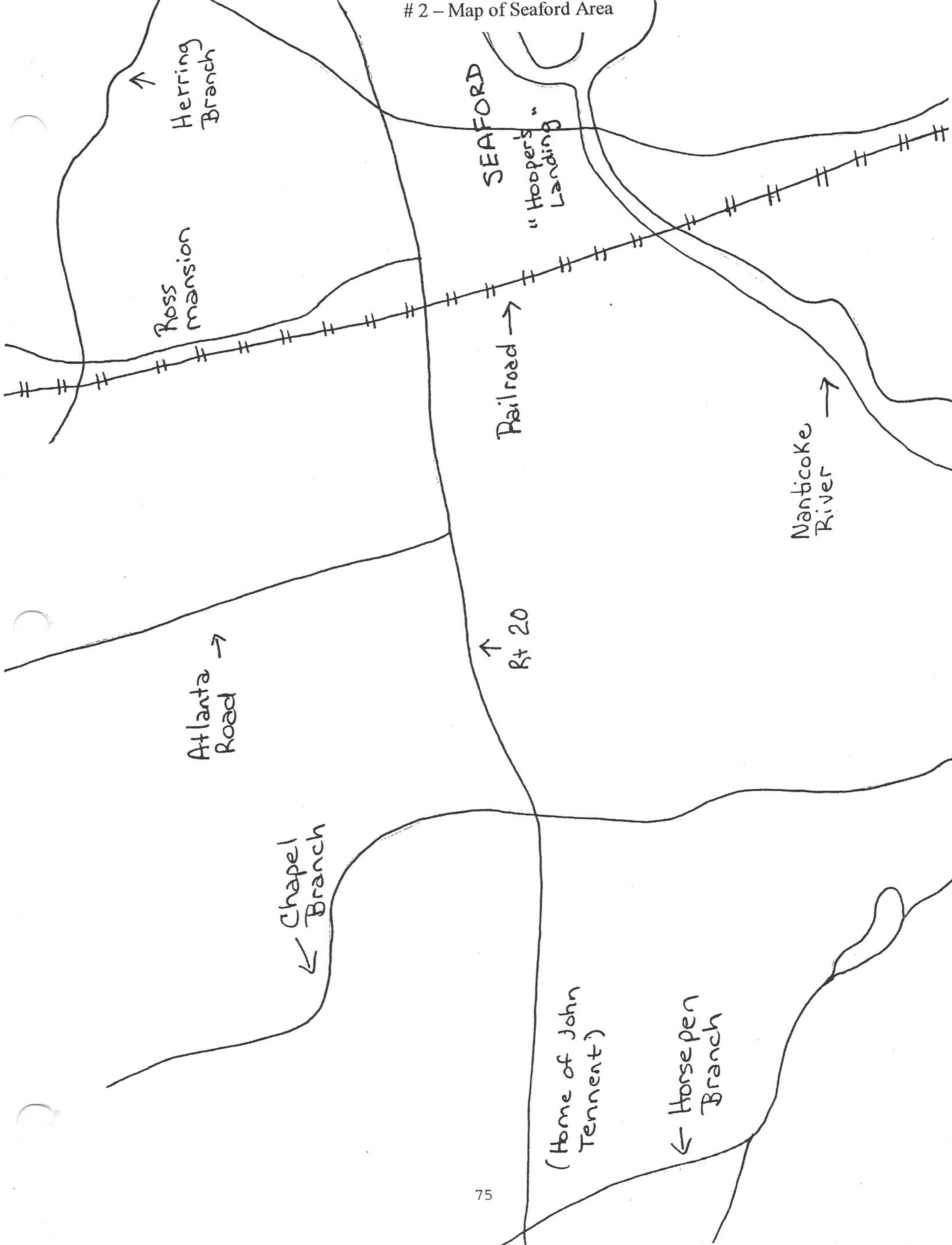
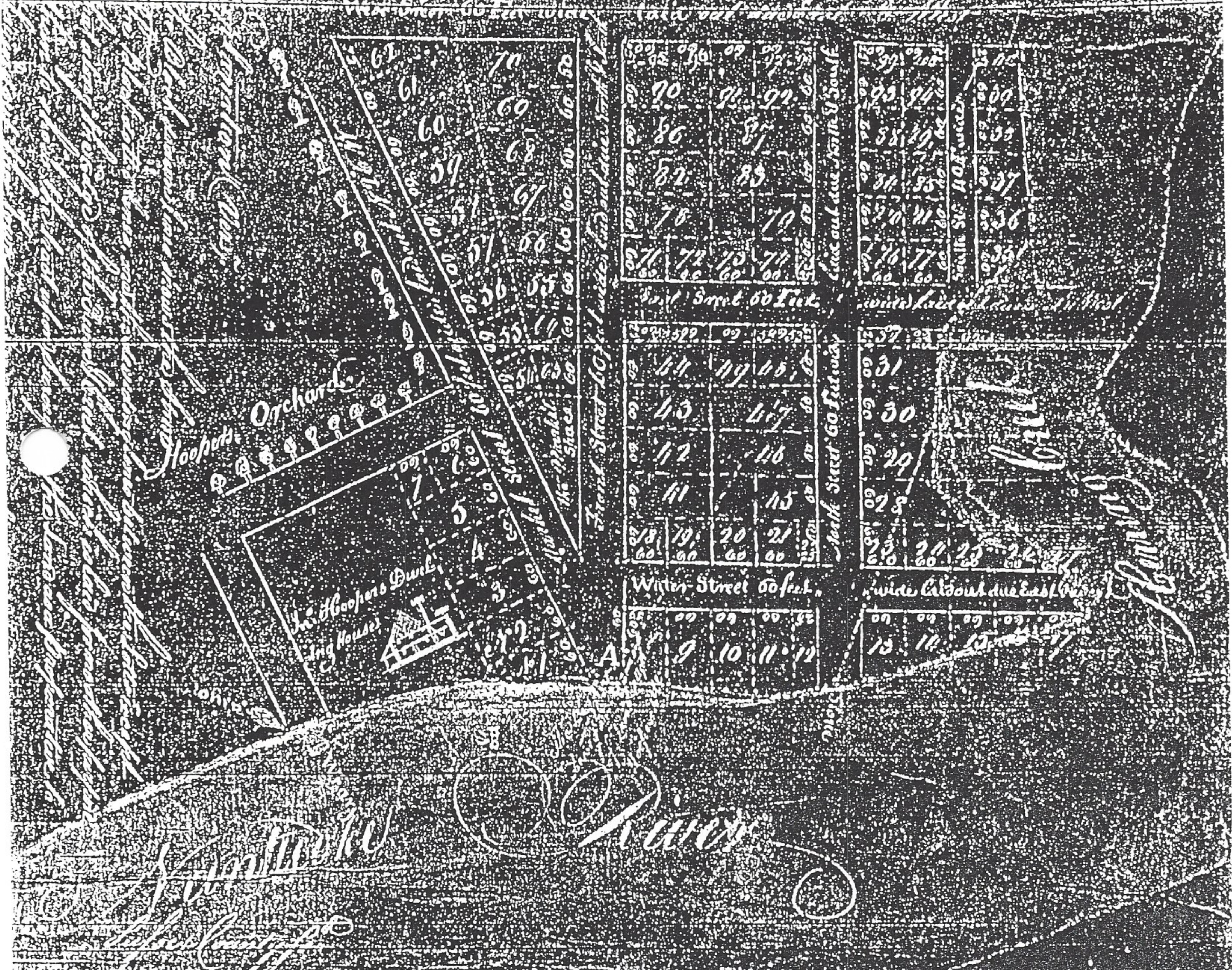




