

SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-248  
Site Name: JOHNSON FERRY HOUSE  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Landmark: 15 October 1966  
State Register: 16 August 1979  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: Adjacent to Rte. 29 and Canal, overlooking bridge to Pennsylvania, 950 ft. NNW of Rtes. 29 and 546 intersection.

Period of Site: c.1740s-present

Type of Site: Farmstead & ferry keeper's tavern, now house museum.

Cultural Affiliations: Anglo-Dutch

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington Xing Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517 Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation: Good

Surface Features: Dwelling, garden, stone barn  
Prominent Landmarks: Rtes. 29 & 546 intersection  
Vegetative Cover: garden, lawn, park woodland, bituminous concrete  
Nearest Water Source: spring Distance: 150 feet  
Soil Type: Erosion: parking lot, septic field  
Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION: underground utilities, landscaping

PREVIOUS WORK:

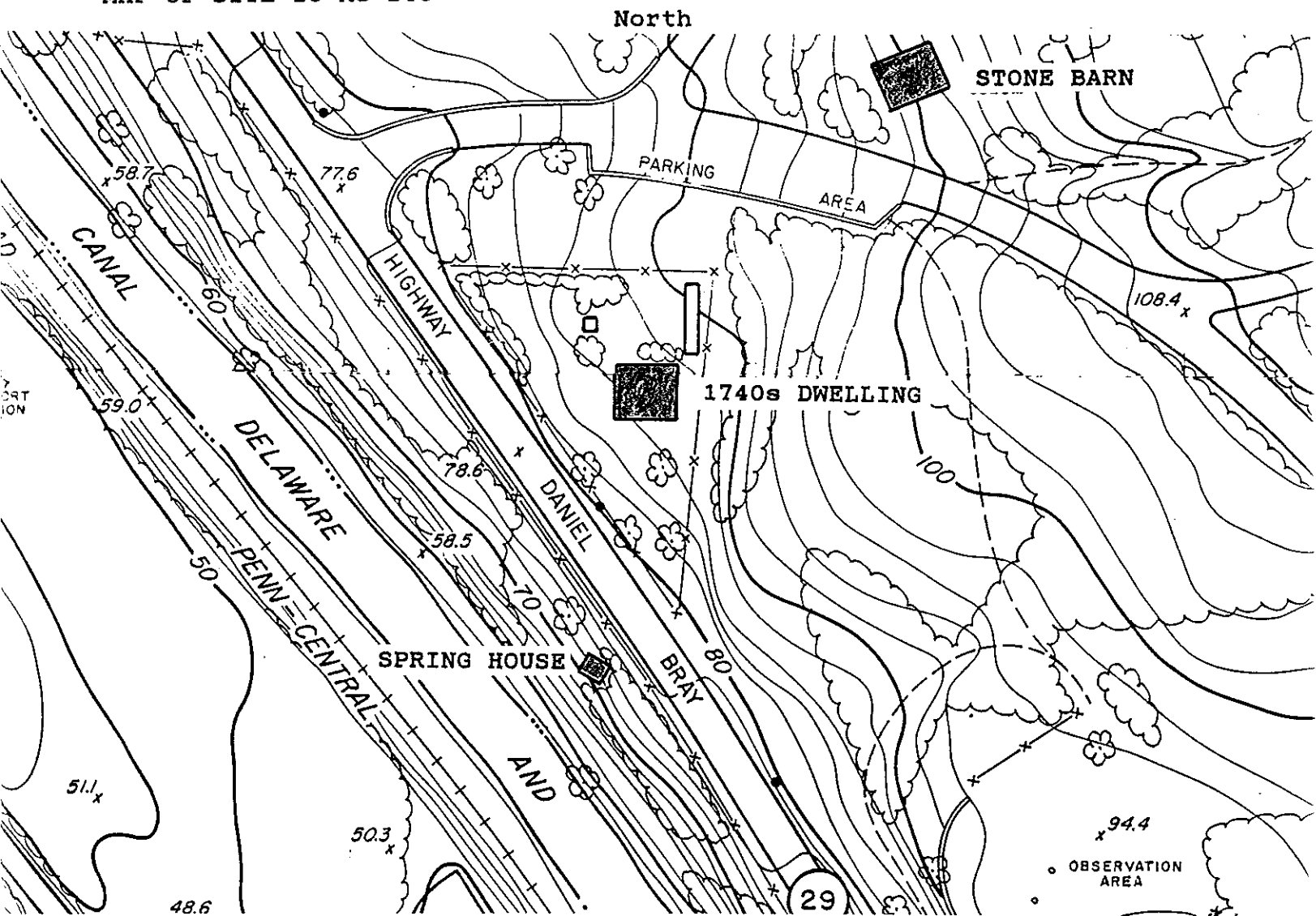
By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:

