

WO-299
Mary Lee Truitt House
Snow Hill
Private

c. 1840

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common MARY LEE TRUITT HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 106 South Washington Street not for publicationcity, town Snow Hill vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber WET 3

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 542

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. W0-299

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

The Mary Lee Truitt house stands at 106 South Washington Street in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/parlor frame house faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built around 1840, this two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling, supported by a low common bond brick foundation, is sheathed with vinyl siding, and it is covered with a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story service wing.

The southwest (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. The two-panel front door is topped by a four-light transom. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roof chamfered post porch with a rectangular baluster handrail. Lighting the second floor are two six-over-six sash windows along with a smaller six-over-six sash window over the entrance bay. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The south gable end is marked by casement-type windows and small two-over-two attic windows that flank the interior end brick chimney. The chimney top is finished with a corbelled cap.

The north gable end, on the other hand, is marked by two nine-over-six sash windows on the first floor and a single six-over-six sash window on the second floor. The gable end is pierced by a pair of two-over-two attic windows.

The northeast (rear) elevation of the main block is covered largely by the two-story, two-bay service wing that is finished with similar features as the front part. An internal brick chimney rises through the roof.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Survey No. W0-299

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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant/Worcester Co. date 6/4/90

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city or town Westover state MD 21871

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MARY LEE TRUITT HOUSE
Chain of title

455/357 DeWitt Fooks Truitt
Surviving Personal representative of
the estate of Mary Lee Truitt

to

11/5/1974 DeWitt Fooks Truitt, Trustee of Trust B.

C.W.N. 34/169 Benjamin T. Truitt

to

2/23/1950 Mary Lee Truitt

O.D.C. 46/208 William B. L. Bonneville, unmarried

to

5/17/1923 Benjamin T. Truitt, Jr.

Will E.P.D. 10/30 Will of Benjamin Spencer

to

6/26/1906 William B. L. Bonneville
O.D.C. 7/416 exception

F.H.P. 18/73 Oliver D. Collins, executor of
last will and testament of Priscilla
H. H. Milbourne

to

1/5/1903 Benjamin Spencer

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W.E.T. 3/542

Theodore W. Williams, Rosanna F.D.
Williams, Littleton Bowen, and Jesse
B. Truitt

