

HO-928

Manakee-Thompson Farm  
5710 Trotter Road, Clarksville  
Howard County, Maryland

The Manakee-Thompson Farm is located 5710 Trotter Road in southwestern Howard County, Maryland. The house faces north and is set well back from the road on the east side of the road, in a wooded setting. There is also a barn and a granary on the property. The house is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. There is an ell on the south side of the house, set to the west, which is two stories and two bays by one bay. It also has aluminum siding, a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge, and has an interior brick chimney on the south gable end. There are modern additions in the southeast corner of the house and the ell, on the south side of the ell, and the west side of the main block. All of these additions are one story, and are less than 50 years old. The first story has a lobby entry plan with the stairs open on the west to the west room. The stairway was originally enclosed, with a landing at the top that was set one step below each room. The ell contains a modern kitchen with no historic features surviving, other than an enclosed winder stair. The barn is a two-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, circular-sawn board-and-batten siding with wire nails, and a gable roof of inverted-V-seam metal with an east-west ridge. There is a shed-roof addition on the north side that is one story and two bays. It has a concrete foundation, board-and-batten siding, and inverted-V-seam metal. The barn has a circular-sawn heavy timber mortised-and-tenoned-and-pegged frame.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Manakee-Thompson Farm  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 5710 Trotter Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
 city, town Clarksville X vicinity  
 county Howard

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

name Aelred & Shirley Geis  
 street and number 5710 Trotter Road telephone 410-531-2400  
 city, town Clarksville state MD zip code 21029

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 35-13  
 city, town Ellicott City liber 288 folio 408

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
			Contributing    Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>3</u> <u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> structures
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		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>3</u> <u>1</u> Total
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		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			<u>0</u>

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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#### House, exterior

The house is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. There is an exterior brick chimney on the east gable end, and both an interior and exterior brick chimney on the west gable end. There is an ell on the south side of the house, set to the west, which is two stories and two bays by one bay. It also has aluminum siding, a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge, and has an interior brick chimney on the south gable end. There are modern additions in the southeast corner of the house and the ell, on the south side of the ell, and the west side of the main block. All of these additions are one story, and are less than 50 years old.

The north elevation has a center six-panel door on the first story with a six-over-six sash to each side. The sash have modern frames and blinds. The second story has three six-over-six sash in frames that have a small bead on the inner edge. The boxed eave follows the pitch of the rafters. There was a porch on the front that was in bad repair and was removed by the current owners. The east elevation has no openings on the first story. The second story has two new tall, narrow one-light sash, each with one blind. The gable end has no openings. The south elevation of the main block has an addition covering the first story. The second story has a six-over-six sash with blinds in what appears to be a modern frame.

The east elevation of the ell has an addition covering the first story. The second story has a six-over-six sash with blinds in what appears to be a frame with a small bead on the inner edge. The south elevation of the ell also is covered by an addition on the first story. The second story has a pair of new one-light casement windows to the east. The west elevation of the ell has an addition covering the first story. The second story has two six-over-six sash with blinds. The eave is identical to that on the main block. The west elevation of the main block has an addition covering the first story. The second story has a six-over-six sash set to the south.

#### House, interior

The house did not originally have a basement, and one has been dug out by the current owners. The ell basement has exposed joists that are circular-sawn 2 by 8s that run east-west. There is sub-flooring above that runs north-south. The flooring in the front or main block of the house is not visible because of HVAC ducts.

The first story has a lobby entry plan with the stairs open on the west to the west room. The stairway was originally enclosed, with a landing at the top that was set one step below each room. The east room has 1 1/4-inch pine flooring that runs north-south and was installed in the 1960s. There is paneling, new ceiling, a new fireplace, new trim and doors, and new sash. The door on the south originally led to a rear porch. There was a window on the south wall, to the east, that was closed off for an addition. According to the owners, when they removed a mantel it had the date "1900" on the back of it. The west room also has all new features, with carpeting on the floor. The west wall was opened up and the fireplace rebuilt.

The ell contains a modern kitchen with no historic features surviving, other than an enclosed winder stair on the west, set to the north, that has a new door to the stairway and a new door to the pantry beneath it. A hole in the ceiling of the ell reveals circular-sawn 2 by 8 joists that run east-west and have circular-sawn lath with wire nails.