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of the town of Seaford, laid out by a Survey of 100 ft. to each side



To all whom it doth or may concern
 We the subscribers having laid out a Town on Anticostle River
 called Hoopers Landing, & called it Seaford, as by the above Draught, beginning at
 the water to encourage purchasers to improve the same. We do hereby for and in behalf
 of us and each of us respectively & of our several & respective heirs Executors &
 Assigns claim to all the Lands & Buildings therein

RG 4535 Reel 1 Northwest Fork Hundred Assessments
c.1780John Tennant

person			50	
280 acres poor land			140	
228 ditto			171	
1 house on the River Nanticoke			50	
400 acres of land			400	
180 ditto			135	
103 ditto poor			51	10
6 ditto ditto			3	
333 ditto ditto			137	6 3
3 oz. silver plate			3	6 8
1 negro man Doss aged 60			10	
1 ditto Jacob 48			25	
1 ditto Jack 37			40	
1 ditto Jacob 22			45	
1 ditto George 18			45	
1 negro lad George 7			37	10
1 ditto Glassgo 7			37	10
1 negro boy Allen 13			27	10
1 ditto Abraham 13			27	10
1 ditto Banger 4			11	5
1 ditto Zakok 2			6	
1 negro woman Bess aged 60 & infirm.			5	
1 ditto Jane 60			7	10
1 ditto Jbe 23			20	
1 ditto Fann 16			20	
1 negro girl Lill 13			18	
1 ditto Rose 8			14	
1 ditto Leah 8			14	
1 ditto Ruth 6			11	5
11 head of horses Indifferent			77	
3 cows & calves			9	15
2 yoke small oxen			20	
4 dry cows			3	
6 young cattle			10	10
15 head sheep			5	12 6
3 sows & pigs & one boar			5	

add 50 acres

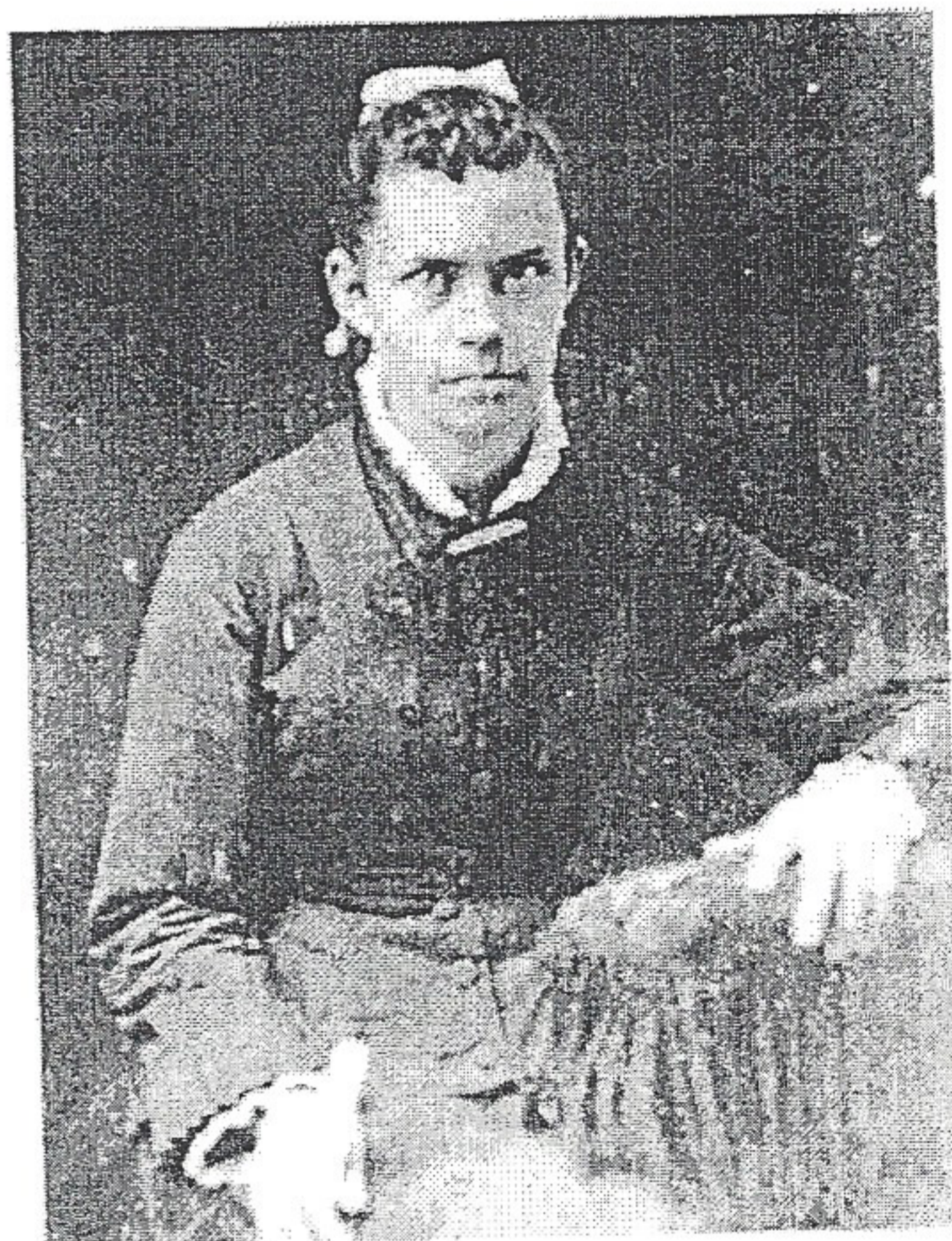
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5 – Portraits of William and Elizabeth Ross



William Henry Harrison Ross, youngest governor of Delaware, elected in 1850.



Elizabeth, wife of Governor Ross. In her husband's absence, she managed his plantation during the Civil War.