to

10/17/1863

Priscilla H. H. Milbourne
\$1,200 Lots 48 and 49

Charles B. Truitt

to

Theodore W. Williams

E.D.M. 5/345

Ara Spence

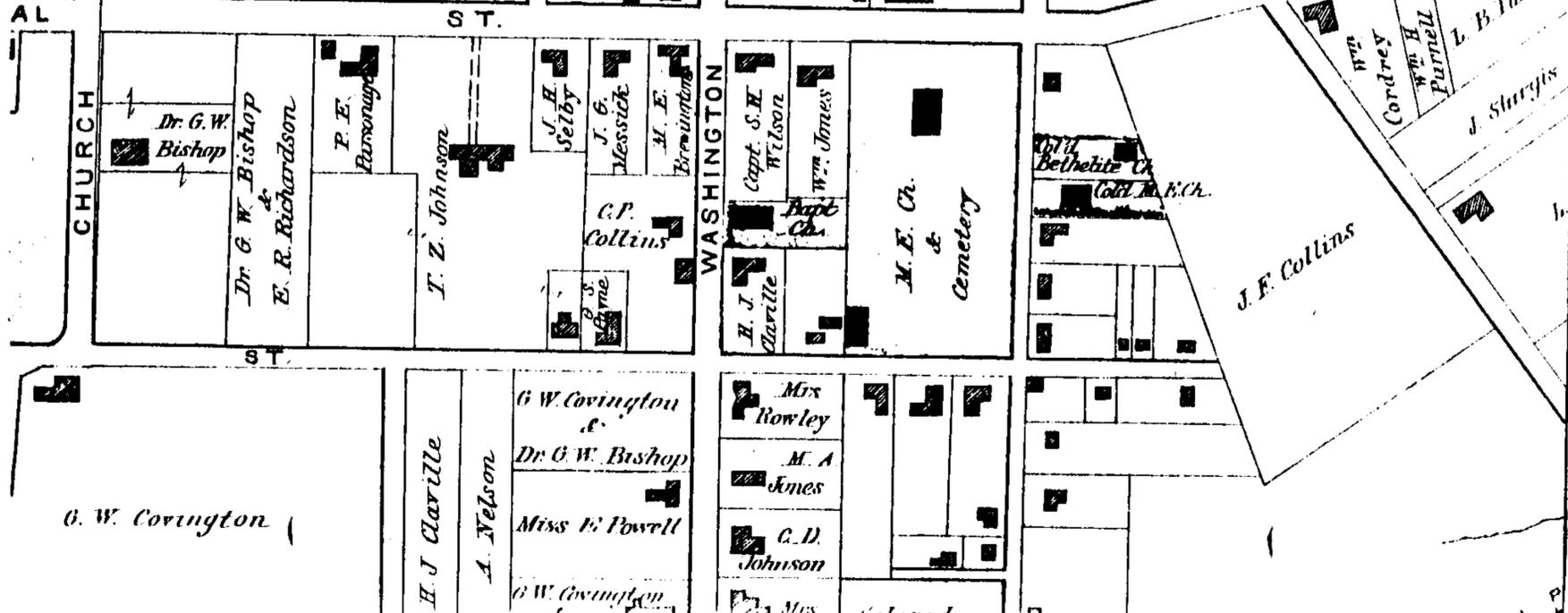