The second story landing and original doors are gone, and there is now an east-west passage in the ell that leads to the chambers. The east chamber has an original window on the north with plain head-cut trim, plain rails, and no parting beads or sash cords. One of the corners of the sash could contain a pin, though this is not certain. There is a door on the west, set to the north, that has

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four panels with sunken fields and ogee panel moulds. It has a cast iron rim lock with a porcelain knob. There is head-cut trim that has a beaded interior edge. This door leads to a steep attic stairway. The floor in this chamber is 1 1/2-inch pine that runs east-west and is original, according to the owner.

The west chamber floor and sash are the same as the east chamber. There is a narrow chimney on the west wall. There are plaster walls and plain head-cut trim. The ell chamber floor was warped and covered by tile. The sash on the east and west are original, and there is an open stair in the northwest corner with a beaded-vertical-board wall on the interior of the first story. There are no other historic features in this chamber.

The attic is unfinished, but was not accessible.

### Barn

The barn is a two-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, circular-sawn board-and-batten siding with wire nails, and a gable roof of inverted-V-seam metal with an east-west ridge. There is a shed-roof addition on the north side that is one story and two bays. It has a concrete foundation, board-and-batten siding, and inverted-V-seam metal. On the south elevation the first story has two Dutch doors that are new, and the second story has no openings. The east elevation has a new Dutch door set to the north on the first story. The top half of the door has nine lights, while the bottom half folds down to make a ramp. The second story has no openings, nor does the gable end. The shed addition has a door on the east elevation, set to the north, made of vertical boards. The north elevation of the shed has a new vertical-board door in the center. The west elevation of the shed has a six-light sash. The west elevation of the main block of the barn has three doors on the first story. The north door is hung on machine-made strap hinges. The second story has a door to the south with a hoist next to it. The gable end has no openings.

The barn has a circular-sawn heavy timber mortised-and-tenoned-and-pegged frame. The corner posts have down braces. The joists are circular-sawn 2 by 10s that run north-south. There are three pens along the south end, with the center and west pens open to the north half of the building. The existing barn stalls were constructed in the 1960s. The north wall has been completely opened up to give access to the shed addition, and this shed contains stables. There is a ladder in the center of the north wall that leads to the upper story. The upper story has 2 by 6 circular-sawn rafters that are mitered at the ridge and support board lath. The corner posts have up braces, as do the intermediate posts in the wall, though they were removed on the north elevation. The center post has up braces into this upper-story space. The upper story is completely open, including open into the loft area of the shed addition.

### Granary

About 50 feet south of the house is a granary. It is a one-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure set on rubble stone piers with log joists that run east-west and sit on square wood sills that run north-south. The sides of the building are covered with asphalt roll roofing. There is a gable roof with inverted-V-seam metal and a north-south ridge. The east elevation has a board door in the center. The north elevation has a six-light steel casement sash with a three-light steel sash to each side. These were reportedly added in the 1960s. The west elevation has no openings. There is a shed attached to the west side. The south elevation has a boarded-up opening in the gable end. The building is constructed of circular-sawn heavy timber that is mortised and tenoned, but there are no pegs. It has circular-sawn 2 by 4 rafters that are mitered and butted at the ridge. The walls have vertical board siding, and there is wide-board roof sheathing with gaps between the boards. On the south side of the building is a bin that is lined with horizontal tongue-and-grooved boards. There is a similar smaller bin in the center, west of the lobby entry of this building, also with horizontal tongue-and-grooved boards. The north half appears to have had all of the boards removed when it was converted to a workshop. There is a hatch or boarded-up window opening on the east elevation on the north half. The building has random-width board flooring that appears to be pine and runs north-south.

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Also on the property is a modern blacksmith shop that is constructed in a converted chicken house and is completely new. According to the owner, there was a blacksmith shop on the property, and there was a privy near the current blacksmith shop, south of the house.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates n/a Architect/Builder n/a

Construction dates c. 1901

Evaluation for:

National Register  Maryland Register  not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Notes:

G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of Howard County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, 1878). Interview with Shirley A. Geis, 1 December 2006.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 18.13 A

Acreage of historical setting 113.914 A

Quadrangle name Clarksville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is the property lines.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date 7/23/2007

