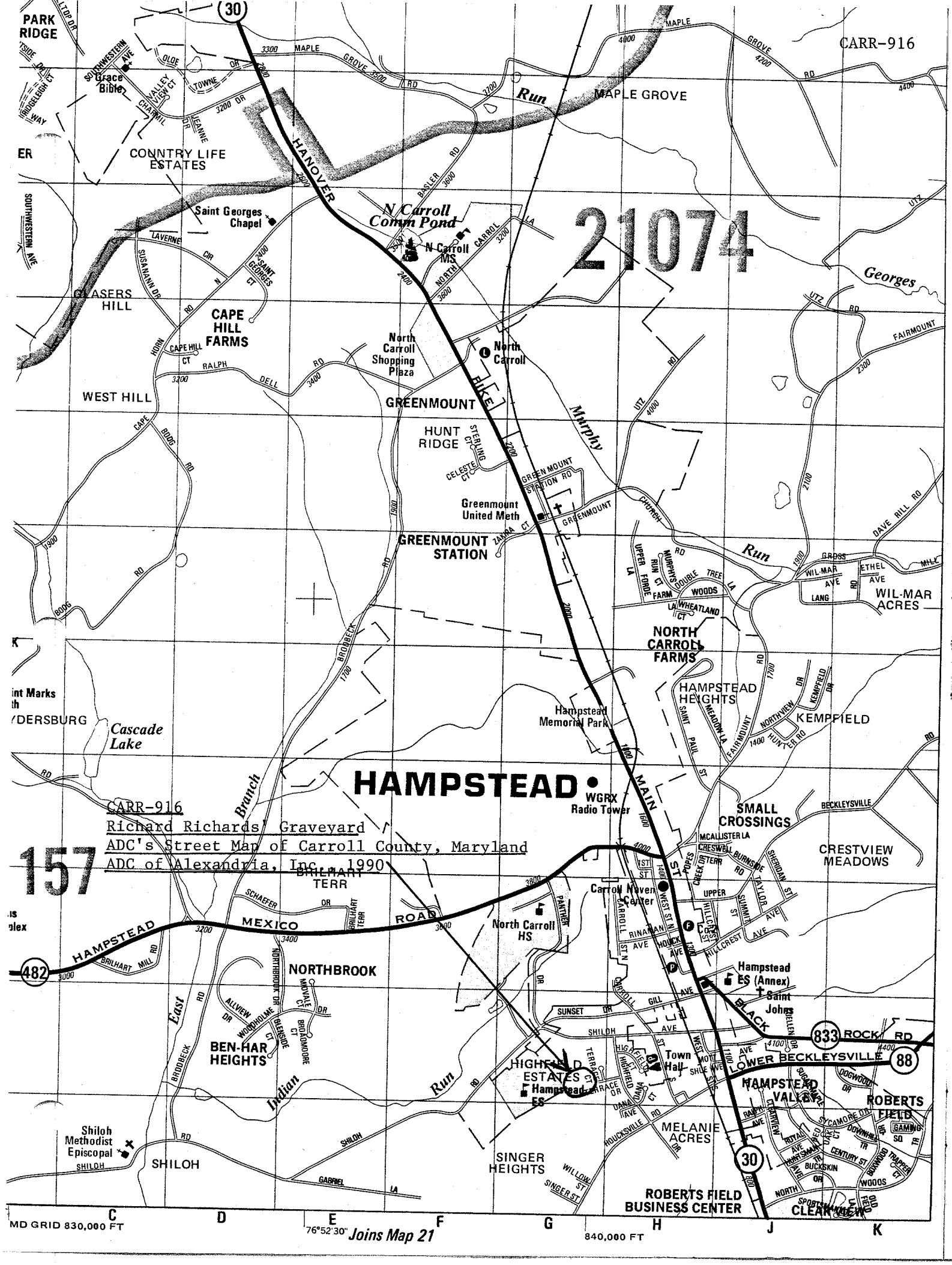
Assessments & Taxation Map #41



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Richard Richards' Graveyard
ADC's Street Map of Carroll County, Maryland
ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1990