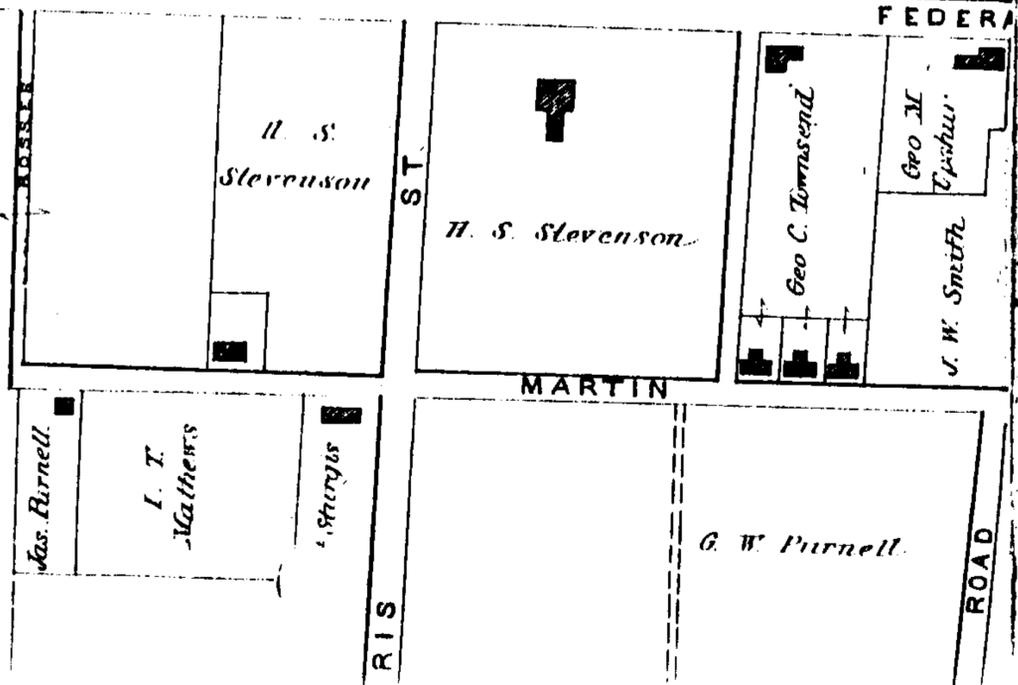
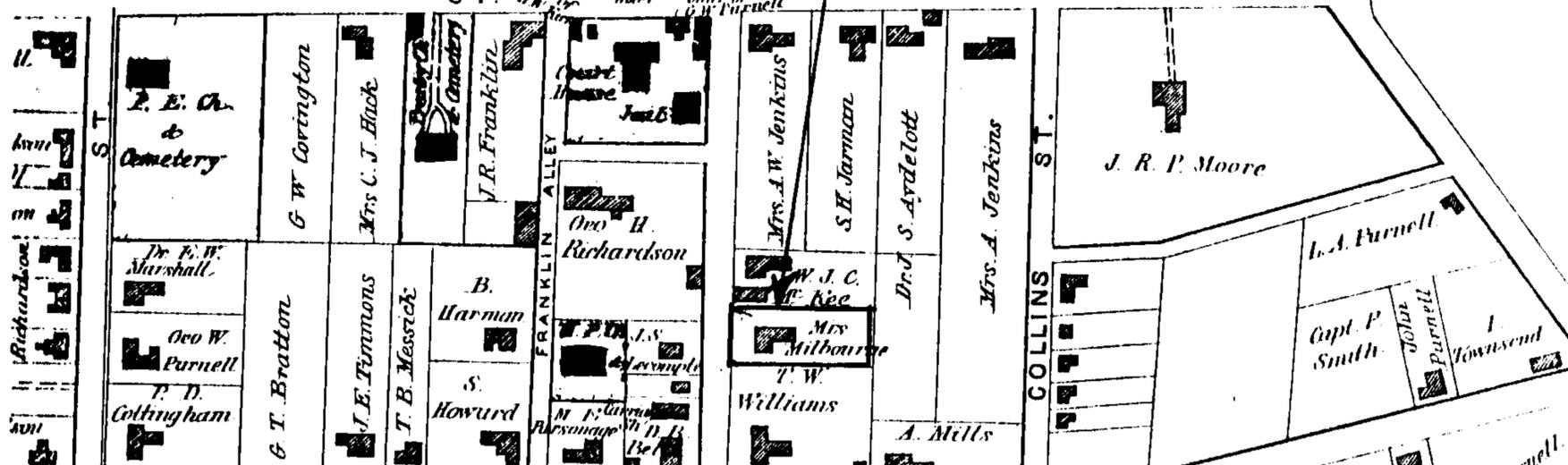
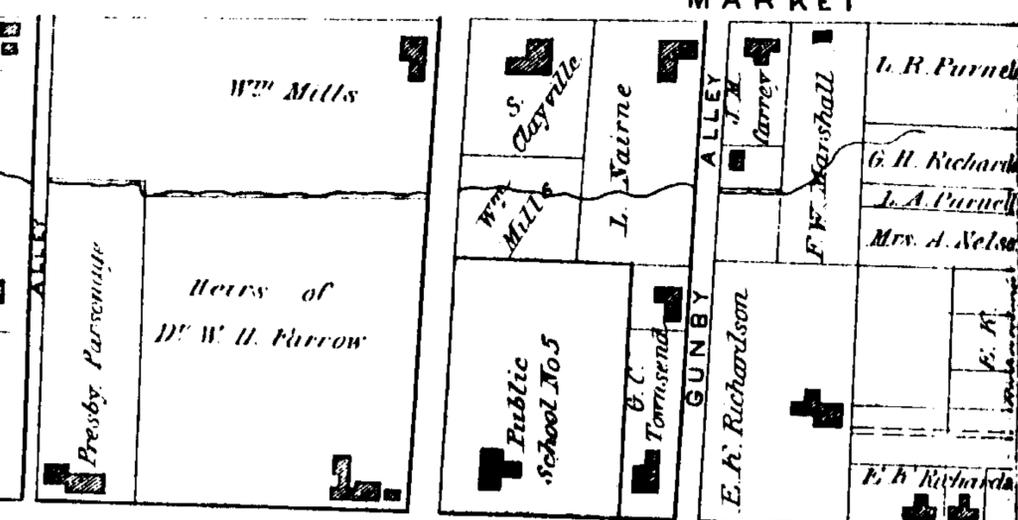