6 - Slaveholders in NWFH in 1856

NAME	MAN	BOY	WOMAN	GIRL	TOTAL
Adams, Roger	28		64, 50, 22	7	5
Adams, Eliza	25	18, 9	48, 22	13	6
Allen, Levin		15, 5		13, 10	4
Brown, Hugh		11			1
Brown, John		5			1
Cannon, Catherine	28	18, 8	26	18, 15, 5	7
	("deduct negro man Ansel runaway")				
Cannon, Elizabeth	27	17, 1		17, 7, 7	6
Cannon, Gristen	28	17			2
Cannon, Levi	28	13, 7, 4	48, 30 24 & infant	19, 16	10
Cannon, Peter	22	5			2
Cannon, William		5		13, 11	3
Cannon, William H.	33, 26, 22, 21 20 (Minos)	14, 13, 12, 11, 3, 3	30, 26, 24	4	15
Coats, William	26, 22			18	3
Conaway, John				14	1
Darby, James			31		1
Darby, Perry			22		1
Davis, George	22			16	2
Dawson, Thomas		4		9	2
Dulane, William	23, 21, 20	15, 15	20 40 & infant	18, 15, 10	10
Ellis, Gillis				18, 9	2
Ellis, Charles		7		15	2
Gordy, James		7, 4, 1			3
Goslin, Hester	22				1
Hazzard, William			25	8, 2	3
Horse, Nathaniel	40	9, 8	25	18 & infant	6
Horse, William			32 & infant	3	3
James, John	30			10	2
Jacobs, Loxley	22	17, 14, 3	29 & infant		6
Jacobs, Nathaniel	20	18		8	3
Jacobs, Stansbury	40	18, 15		18, 8	6
Jacobs, Thomas	63, 25	17, 8	woman to serve 3 years 43	13, 3	7
Jacobs, William		17		17	2
Kinder, Alice		5, 3	25	?	4
Kinder, Daniel	21 to serve 3 1/2 years				1
Kinder, Jacob		18, 17		15	3
Kinder, Jacob		12			1
Kinder, John	24			13	2
Kinder, Rhoda		7			1
Kinder, ?		17, 15		18, 15	4
Laws, Samuel	52, 46, 43, 31		24		5
Layton, James		18, 12		10	3
Layton, Jesse	26		29	6	3
Layton, Sarah			24 & infant	13	3
Little, Dr. Henry				19	1
Little, Capt. Hugh	26, 25, 24	12, 6, 4	38 & infant, 26	16, 14 18 & infant	13
Matthews, Eliza		9			1
Morris, Elias	?? to serve 2 years				1

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAN</u>	<u>BOY</u>	<u>WOMAN</u>	<u>GIRL</u>	
Neal Elizabeth	25	6	38 & infant	17, 16, 14,	9
Neal, Joseph		12, 12 12, 2, 2 10, 8, 5, 4, 3		13, 11, 10,	11
Neal, Kitty	59, 46, 21	17, 12, 10	22	17, 9	9
Neill, Jonathan	26			16	2
Obier, Isaac		12, 10, 8	35 & infant	18	6
Obier, Joshua	50 to serve 2 yr	10			2
Pennewill, Simeon		19, 14		17, 12	4
Phillips, Tyros	45		27	8, 5	4
Redin, William		19		13, 6	3
Ricards, Joseph	25, 20			17	3
Richards, Ann	23 to serve 1 yr 29, 23	17, 13, 11, 8		16, 16, 13	10
Robinson, William		12			1
Rogers, William		16, 14, 9		8	3
Ross, William	20				1
Ross, William HH	65, 60, 35, 25, 22, 21	12, 11, 11, 8	40, 36	14	13
Shiple, Dr. Joseph		9	40	18, 15	4
Smith, Polemus	21 to serve 3 1/2 yrs 20 to serve 10 months				2
Smith, Westley		2		16 18 & infant to serve 3 yrs.	4
Sorden, John	26, 24				
Spicer, William	25	3, 1	27, 24		5
Spicer, John				14	1
Stokey, Capt. Ben	40	18	* & infant	8, 4	6
Stodler, John	65, 60, 40 23 to serve 2 yrs.	18	9 months	17 to serve	6
Tod, Levin	40				1
Twiford, John		19, 4, 2	45	14, 11, 8	7
Waller, Henry		10, 6			2
Ward, Sarah	22			13	2
White, George	24 to serve 9 mth 20				2
Wright, Charles	39, 29, 25	19, 12, 9, 5, 3	42 & infant, 39		11
Wright, Isaac	23	15		3	3
Wright, James		11	32	7, 2	4
Wright, Louis		11, 5		18 & infant 5, 2, 2	7
Wright, William	48, 21		32 & infant		4
<u>TOTAL</u> = 80	76	100	41	96	313
Average age =	30 yrs	10.4 yrs	35 yrs	12.7	(3.91 per household)

infants = 16 (5 households hold no men as possible fathers)
indentured = 8 men & 3 women

7 - Slaveholders in NWFH in 1864

<u>NAME OF SLAVEHOLDER</u>	<u>MALE SLAVES BY AGE</u>	<u>FEMALE SLAVES BY AGE</u>
Levin Allen	boy 18	girl 14
Wm. H. Cannon	boy 12	girl 25 & 12
Elizabeth Cannon	boy 8	girl 23 & 14 & 12
Wm. Dulaney	boy 12 & 8	girl 22 & 9
Gillis Ellis		girl 18
Warren Framptons	boy 15	
Julia Hall		girl 25 & 25 & 22 & 35
Henrietta Jacobs	boy 7	girl 18 & 16
John James	boy 40	girl 18
Loxley Jacobs	boy 18 & 10 & 8	
Thomas Jacobs		girl 12
Alice Kinder	boy 9	girl 32
John Kinder		girl 20
Jerome Layton		girl 21
James Layton		girl 35 & 15
Hugh Martin	boy 37 & 13 & 10 & 9	girl 40 & 40 & 26
Bayard Moirs	1 boy	1 girl
Wm. Neal		girl 25 & 25 & 8
Kitty Neal	boy 26 & 17	girl 23 & 14
Ann Neal		girl 35 & 14 & 12
Joseph Neal	boy 8	girl 20 & 18 & 17 & 16 & 16 & 14 & 12
Joshua O'Bier	boy 18	
Mary O'Bier	boy 12	
Thomas Phillips		girl 13
Wm. Ross	man 28	
Catesbury Rust	boy 15 & 10	girl 35
Wm. Rogers		girl 25
Ann Richardson		girl 23 & 17
Wm. Spicer	boy 10	girl 30 & 12
James Stuart		girl 18
John Twiford	boy 15 & 10	girl 17
Isaac Wright		girl 28 & 1
Lewis Wright	boy 12 & 12	girl 26 & 14
Joseph Wheatley		girl 25
Wm. Wright		girl 25
Charles Wright	boy 13 & 9	girl 15
TOTAL = 37	TOTAL = 32	TOTAL = 56

