

CARR-1589

1317 North Main Street, Hampstead

Summary:

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**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1589

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Andrew J. Houck House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1317 Main Street not for publication

city, town Hampstead vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<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 Nevin Auchey

street & number 1317 Main Street telephone no.: (410) 374-9090

city, town Hampstead state and zip code Maryland 21074

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber LWS 2033

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 644

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

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 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.

SEE ATTACHED

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C.1883-84 **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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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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Description

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The house at 1317 Main Street in Hampstead in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland is located on the east side of Main Street and faces west toward the street. It is a 2 ½ story three bay by two bay wooden structure with a two bay 2 story ell. It has a gable roof of standing seam metal with a north/south ridge and an interior brick chimney on both the north and south gable ends. The ell has a gable roof with an east/west ridge. The structure has weather boards that appear to be made of asbestos. On the west elevation, the first story has a center entrance with an oak door that has a single oval beveled glass light and carved floral motif in the spandrels. There is a 1-light transom. On either side of the doorway is a single 2/2 sash with blinds. The second story has three shorter 2/2 sash. There is a wood box cornice and a central gable wall dormer with a 2/2 lancet sash. There is a 1 story four bay porch that wraps around on the south. It is set on raised brick piers and has turned posts and balusters; jig-sawn brackets and a shed roof with standing seam metal.

The north elevation is four bays deep; two bays in the main block and two in the ell. The ell is set in the same plane as the main block. There are four typical 2/2 sash on both the first and second stories. There are two 4-light casements in the gable end. There is a 2 story shed roof addition on the east end of the ell that may be an enclosed porch. On the south elevation, the main block has the same window configuration as the north elevation. The south elevation of the ell is three bays. The first story has a door in the west bay and a 2/2 sash in the center bay. The east bay is recessed and also has a door. On the second story the west bay projects and has been built out over the porch. This bay has two 1/1 sash. The center bay has a 2/2 sash and the east bay a 1/1 sash.

There is a summer kitchen at the southeast corner of the house. There is a short porch that connects the summer kitchen to the wrap-around porch. The summer kitchen is a 1 ½ story one bay by one bay wood structure with a parged foundation; weather boards and a gable roof of corrugated metal with an east/west ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on the east end. The south elevation has a 2/2 sash and the west elevation has a door on the first story and a 4-light sash in the gable end. At the rear of the lot is a carriage house with a rubble-stone foundation; beaded-edge-in-center vertical boards and a shed roof of standing seam metal that slopes down to the north. The north elevation has a Dutch door to the east; a boarded-up window to the west of it; another Dutch door; a large wagon door and a boarded-up opening that must have been a low window to the west. There is a new garage attached to the west end of the carriage house. Contributing resources 3.

Significance

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Andrew Houck sold the house to his wife in 1909, probably to insure that she would be comfortable once he had died. Two years later she had moved to Baltimore City and sold their house to Peter and Amanda Rinaman. At one time, Houck had owned a grain elevator and cool and lumber yard along the railroad tracks in Hampstead. Whether it was this business that brought him to Hampstead or he acquired it later is not known, but at some time Peter Rinaman became a partner. Around 1909 Rinaman bought out Houck. The 1911 Sanborn Map shows that the house and out buildings that exist today and, for the most part, reached their present configuration by the time the Rinamans purchased them, and are probably much as Houck completed them. The house apparently passed to the Rinaman's daughter, Mary A. Brown, who just sold it in 1998.