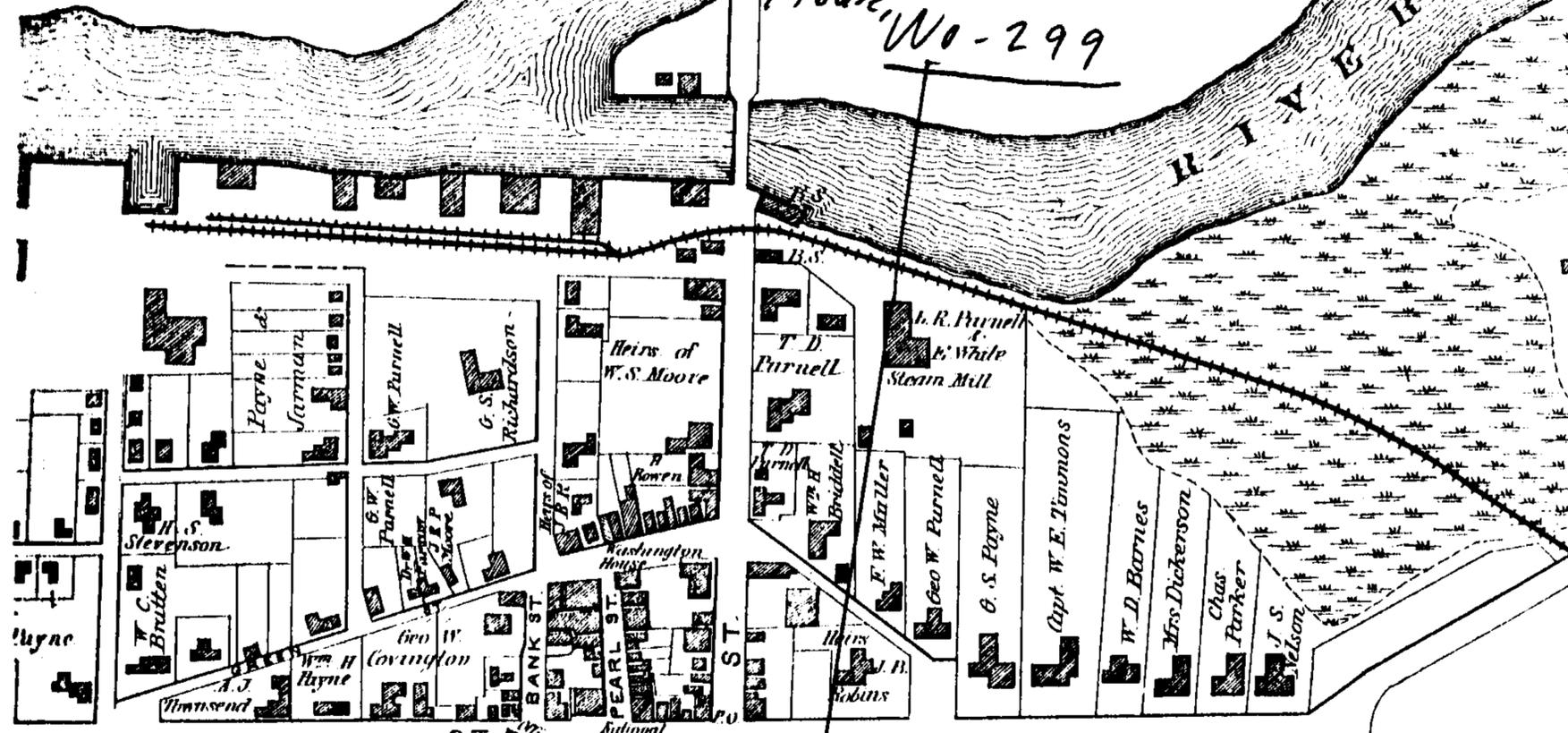
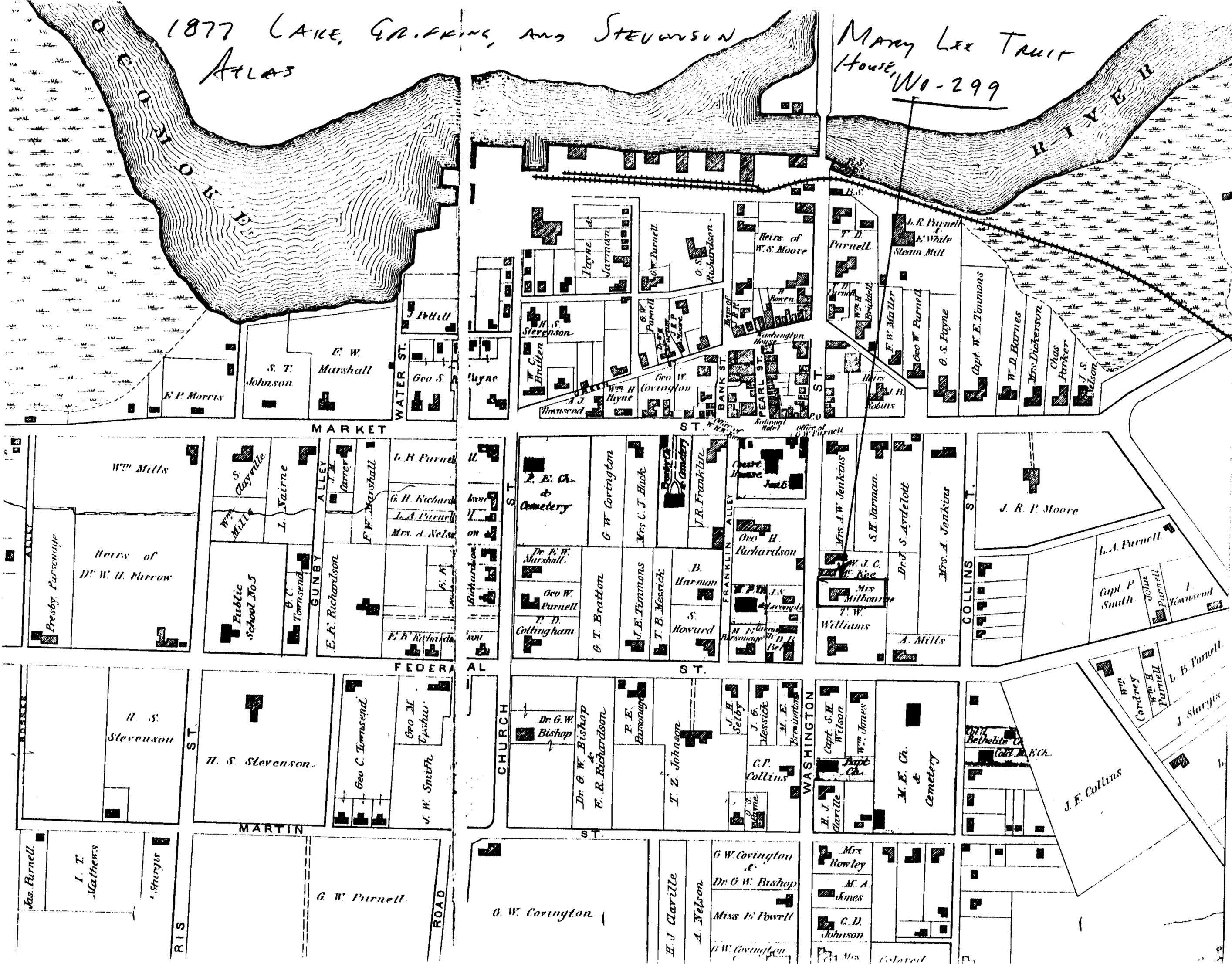