Claire Stokely & Nancy Carter  
9/30/92 Visitor Center

Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored: Visitor Center, Washington Crossing State Park  
Date Registered: March 1993

MAP OF SITE 28-Me-248



SCALE: 1 inch = 100 feet

OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

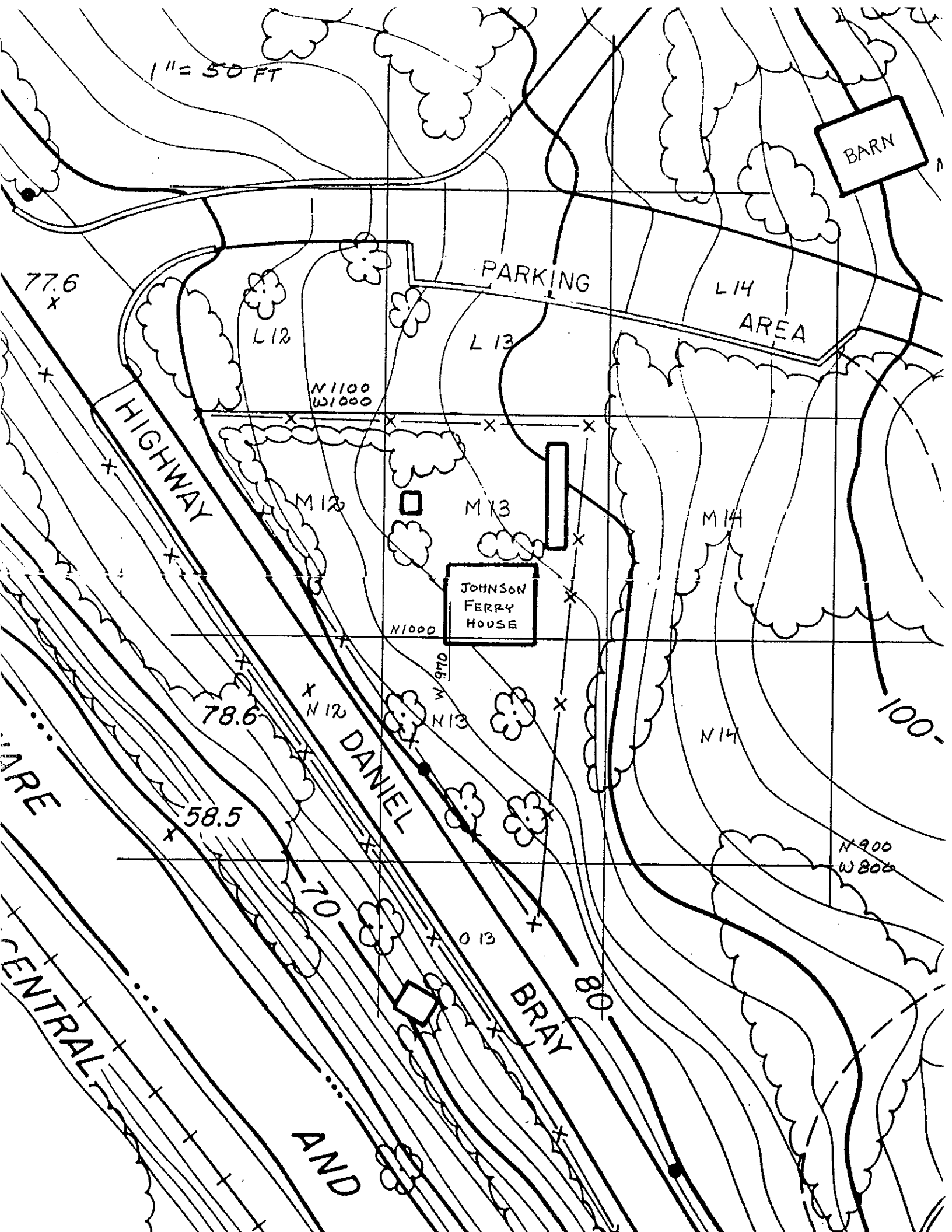
REFERENCES:

