

CARR-1418

Bert Koontz Road (south side) near Stone Road
Taneytown (vicinity)

Summary:

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1418

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Bert Koontz Road (south side) near Stone Road not for publication

city, town Taneytown 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: abandoned

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

name Jean Davis

street & number 3261 Hyser Road telephone no.:

city, town Taneytown state and zip code Maryland 21787

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 1391

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 629

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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.

This log house is located on the south side of Bert Koontz Road, across from 3270 Bert Koontz Road, approximately 2¾ miles northeast of Taneytown in northwest Carroll County, Maryland.

It is a V-notch corner log structure with a rubble stone foundation and a corrugated metal gable roof with a northeast to southwest ridge. It is a one-story structure that is banked on the northwest. The northwest elevation has a boarded-up window opening in the north bay and a widened opening in the west bay. There are some vertical nailers on this elevation that probably were installed to hold siding. The northeast elevation has a window opening set north of center. The gable end has German siding. Most of the chinking that survives appears to be of wood. On the southeast elevation a large central section of the foundation wall has been removed and a beam has been placed in here to support the ends of the first-story floor joists. The first-story logs have also been removed and there are posts set under the attic joist ends.

On the interior, the first story has a northwest to southeast running wall with horizontal lath and plaster. It is set northeast of center. There is a second wall parallel to it and to the northeast of it, and there are stairs between these two walls that lead to the attic. The southwest of these two walls has a doorway in it at the southeast end that leads to the stairway. The log walls have vertical hand-split lath and plaster. It appears that there is a summer beam running northeast to southwest in both the cellar and first stories, and there is possibly a fireplace in the southwest wall. This structure has been altered, which compromises its integrity, and it has seriously deteriorated.

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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Agriculture-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Historic Period Themes: Architecture

Resource Types: Rural vernacular

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862, 1877, 1917 maps
Senft family tradition

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 4.942 acres

Quadrangle name Littlestown

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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organization Carroll County Planning Department date December 8, 1994

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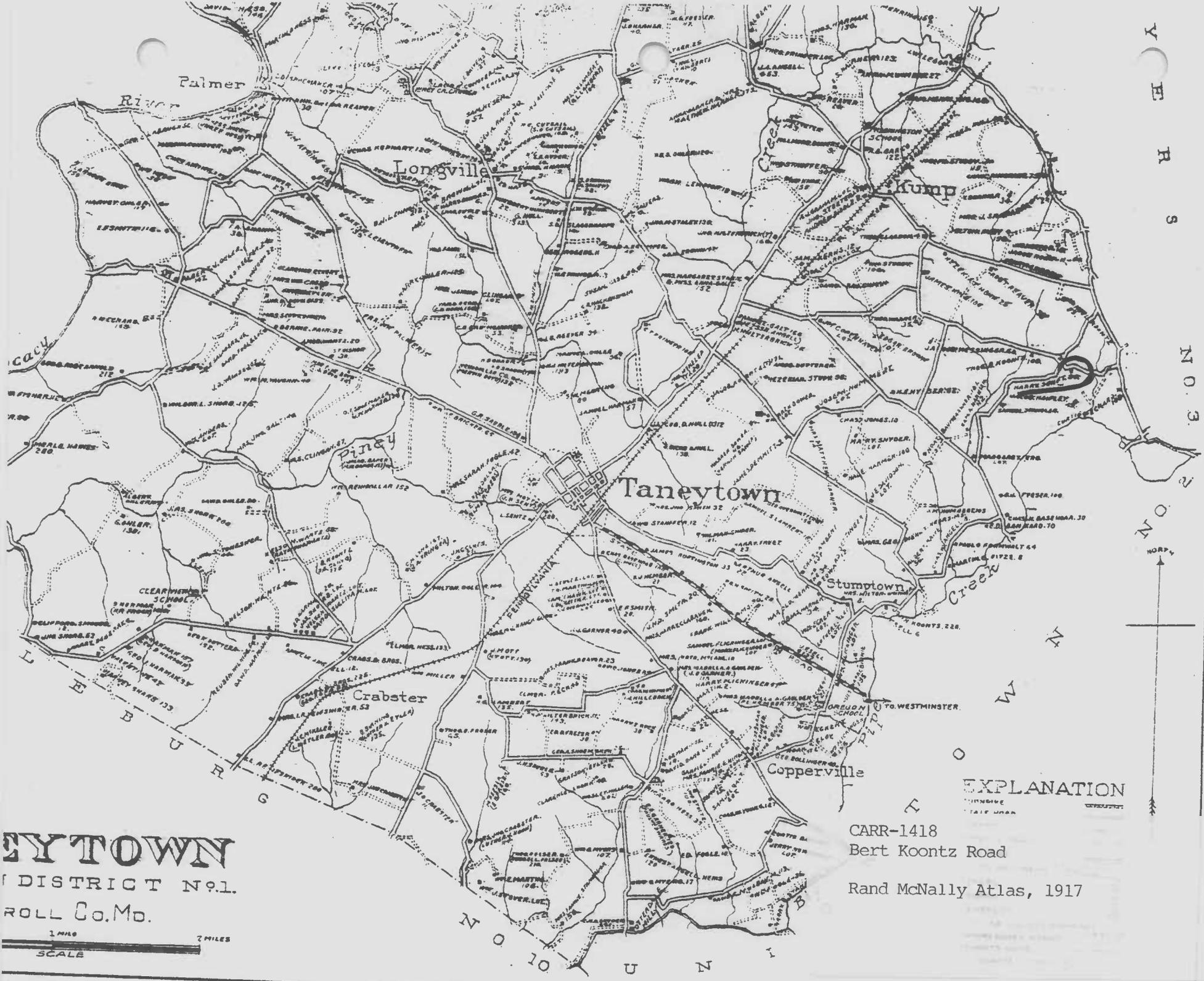
city or town Westminster state Maryland