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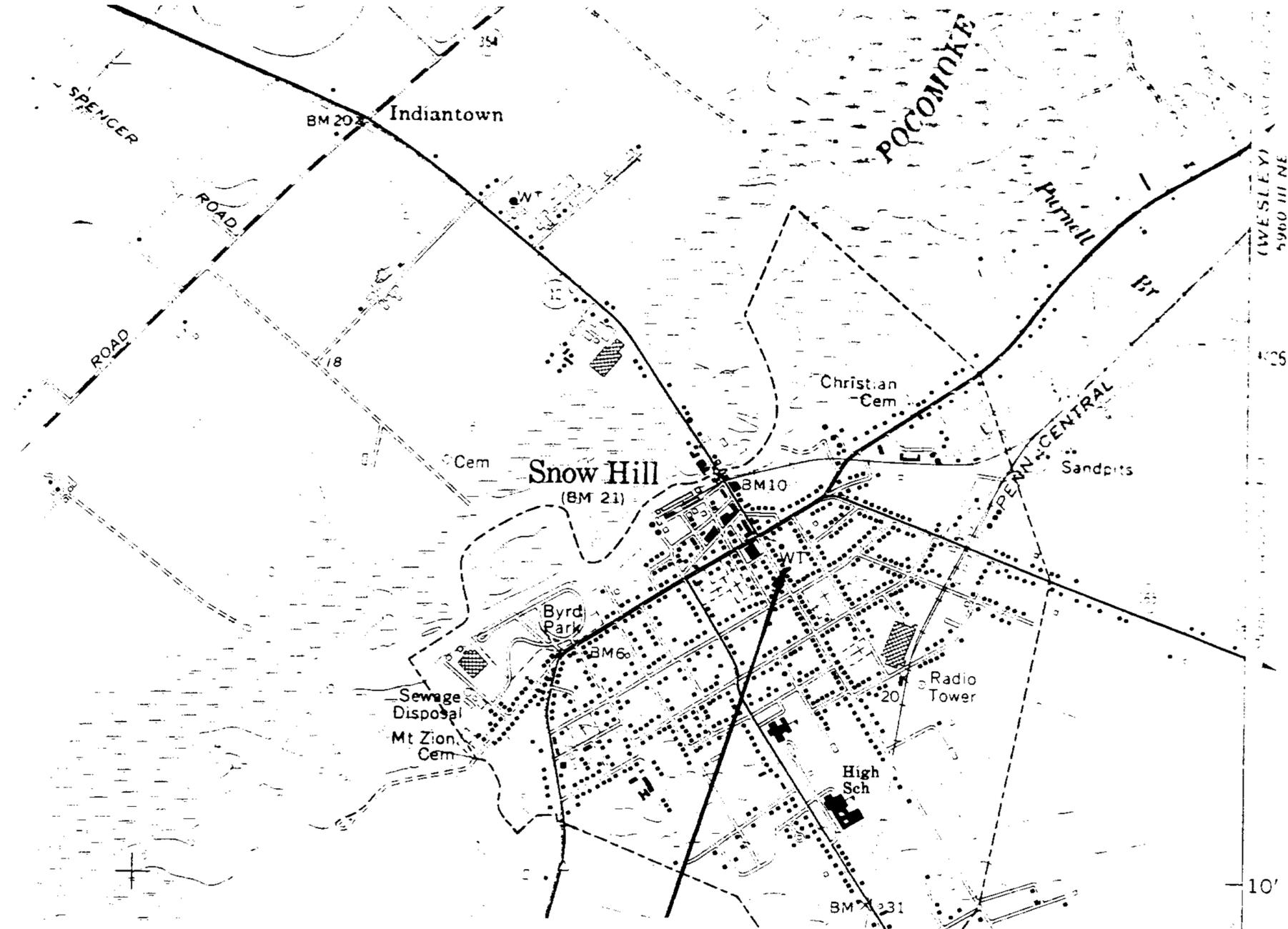
6/10/1853