D'Autrechy, C. Phyllis and Theo. M. D'Autrechy, "The Story of the Nelson House." For the Washington Crossing Association of New Jersey, 1977. MS, Washington Crossing State Park.

Godfrey, Dr. Carlos E., "Washington's Debarkation at Johnson's Ferry on Christmas Night in 1776." An address given before the Trenton Historical Society, 17 November 1932. MS, WCSP.

Stone, Garry Wheeler, "Washington Crossing State Park in the 1770s." MS, WCSP.

Files, Washington Crossing State Park.



PROJECT: JOHNSON FERRY HOUSE

SITE: 28 - \_\_\_\_\_

BLOCK: M 13

DATE: 16 October 1992

NORTH 1000 TO 1100

ANALYST: Stone

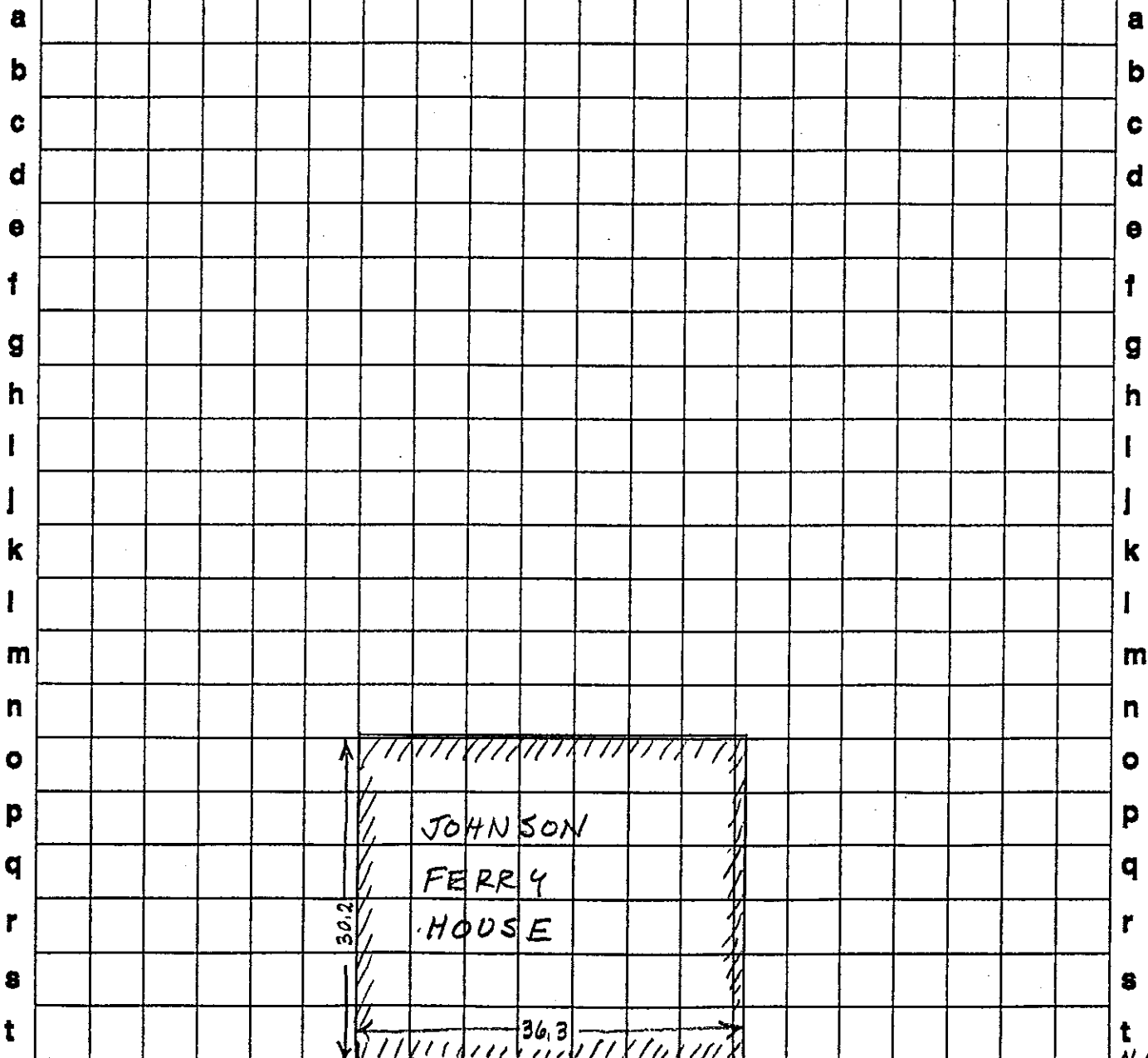
WEST 900 TO 1000

DISTRIBUTION OF: Grid established 15 Oct 92 in

relation to west & south walls of foundation

N 1100  
W 1000

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20



N 1000  
W 900