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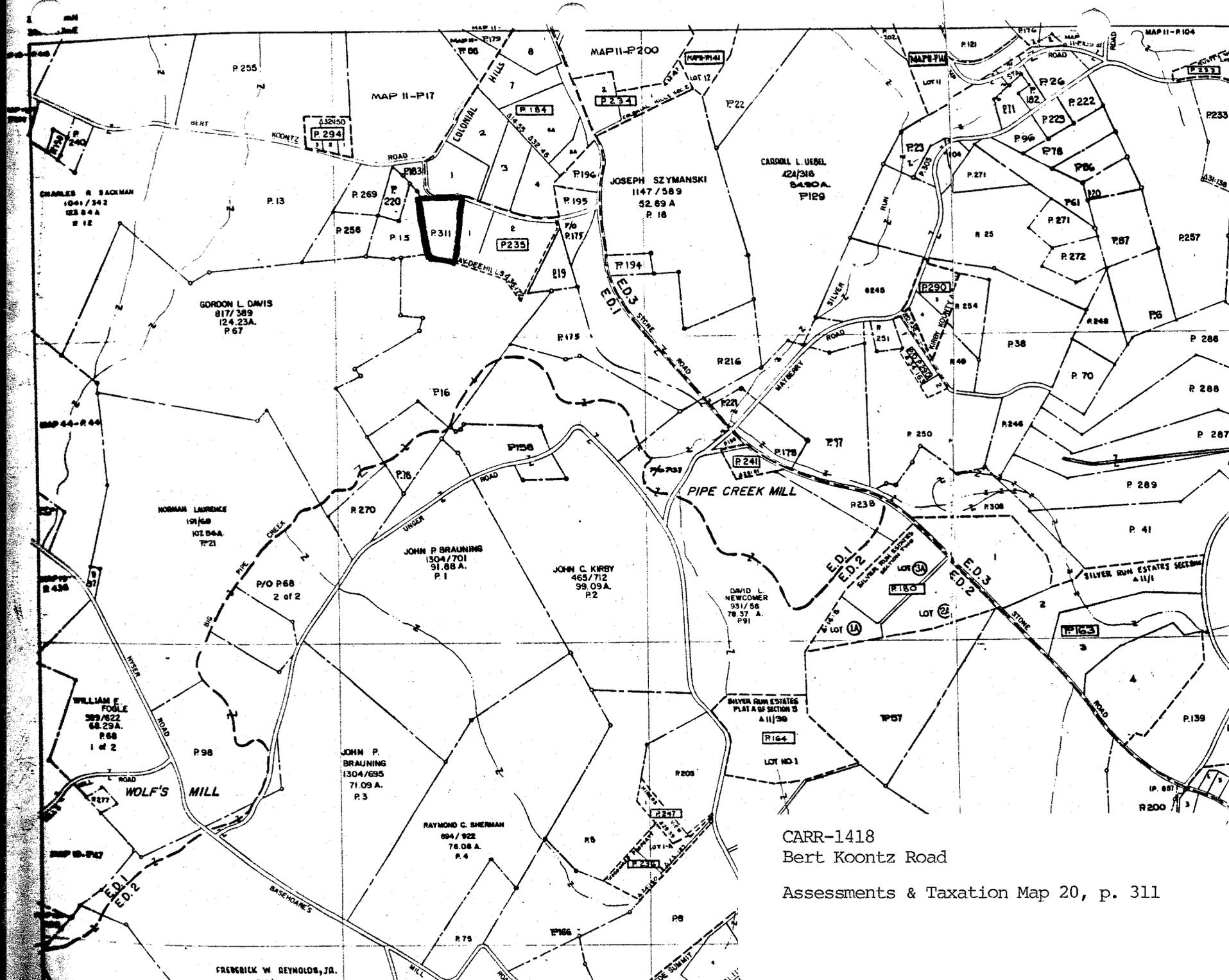
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KEY TOWN
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EXPLANATION
 (Symbol for road)
 (Symbol for water)