8 – Assessments for William Ross

1840 Little Creek Hundred (Laurel)

1 negro woman	Hanner	age 28	
1 boy	Perry	age 7	

1844 Northwest Fork Hundred

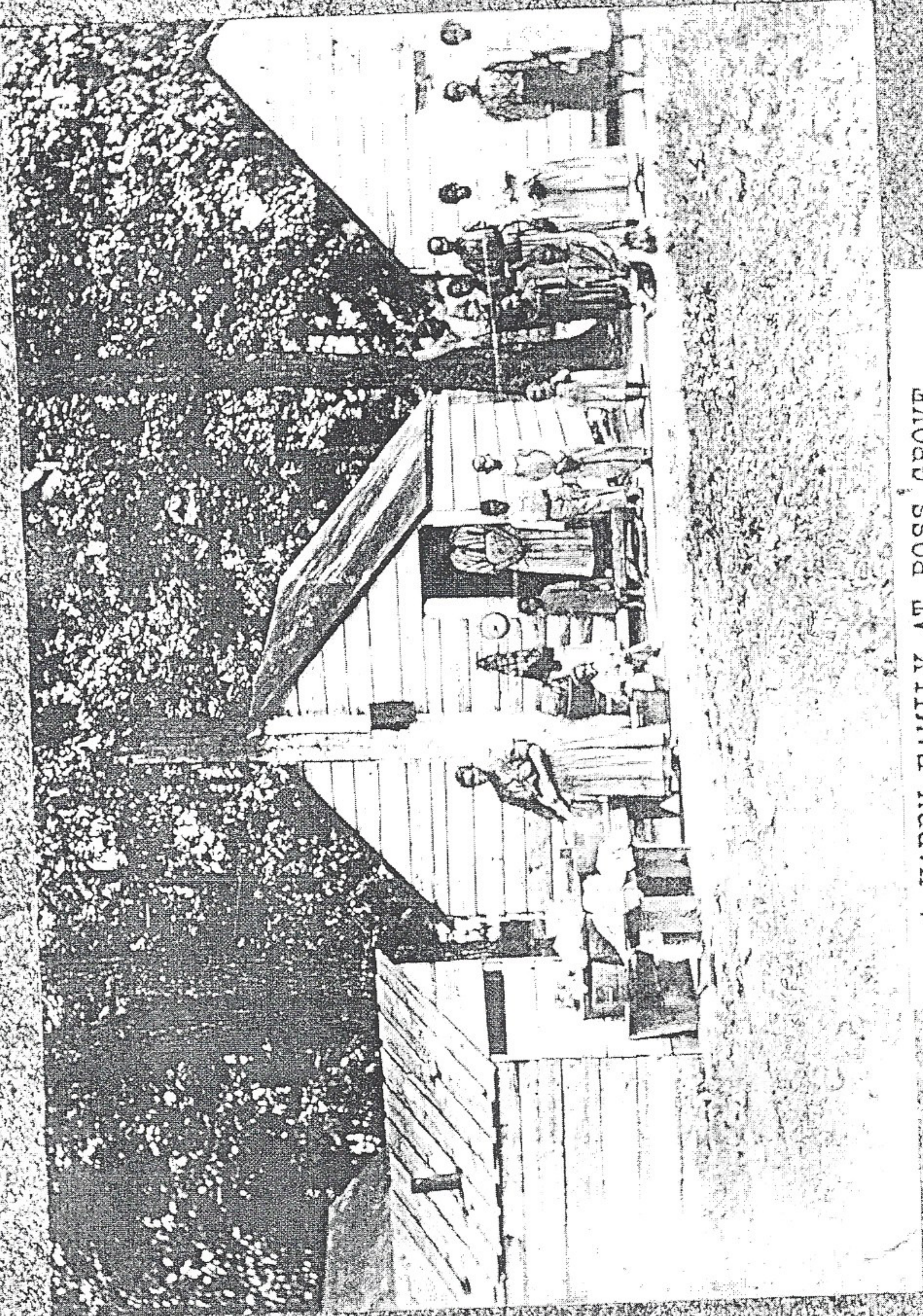
1 negro man	Zachariah	age 35	\$100
1 " "	Jerimiah	age 23	\$100
1 child	Benjamin	age 2	\$ 10
1 negro woman	Harriet & child	age 31	\$ 90

1848 Northwest Fork Hundred

1 negro man	Zach	age 44	\$100
1 "	Jerrey	age 28	\$100
1 "	Toney	age 21	\$100
1 "	Dorsett	age 21	\$100
1 "	Solomon	age 15	\$ 75
1 "	Erving	age 10	\$ 50
1 "	Benjamin	age 6	\$ 50
1 "	Abraham	age 4	\$ 20
1 "	Bill	age 4	\$ 20
1 "	Dennis	age 1	\$ 5
1 negro woman	Hannah	age 40	\$ 70
1 "	Layer	age 26	\$ 80

1852 Northwest Fork Hundred

1 negro man	Dennis	age 58	\$ 75
1 "	Zach (afflicted)	age 48	\$ 50
1 "	Toney	age 24	\$350
1 "	Dorsett (afflicted)	age 24	\$250
1 "	Solomon	age 20	\$375
1 "	Erving	age 14	\$300
1 "	Benjamin	age 11	\$200
1 "	Abraham	age 8	\$150
1 "	William	age 8	\$150
1 "	Samuel	age 2	\$ 50
1 negro woman	Hannah (afflicted)	age 45	\$ 20
1 " "	Harriet	age 35	\$150
1 " "	Leah	age 28	\$200
1 " "	Eunice	age 10	\$150