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Periods:
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning

Resource Type:
Rural Vernacular

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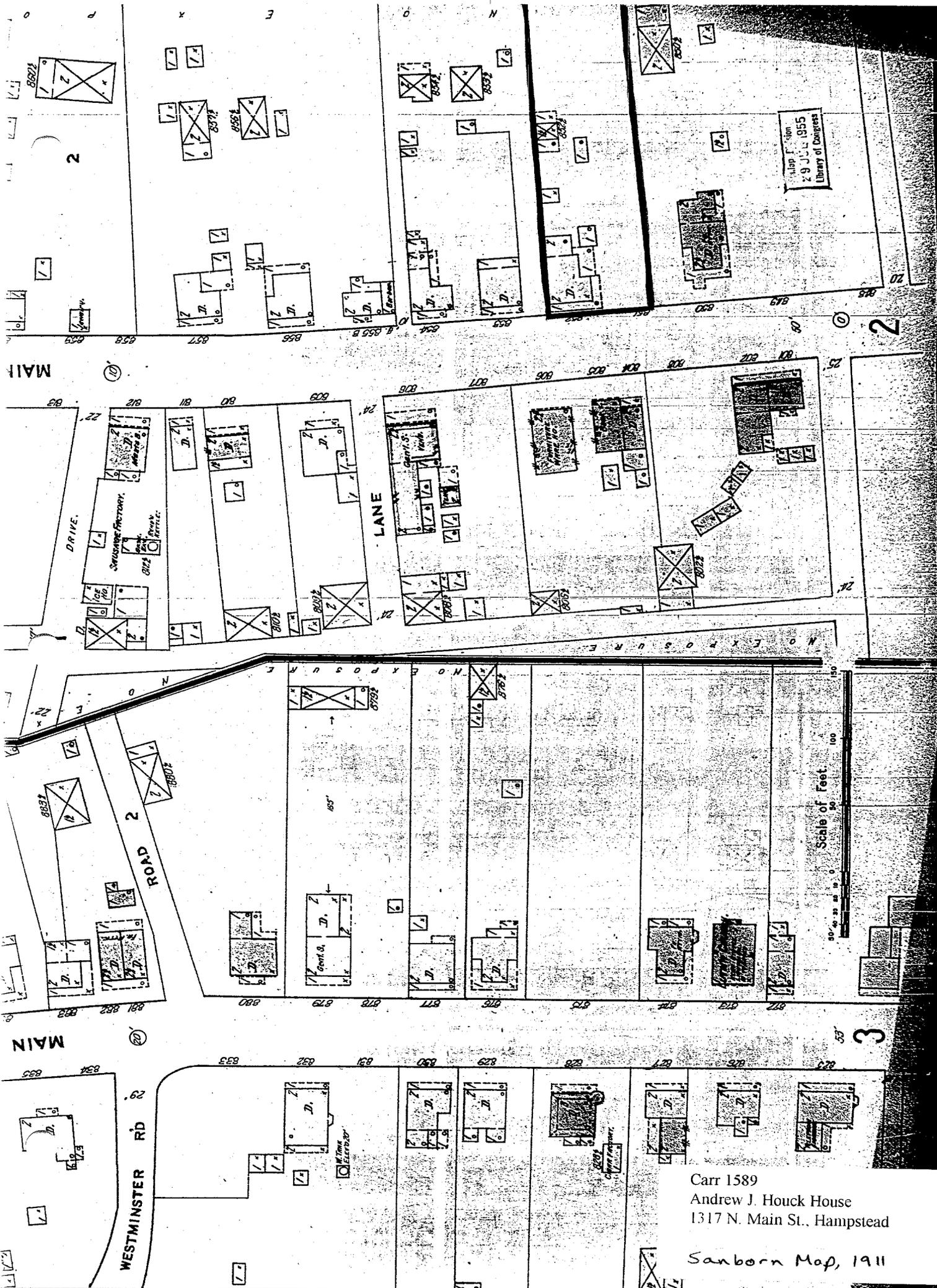
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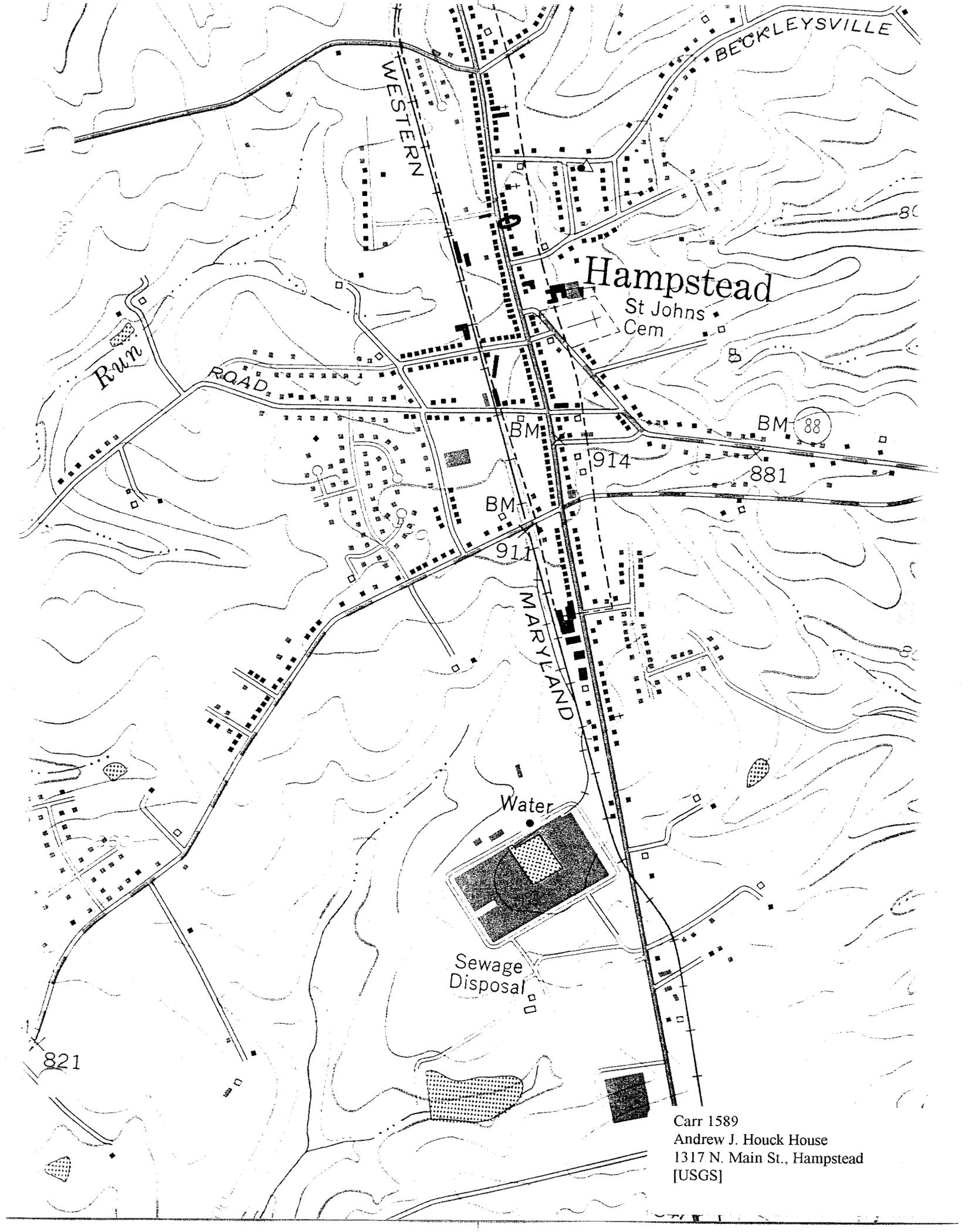
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 Sanborn Map, 1911

1911



BECKLEYSVILLE

WESTERN ROAD

Run ROAD

Hampstead

St Johns Cem

BM 88

914

881

BM 911

MARYLAND ROAD

Water

Sewage Disposal

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ANDREW J. HOUCK HOUSE
1317 MAIN STREET
HAMPSTEAD, CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
PHOTO: KENNETH M. SHORT

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS

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