

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. HA-1779  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Heaps Farmstead

and/or common Genoa Stock Farm

## 2. Location

street & number 516 Pylesville Road (Maryland Route 165)  not for publication

city, town Pylesville  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Harford

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<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 Jeanne Jackson

street & number 516 Pylesville Road telephone no.:

city, town Pylesville state and zip code MD 21134

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber

street & number 20 West Courtland Street folio

city, town Bel Air state MD

## 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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<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

(SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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### DESCRIPTION

The Heaps Farmstead consists of a 2-story frame I-house and wooden barn and small shed, all of which date to the late 19th or early 20th century. The Farmstead occupies a gentle hillslope located at the headwaters of Jacks Hole (Creek) and situated several hundred feet north of Pylesville Road (State Route 165). A dirt road passes by the barn and shed, separating them from the south-southeastward facing farmhouse.

The three-bay farmhouse rests on a coursed sandstone rubble foundation and is sheathed in 3 inch wide clapboard siding with cornerboards. The slate-covered medium pitch gable roof features a cross-gable design, boxed cornice, and freezeboard. Single brick chimneys are located off-center on the front roof peak and on the rear gable end.

The paired 1/1 and 1/2 light sash windows are embellished on their caps with curvilinear moldings, as are the door frames. Pintels on the windows denote the former use of shutters. The main, centrally located doorway is enhanced by a stained glass transom and sidelights and by its five-panel molded door.

Spanning most of the front (south) elevation is a deteriorating wooden, hip roofed porch with beaded board ceiling and flooring, turned posts, and curvilinear brackets. Two smaller porch enclosures are on the west elevation and east elevations.

Approximately 30 yards east of the dwelling is a large post-and-beam style bank barn which, from a pre-1920 historic photograph, appears to be contemporaneous with the farmhouse. Except in a few places where concrete blocks have been installed, the foundation remains as coursed sandstone rubble; slate covers the gable roof and shed addition.

About 20 yards north of the barn is a small rectangular shed-like structure resting on wooden post supports. Vertical planking provides the framing and wall surfaces, and the medium pitch gable roof is slate covered. Windows consist of square openings covered with wire mesh.

The three buildings appear to be generally unmodified except for the removal of the shutters on the farmhouse and the disappearance of the southern and eastern barn appendages (as seen in the pre-1920 photograph).

**SIGNIFICANCE**

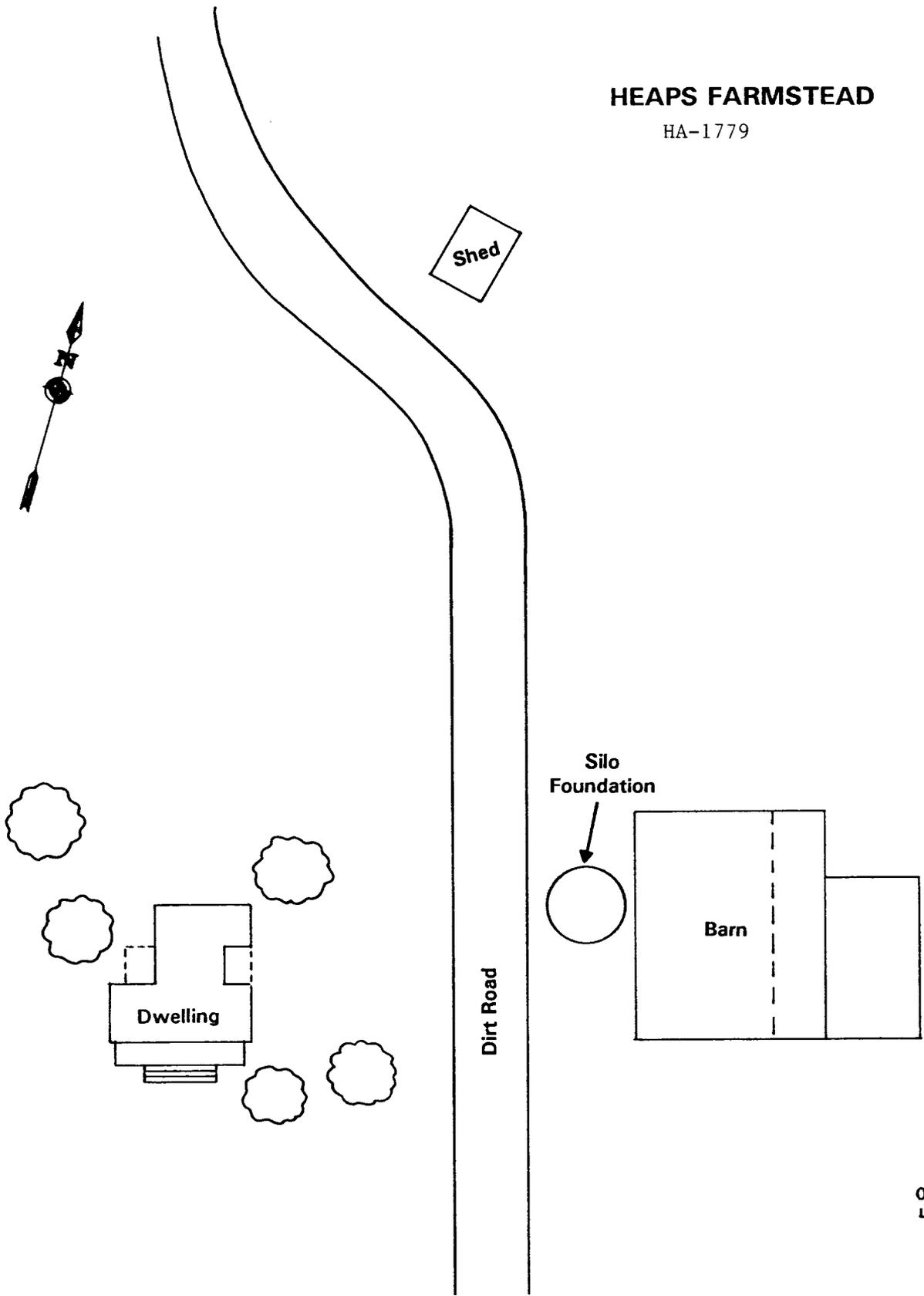
The Heaps house is a typical example of late 19th/early 20th century, rural vernacular Victorian architecture. The Victorian elements, conspicuously limited to curvilinear designs on the door and window frames and porch brackets, contrast the otherwise stark simplicity and functionality of design characteristic of late 19th century farmstead architecture.