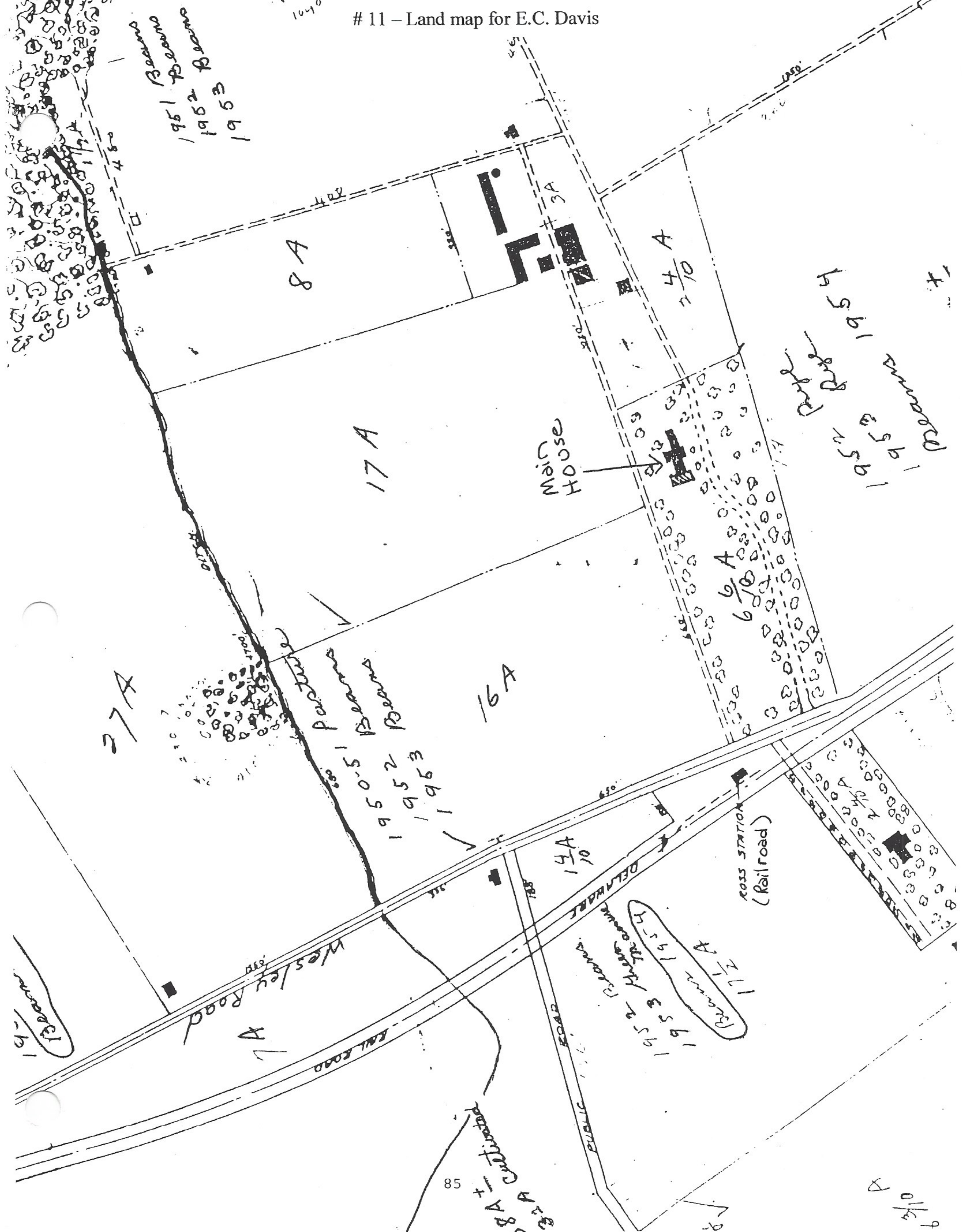


A HAPPY FAMILY AT ROSS GROVE

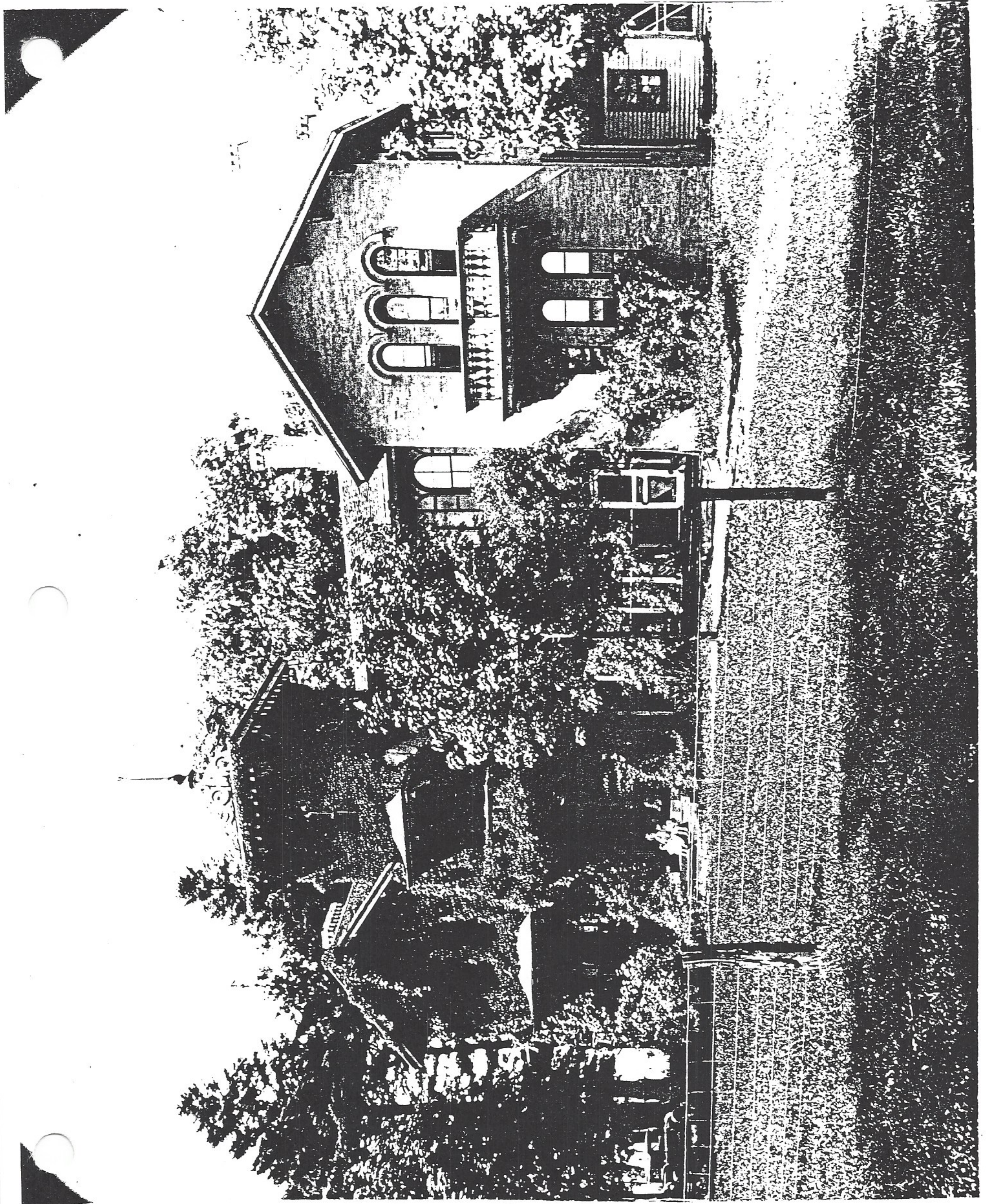
10 – Portrait of Caleb



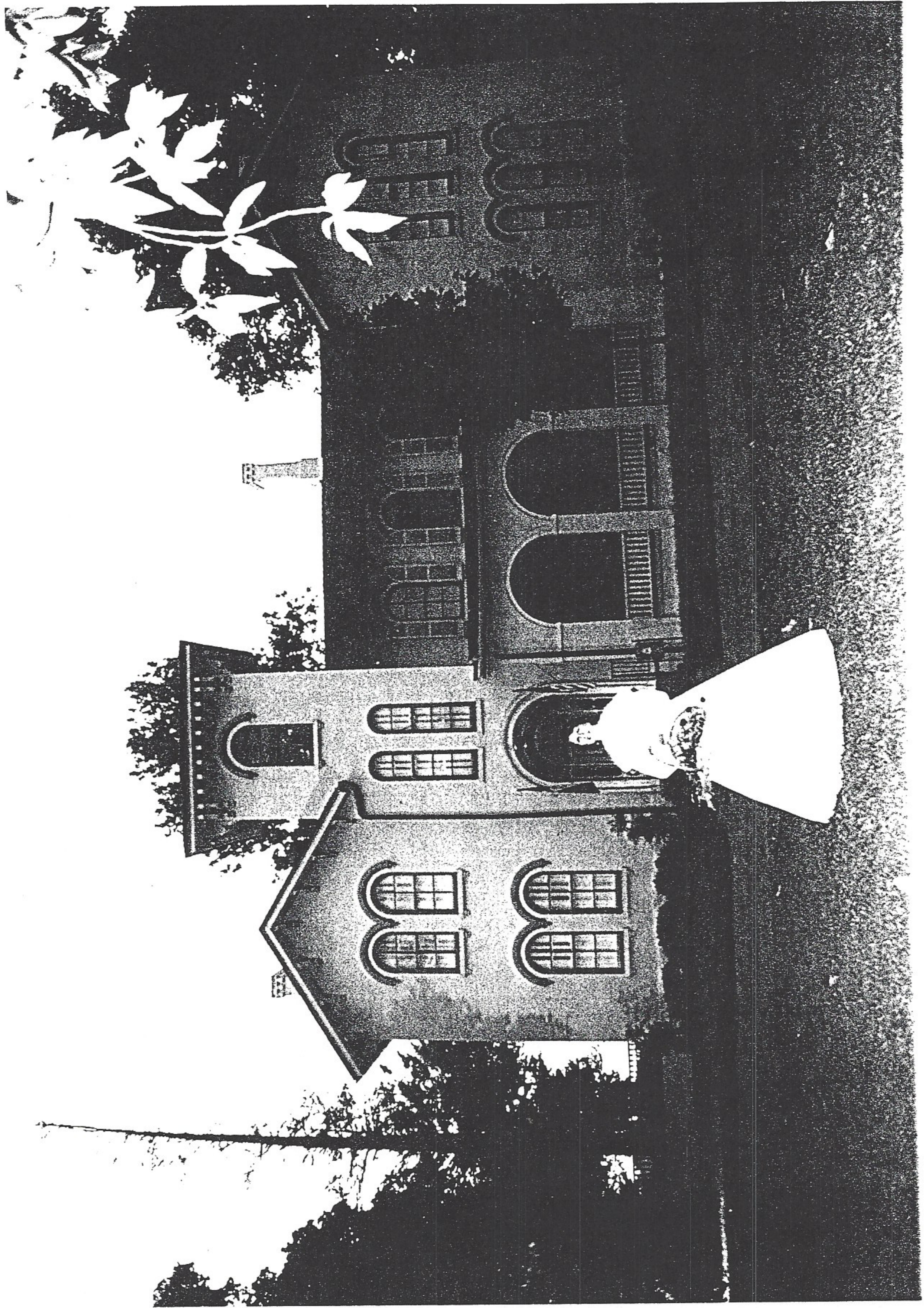
11 - Land map for E.C. Davis



12 - Photograph of Mansion when occupied by E.C. Davis



13 - Current photograph of Mansion

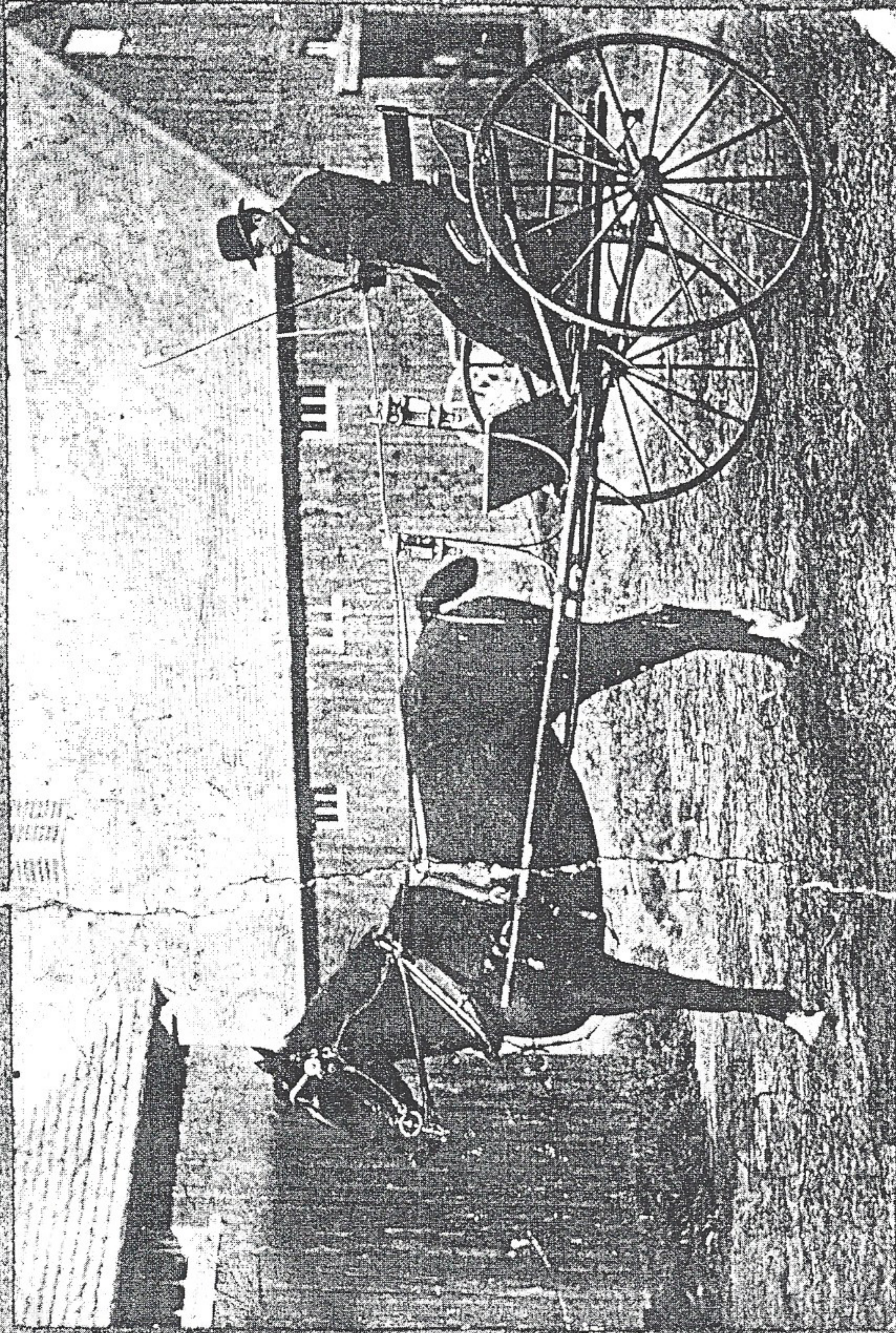


U.S. CENSUS OF DELAWARE AGRICULTURE REPORTS FOR
WILLIAM H. ROSS

	1850	1860	1870	1880
Improved acres	400	400	650	150
Unimproved/wooded	480	450	200	130
Cash value of farm	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$7,000
Cash value of farm implements	\$650	\$1500	\$500	\$200
Total wages paid in board	-	-	\$1500	-
Horses	7	8	5	1
Mules & asses	-	2	-	2
Milk cows	9	14	9	4
Working oxen	4	8	-	-
Other cattle	2	16	20	-
Sheep	16	-	10	-
Swine	16	30	28	5
Value of livestock	\$1000	\$2800	\$1800	\$360
Bushels of wheat	1287	2000	550 (?)	100/20 acres
Bushels of Indian corn	4750	5000	3500	700/50 acres
Bushels of oats	-	2000	200	170/10 acres
Pounds of wool	35	-	150	-
Bushels of peas and beans	8	-	-	-
Bushels of Irish potatoes	200	300	100	20/2 acres
Bushels of Sweet potatoes	75	150	50	20/half acre
Pounds of Butter	400	600	600	312
Tons of hay	-	60	70	-
Value of orchard products	-	-	\$5000	-
Value of forest products	-	-	\$1560	-
Pounds of beeswax and honey	-	-	\$900	-
Value of animals slaughtered	\$500	\$800	\$13,820	-
Value of all production inc. betterments	-	-	-	-
additions to stock	-	-	-	-
Number of apple trees	-	-	-	50/2 acres
Barnyard poultry	-	-	-	30
Eggs	-	-	-	60 doz.
Cost of bldg. repairs during 1879	-	-	-	\$300
Cost of fertilizer purchased	-	-	-	\$250
Cost of farm products sold/consumed/on	-	-	-	\$650
Grass not mown	hand	-	-	40 acres

15 – Portrait of James Jefferson Ross





Brooks Ross

APPLICATION OF WM. H. ROSS TO KENT COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY- 1851

No. 1 A Dwelling House, part built of brick, 35 feet long by 18 feet wide, two stories high, another part of wood two stories high 16 by 18 ft. also an other part of wood one story high 28 by 28, also another part of wood one and a half story high 16 by 24 connected with the one story by a colonnade 14 by 16. These Buildings have six chimneys and eight fire places. Stoves will be used in the place of three fire places. A well stands within 40 feet of the brick building, also a pump about the same distance from the Kitchen.