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 Bert Koontz Road
 Rand McNally Atlas, 1917



CARR-1418
 Bert Koontz Road
 Assessments & Taxation Map 20, p. 311

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 219/220

5563 II NW
(TANEYTOWN)

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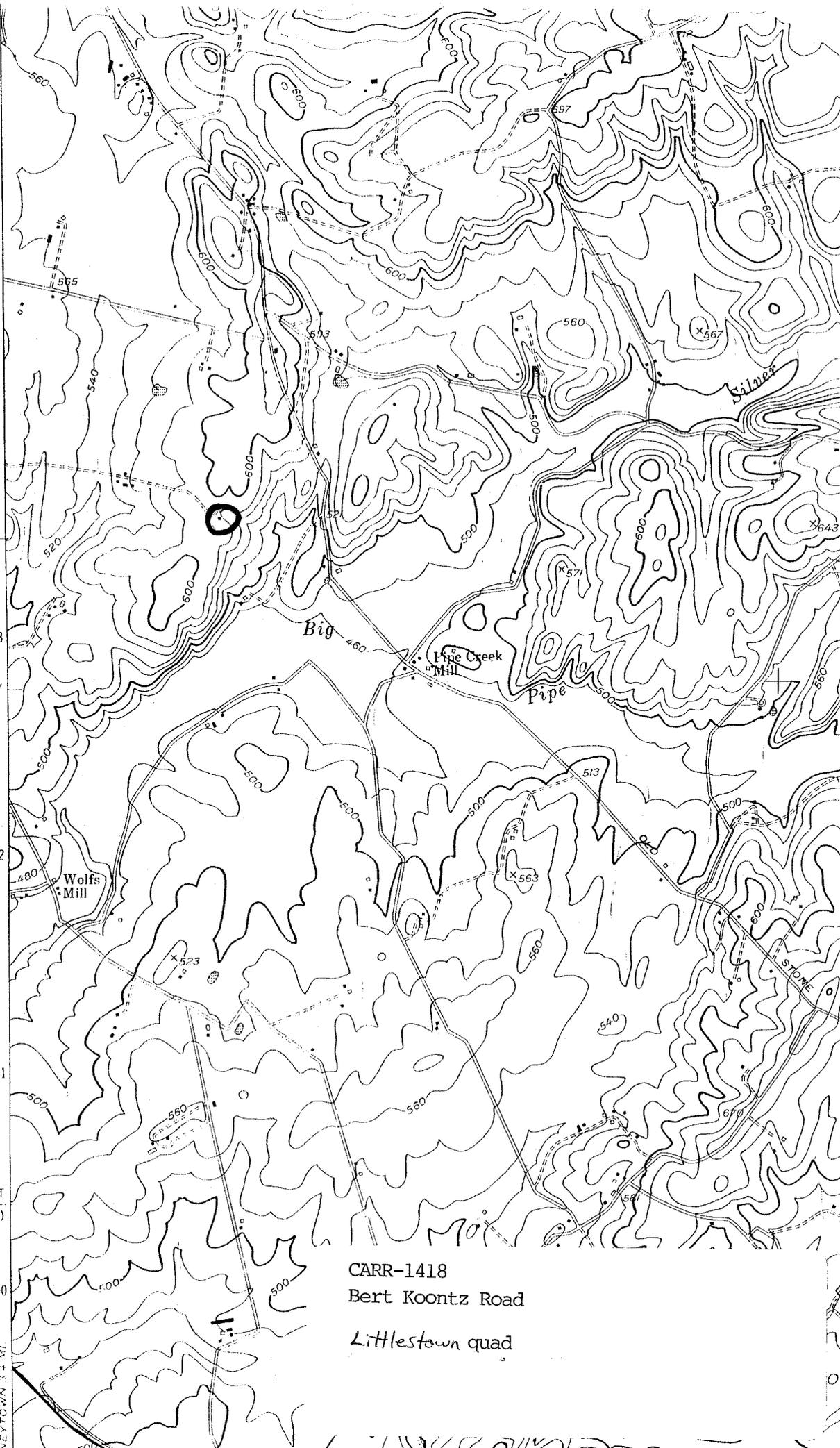
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CARR-1418
Bert Koontz Road
Littlestown quad



Bert Koontz Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

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NE & NW elevs.

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Bert Koontz Rd.

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southeast elev.

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