The dwelling is nearly identical in design to another Heaps family farmhouse located almost directly opposite it on the south side of Pylesville Road. However, the building under study has retained more of its integrity and is therefore considered a better example of its architectural theme.

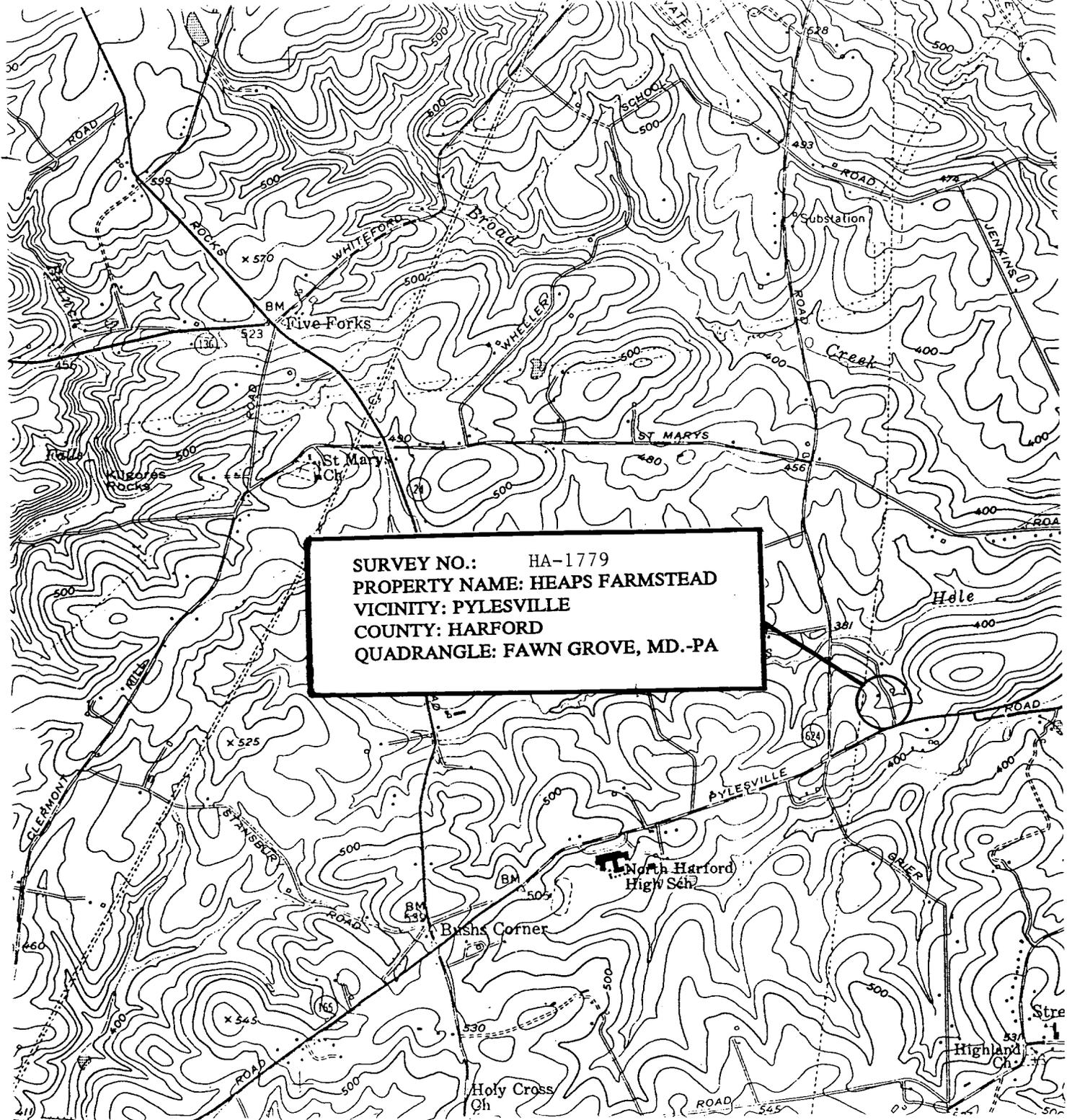
From the available secondary literature, the history of the property remains sketchy. The Aegis Historical and Industrial Edition (Mitchell 1920:35), however, includes an early photograph of the farmstead which I.W. Heaps reportedly purchased from W.F. Wilson in 1897 and which (in 1920) was known as the Genoa Stock Farm. Because the present owner of the property was unavailable, no additional information or photographs were obtained.