Value of No. 1 \$3000. Contents \$1500 \$4500.

No. 2. A Negro Quarter 24 fts long by 16 ft wide one story high built of wood. This house has but one chimney and one fire place, it is 58 ft. from the nearest part of the Dwelling house. It is within three feet of the Carriage House which is also about 58 feet from the Dwelling House. The ash house is of brick and stands 20 feet from the Quarter

Value of Quarter \$160. Contents \$40 \$200.00

No. 3 Carriage House, built of wood one story high and sheded on three sides. One room is used as a store room for groceries, another contains carriages and harness, the loft contains agricultural implements and the sheds, wagons, hoes, and wagon carts.

Value of Carriage House \$250. Contents \$350. \$600.00

No. 4 Smoke House, built of wood, 16 by 16 ft. stands 54 feet from the Dwelling House.

Value of Smoke House \$150. Contents \$150 \$200.00

No. 6 Work Shop, 15 ft. by 16. about 50 ft. from the Quarters (the nearest building) and 110 ft. from the Dwelling House

Value of Work shop \$50. Contents \$25 \$75.00

No. 7 Cow House, 50 ft. long 10 ft. wide 150 feet from the Dwelling House

Value of Cow House \$25 \$25.00

No. 8 Corn House, 20 ft. long 11 ft. wide, 165 ft. from the Dwelling House, 40 feet from the Cow House, and nearly adjoining the machine House.

Value of Corn House \$40. Contents \$260. \$300.00

No. 9 Machine House, built of wood, one and a half story high, 40 by 44 feet. This house contains a stationary Horse Power for driving a wheat thresher, and other purposes. It is divided below into corn cribs, and the loft (which is large) is used for storing wheat in the straw, oats, and Barley, also blade fodder. It stands 175 feet from the Dwelling House and nearly adjoining the old Barn.

Value of Machine House \$450. Contents \$750. \$1200.

No. 10 Old Barn, built of wood, 25 ft. by 44, one story high 215 ft. from the Dwelling House. It stands between the machine House and new Barn, nearly adjoining both. It is protected by a lightning rod. So is also the Dwelling House. This House is used for storing corn, wheat, oats, Barley and other farm products.

Value of Old Barn \$500. Contents \$800. \$1300.

No. 11 New Barn, two stories high built of wood with brick cellar. It is 69 feet long 31 feet wide and sheded on three sides. It stands 240 feet from the dwelling. It is used for storing all kinds of farm produce.

Value of New Barn \$900. Contents \$600 \$1500.

A lightning rod will be attached to this house during the present year.

No. Granary and Stables, one and a half story high, 42 ft. by 34. built of wood, stands about 50 feet from new Barn.

Value of Granary \$350. Contents \$350. \$700.

8 head of horses are kept in the above stalls. 10600

As the foregoing estimate may seem large I will state that my buildings are all either new or in a good state of repair. They are all covered with cedar shingles and painted or white washed. I have expended the present year over two thousand in building a new Barn, and an addition to my dwelling House. My furniture is nearly new and cost over Two thousand Dollars. The agricultural implements which I have on hand cost more than \$500. As for instance, a Reaper \$130, Wheat Thrasher and Horse Power \$150, two Fans \$55, 20 Plows, three No. 5 1/2 Prouty, cost 13 Dollars each, 2 No. 22 Minor Horton \$9.50 each and others at a less price. I have 6 Cultivators, 5 spike Harrows, 7 fluke Harrows, and every other farming implement and tool in the same proportion. My carriages, wagons and carts cost \$885. My average crop of wheat will probably reach 1500 bushels and my average crop of

corn 3500. I shall also probably raise over 1000 bu. of oats each year and 1000 bushels of Barley. I also kill each year over 4000 lb. of Pork. These products will probably be held by me half the year before they are disposed of.

A part of the buildings mentioned in this application are insured up to January next by the Mill Creek Mutual Insurance Company for Two thousand Five Hundred Dollars. The insurance will not be renewed in that office after the expiration of the present Policy.

October 1st. 1851

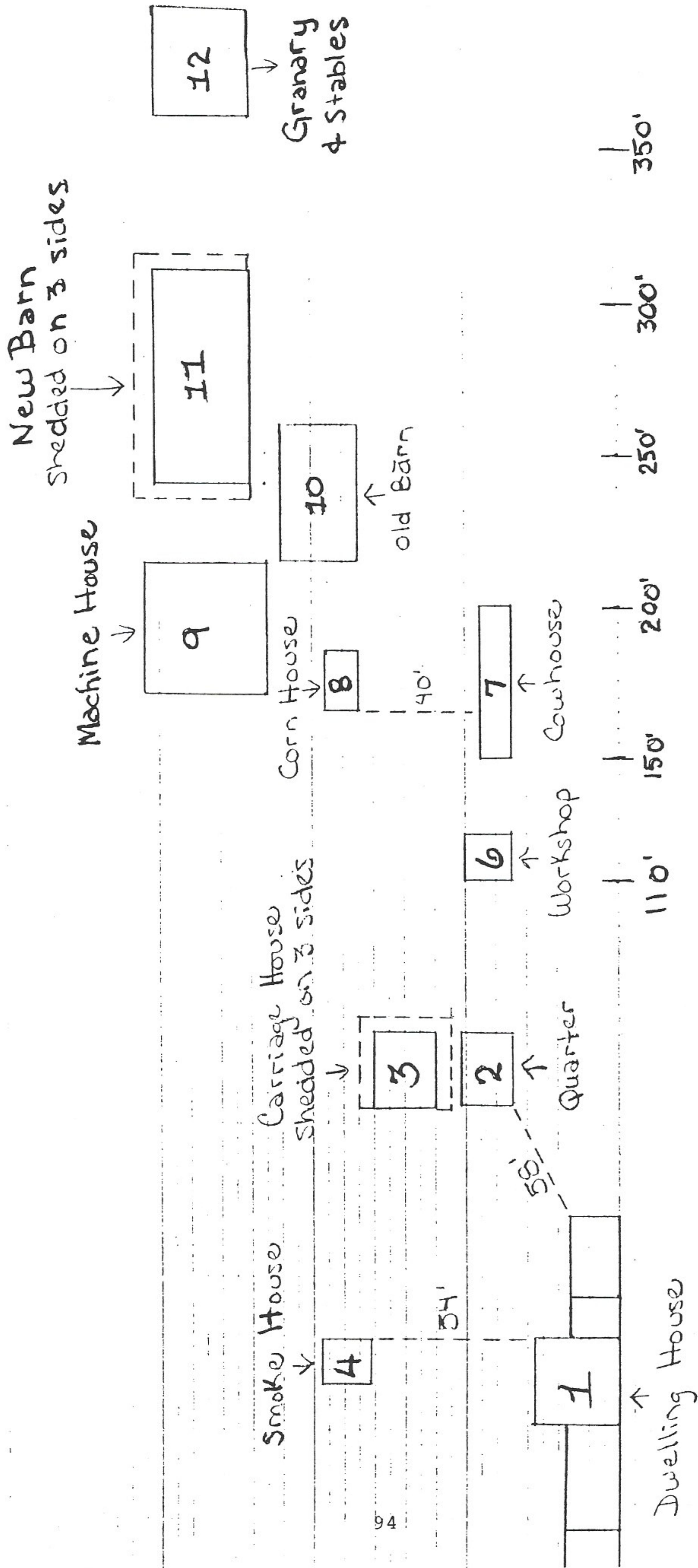
Wm. H. Ross

In place of No. 2 I have built a large negro Quarter 1 1/2 story high with 4 rooms, all plastered and a porch extending the whole length. This Quarter stands nearly in the same place where the old one stood. It is 34 feet by 27 including the porch.