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
George F. Wooten, Jr. & wf/ Penelope B./PG Co.	Aelred Dean & Shirley A. Geis/? (H/W)	9.19.1956	RHM 288-408	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	20.126 A	
Jesse E. Aiken C. Ellsworth Iager/Howard	George F. Wooten, Jr. & wf. Penelope B./?	11.12.1955	RHM 274-575	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	20.126 A	
Evans & Anna P. Ashmore (H/W)/Howard	Jesse E. Aiken C. Ellsworth Iager/Howard	10.5.1955	AHM 273-222	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	113.914 A	
Arthur K. Pickett committee of Annie E. Thompson, incompetent	Evans & Anna P. Ashmore/Howard	10.5.1955	RHM 273-220	Deed - fee simple	\$700.00	113.914 A	Equity 4919 IT lived here when he died 1.27.1923
Daniel Webster Thompson/Howard	Evans & Anna P. Ashmore (H/W)/Howard	1.11.1952	MWB 229-495	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	113.914 A	
Adelaide & Howard L. Ridgely (H/W) James & Alda Hopkins Clark (H/W)/Howard	Daniel Wester Thompson	12.16.1937	BM Jr. 159-37	Deed - fee simple	\$4.00	113.914 A	5/6ths interest
Lawrence I. & Elsie I. Meldrom (H/W)/Baltimore City	James Clark/Howard	5.24.1937	BM Jr. 157-96	Deed - fee simple	\$50.00	113.914 A	1/6 <sup>th</sup> interest
Robert Lee Thompson	Adelaide Ridgely Daniel Webster Thompson Lawrence I. Meldrim	3.5.1937		Inheritance			d intestate 1/2 interest
Daniel Webster & Annie E. Thompson (H/W)/Howard	Adelaide Ridgely Robert Lee Thompson	1.31.1924	HBB 119-423	Deed - fee simple	\$1,600	113.914 A	1/3 interest & 1/3 of crops growing on farm
Lawrence I. Meldrom/Howard	Adelaide Ridgely Daniel Webster Thompson Robert Lee Thompson/Howard	12.20.1923	HBN 119-299	Deed - fee simple	\$1,600	113.914 A	1/4 <sup>th</sup> interest



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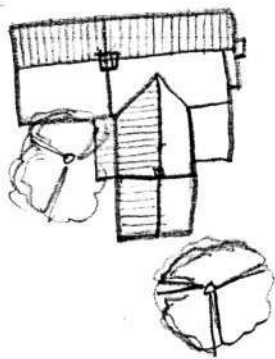
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Joseph H. & Sarah A. Manakee (H/W)	Isaiah Thompson	4.21.1913	WWLC 94-550	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	113.914 A	P/o Lot D Division #3 in Partition of land of Charles Carroll Mortgage for \$1,600
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John C. O'Donnell Aileen O'Donnell	Mary A. de la Bassettierre	3.22.1892	JHO 59-418	Deed - partition Fee simple	\$1.00	332 A - the stone quarries 443+ A	Helen C. O'Donnell (nee Carroll) d. 1886, wf. of C. Oliver O'Donnell of Baltimore City, deceased Grantors and grantee are kids Lot D, Div. 3