Charles B. Truitt of Philadelphia
County, Pennsylvania
\$1,200 Lots 48 and 49

1877 LAKE, GEORGETOWN, AND STEVENSON
Atlas

Mary Lee Tarr
House, No-299





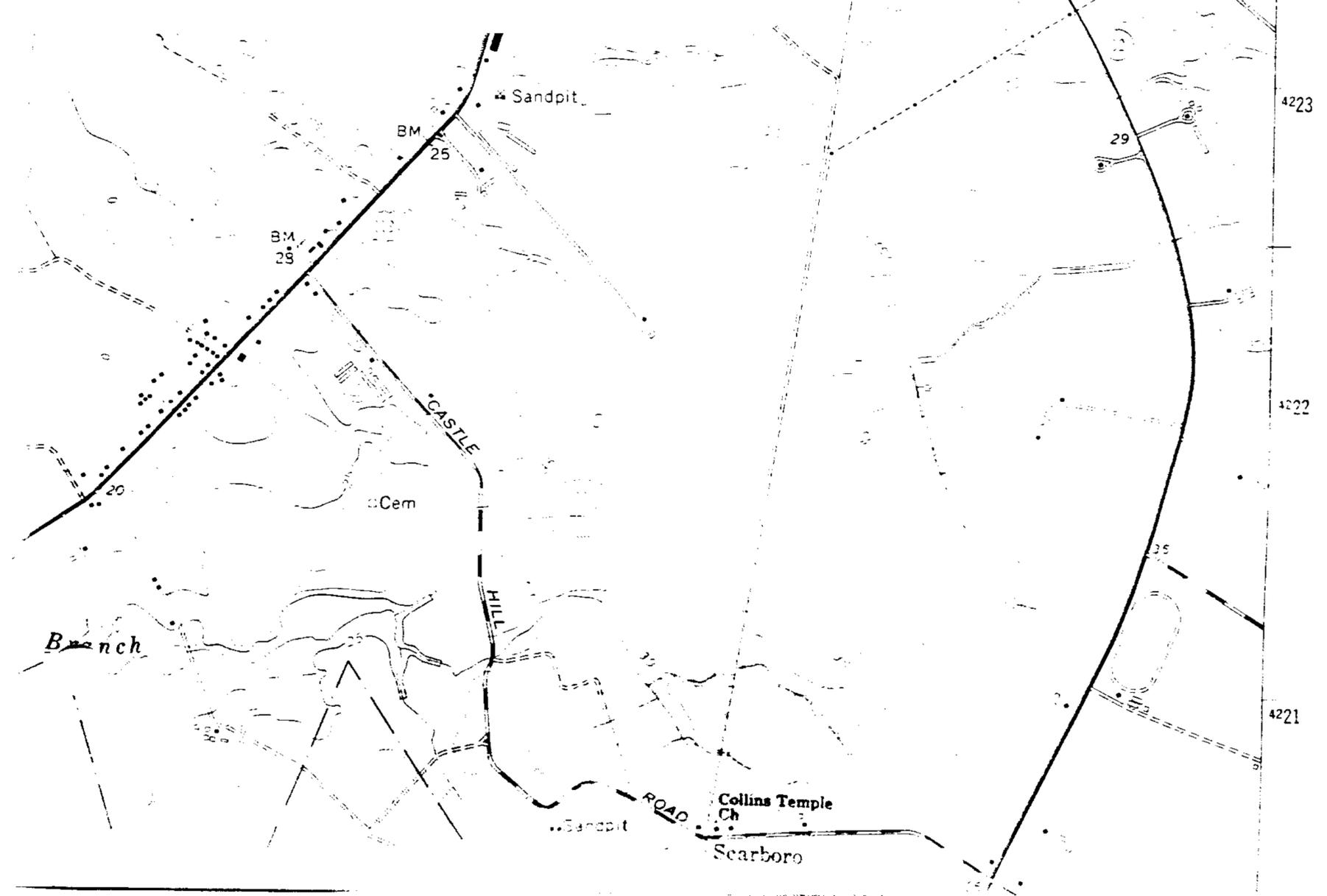
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RY LEE TRUITT HOUSE

Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD

Snow Hill, Maryland Quadrangle

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