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT: JOHNSON FERRY HOUSE

SITE: 28 - - - - -

DATE: 16 OCT 92

BLOCK: N13

ANALYST: Stone

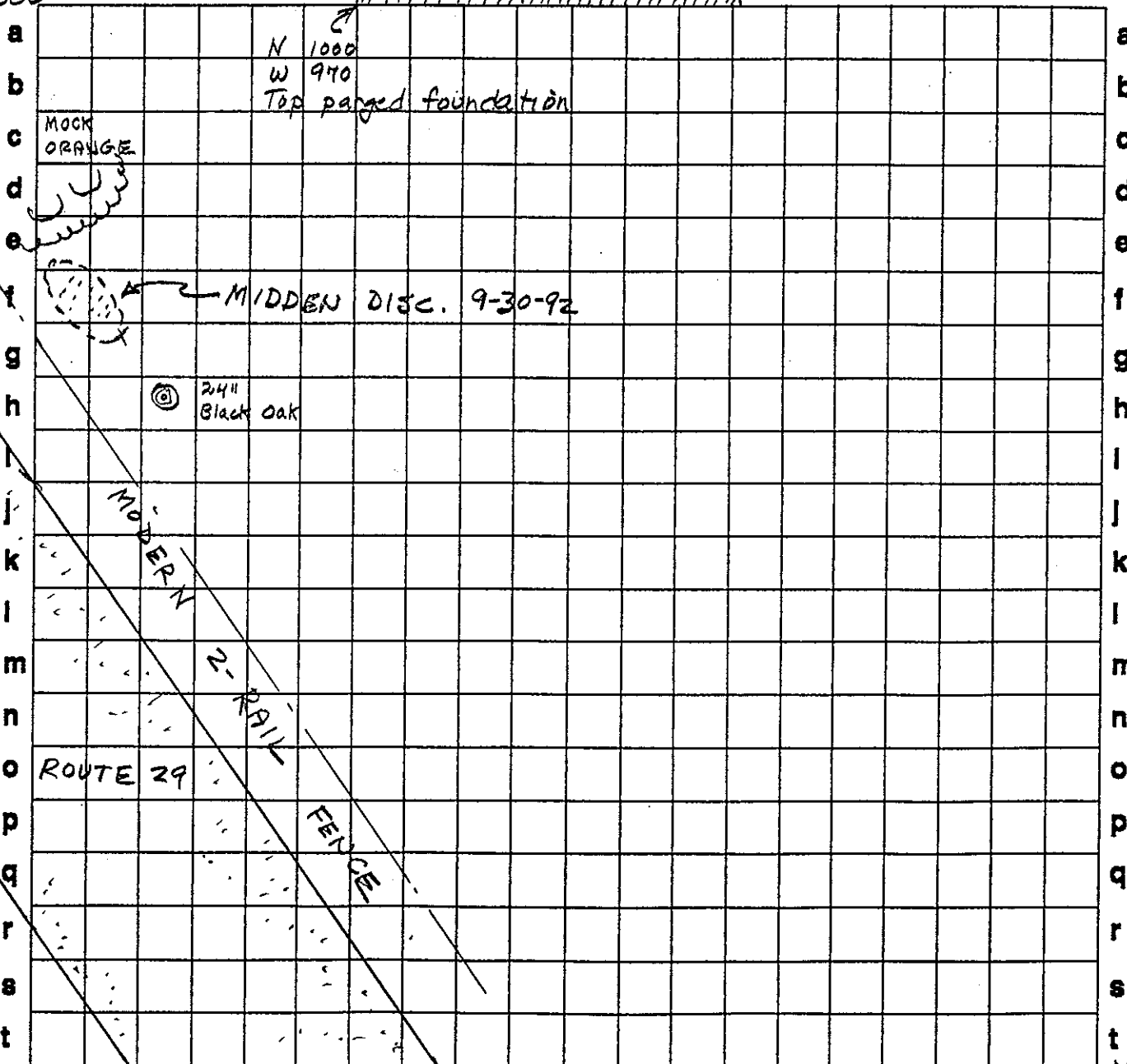
NORTH 900 TO 1000

WEST 900 TO 1000

DISTRIBUTION OF: Midden collected 30 sept 92

JOHNSON FERRY HOUSE

N 1000 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
W 1000



COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

N 900  
W 900

SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-249  
Site Name: NELSON HOTEL  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Register: 15 October 1966  
State Register: 16 August 1979  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: Between Canal and River, adjacent to approach to Bridge.

Period of Site: c.1820 ferry tavern; enlarged, c.1850; raised into a 3-story, Carpenter Gothic riverside hotel c.1870; largely demolished, c.1935.

Type of Site: Ferry Tavern that evolved into riverside hotel.

Cultural Affiliations: Euro-American

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington King Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517 Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation: Good

Surface Features: Extant kitchen wing  
Prominent Landmarks: Delaware River Bridge  
Vegetative Cover: Grass, gravel parking lot, paved road shoulder  
Nearest Water Source: River Distance: 150 ft.  
Soil Type: Erosion: parking lot, septic field  
Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION:

PREVIOUS WORK:

By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:

17 October 1934: existing conditions, 1/4"=1'-0". Copies of field annotated, unfinished elevations and plans. Drawn & traced by F.L.T. Emergency Relief Administration Project S11.A.37. Drawing files, Washington Crossing State Park.