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Site Plan

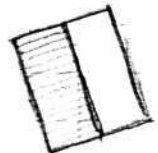
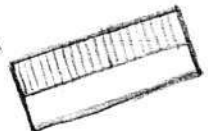
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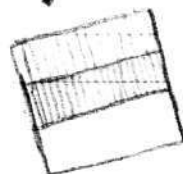
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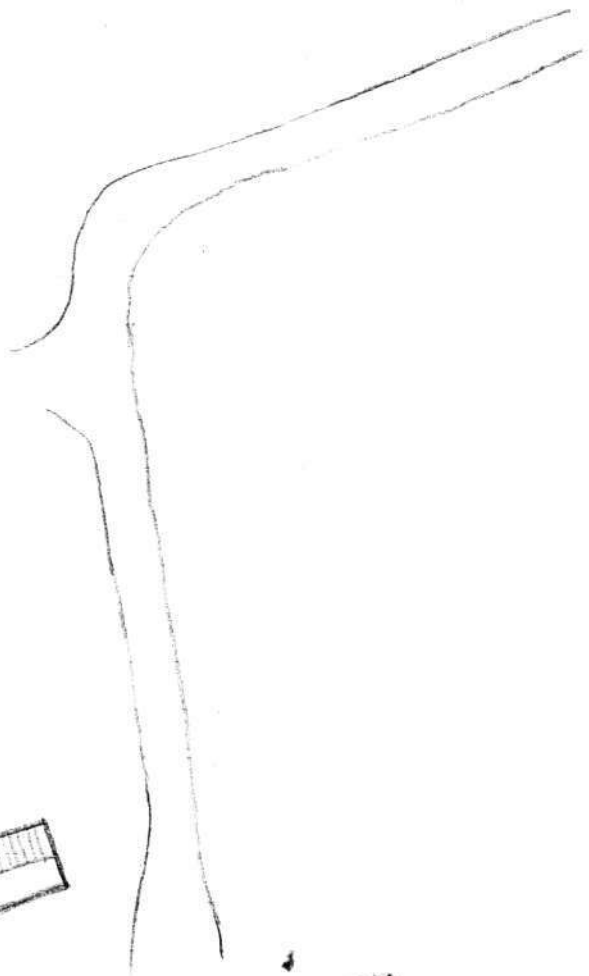
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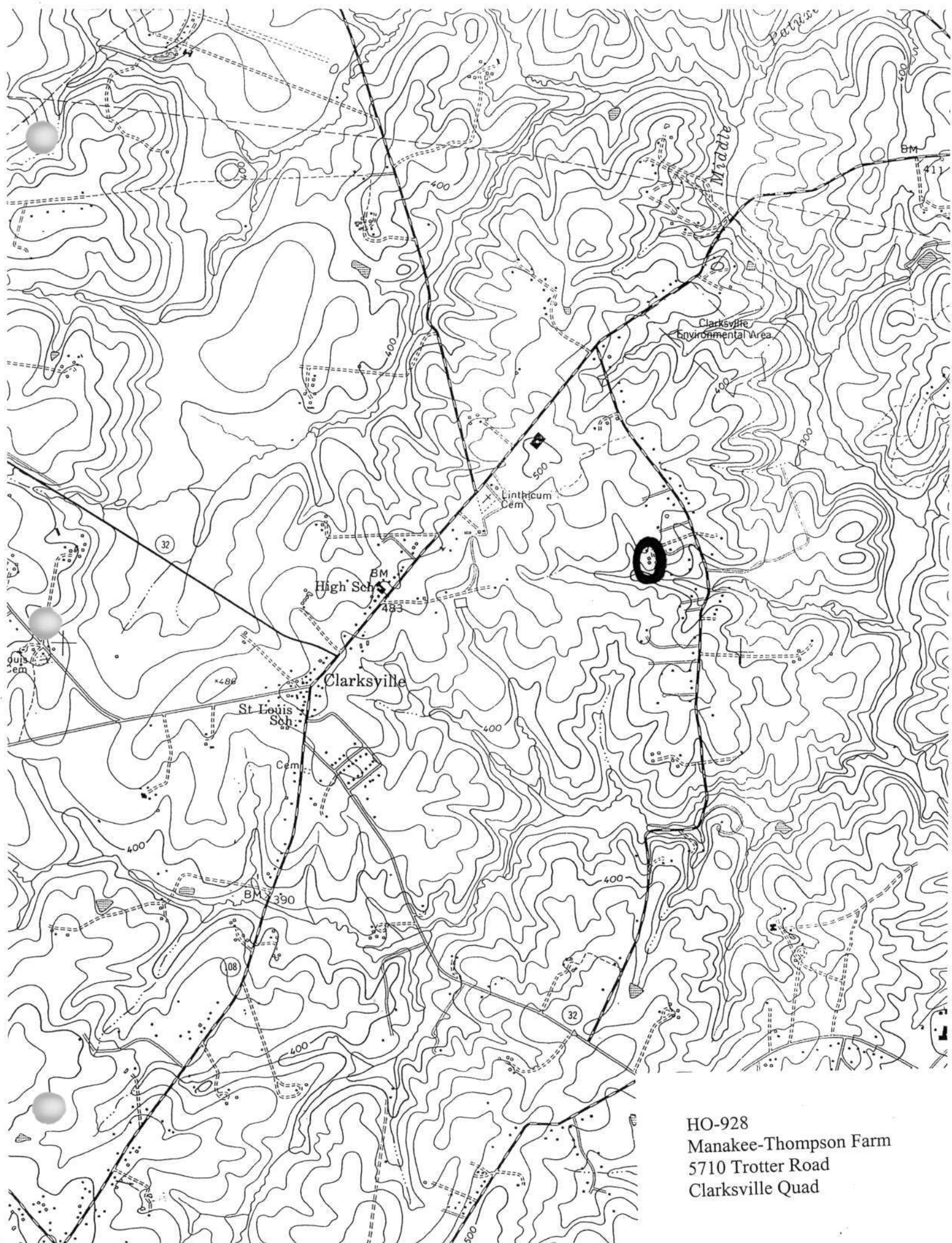


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