# HEAPS FARMSTEAD

HA-1779



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SURVEY NO.: HA-1779  
PROPERTY NAME: HEAPS FARMSTEAD  
VICINITY: PYLESVILLE  
COUNTY: HARFORD  
QUADRANGLE: FAWN GROVE, MD.-PA

St. Mary's Ch.  
North Harford High Sch.  
Pylesville  
Holy Cross Ch.  
Highland Ch.

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NO.

HA-1979

HEAPS FARMSTEAD

HARFORD CO. MD

DENISE L. GRANTZ

2-7-92

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC.

FARMSTEAD FACING NORTHEAST

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NO.

12/1/92

HEAPS FARMSTEAD

HARFORD CO., MD.

DENISE L. GRANTZ

2-7-92

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC.

SOUTH  $\frac{1}{4}$  WEST ELEVATIONS

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NO.

HA-1919

HEAPS FARMSTEAD

HARFORD CO., MD.

DENISE L GRANTZ

2-7-92

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC.

WEST

ELEVATION

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NO.

1/15/92

HEAPS FARMSTEAD

HARFORD CO., MD.

DENISE L. GRANTZ

2-7-92

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC.

WEST AND NORTH ELEVATION

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NO.

HPA-1779

HEAPS FARMSTEAD

HARFORD CO., MD.

DENISE L. GRANTZ

2-7-92

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC.

NORTH ELEVATION

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NO.

HA-1773

HEAPS FARMSTEAD

MARFORD CO., MD

DENISE L. GRANTZ

2-7-92

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC.

EAST AND NORTH ELEVATION

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NO.

HP-1759

HEAPS FARMSTEAD

HARFORD CO., MD.

DENISE L. GRANTZ

2-7-92

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC

BARN, WEST & SOUTH ELEVATIONS

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NO.

HA-1770

HEAPS FARMSTEAD

HARFORD CO., MD.

DENISE L. GRANTZ

2-7-92

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC.

SHED, SOUTH & WEST ELEVATION

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"GENOA STOCK FARM," Fylesville, Md.

RESIDENCE OF I. W. HEAPS

Mr. Heaps purchased this farm from W. F. Wilson, and moved here April 1st, 1897.

... and one and one-half miles from Highland C.

HA-1739

NO.

HEAPS FARMSTEAD  
HARFORD CO, MD.

UNKNOWN  
PRE-1920 (Mitchell 1920)

MICHAEL BAKER JR, INC.  
FARMSTEAD FACING NORTHWEST

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