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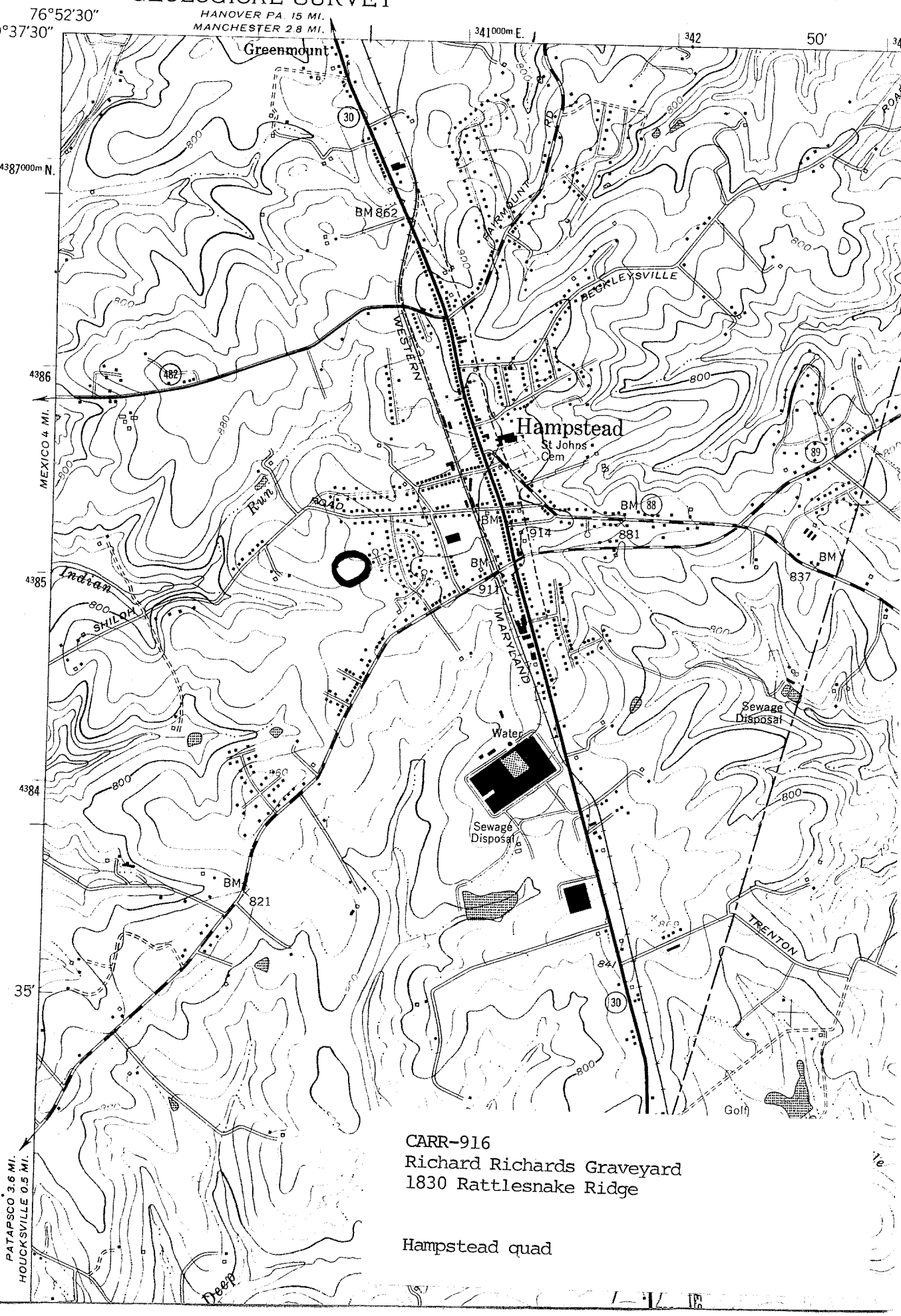

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Richard Richards Graveyard
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Hampstead quad

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Richard Richards Graveyard

1530 Rattlesnake Ridge

Caroline County, Maryland

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Date: July 1993

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view west toward site, in trees