Value of new Quarter \$800. Contents \$100.

No 13 A new Stable Corn House and Food Room all under one roof, 1 1/2 story high 34 feet by 34 feet. This house stands between my Barns and Dwelling house 20 feet from Thresh House and about 50 yards from my Dwelling House.

Value of new Stable \$750. Contents \$750.

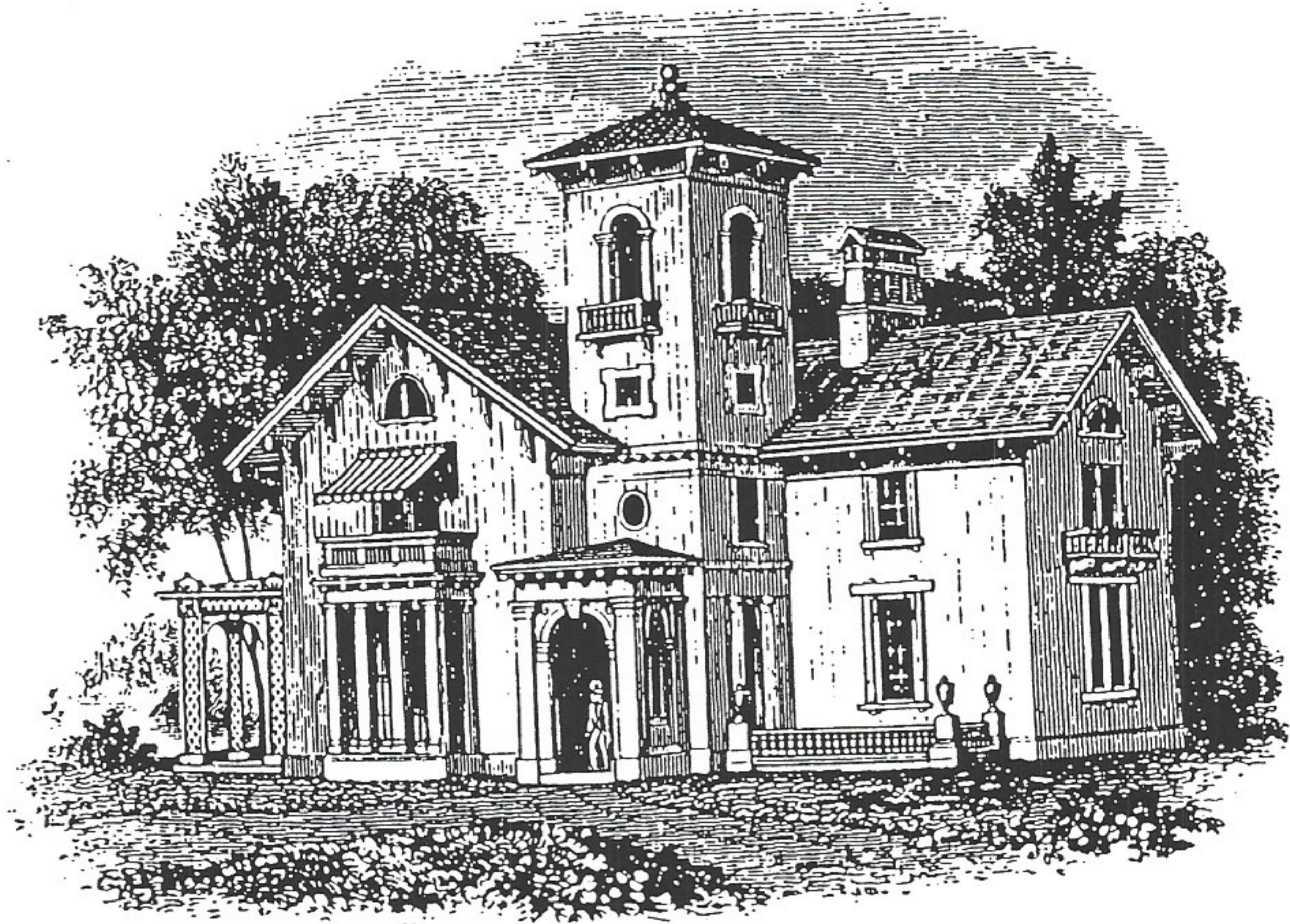


Explanation of the Annexed Draught

Nos. 1, 2 & 3 is a Brick Dwelling. No. 1 is 30 x 30. No. 2 is 22 x 28 & No. 3 is 48 x 20 all of which is two stories high with cellar below. No. 4 is a framed office attached to No. 3 & is 16 x 23 two stories high. No. 5 is a framed Kitchen connected with No 3 by a Colonade and is 1 1/2 stories high all of which Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 compose the Dwelling. No. 6 is framed smoke house 14 x 16. No. 7 is a Framed Quarter 16 x 24 1 1/2 stories high with porch. No. 8 is a Work Shop. No. 9 is a framed Carriage House 22 x 28. No. 10 is Cart house & wareroom 39 x 28. No. 11 is Corn Cribs two stories high 24 x 24 framed. No. 12 is a frame building in Course of Erection 24 x 21 each for threshing grain. No. 13 is a Barn 22 x 60 two stories high of wood. No. 14 is a frame barn 45 x 25. No. 15 is a stable and corn crib 1 1/2 stories high 34 x 35. No. 16 is stables 35 x 42 the foregoing is a true Description of the Buildings and Premises of Hon. Wm. H. Ross and the annexed Draught shows the ground Plan the distance and position of each other respectively. Distance from a point opposite office in lane to smoke house is 31 feet, from smoke house to opposite work shop is 150 feet from workshop to West corner of Barn (No. 14) 350' from there to East End of Barn (No. 13) is 170 feet making total distance from opposite office or Dwelling house to the farthest Barn equal to 701 feet. The Draught is laid down to 50 feet = 1 inch. Survey and Laid Down December 25th, 1860 by J.B. Wingate Surveyor for the Kent Co. Mutual Insurance Company.

22 – A Villa in the Italian Style

DESIGN VI.
A VILLA IN THE ITALIAN STYLE, BRACKETED.



This design from Downing's first architectural pattern book (1842) was repeated in many sizes and versions throughout America.

The Victorian Home in America by John Maass

23 – circa 1880's view of the Ross Mansion



24 - View of entrance