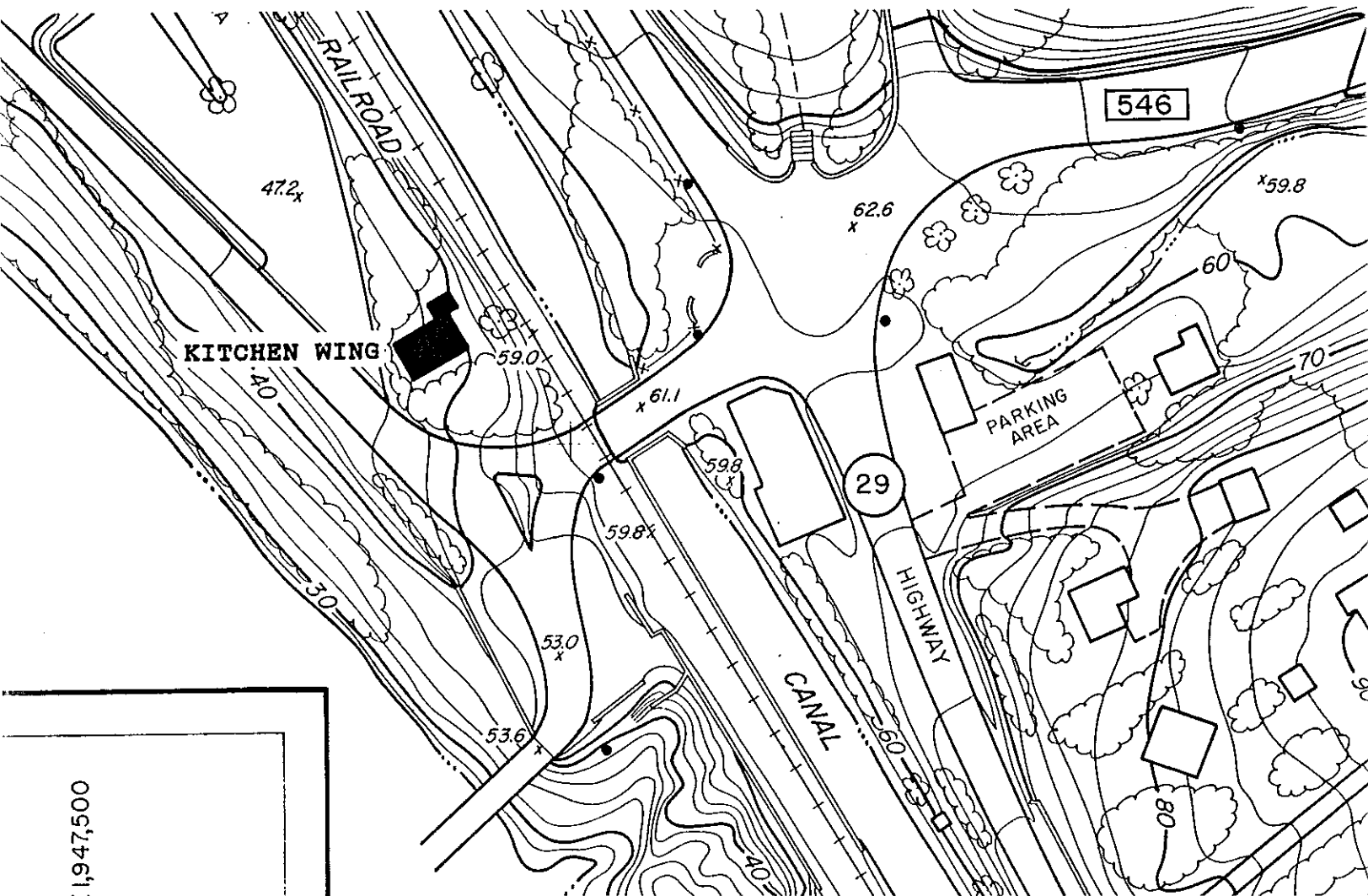
Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored: Visitor Center, Washington Crossing State Park

Date Registered: March 1993

MAP OF SITE 28-Me-249

North



SCALE: 1 inch = 100 feet

OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS: In the 1930s, the hotel was badly damaged by a steel beam that fell from a passing train. Subsequently, all but the 1850s kitchen wing was demolished. Part of the original NE wall survives in the retaining wall for the RR embankment. The tavern cellars would make a dramatic archaeological exhibit.

REFERENCES:

D'Autrechy, C. Phyllis and Theo. M. D'Autrechy, "The Story of the Nelson House." For the Washington Crossing Association of New Jersey, 1977. MS, Washington Crossing State Park (WCSP).

Stone, Garry Wheeler, "Washington Crossing State Park in the 1770s." MS, WCSP.

SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-250  
Site Name: BLACKWELL HOUSE  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Landmark: 15 October 1966  
State Register: 16 August 1979  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: NW side of Rte. 546, 2000 ft. north of Rte. 29/546 intersection.

Period of Site: Constructed c.1825-35, enlarged c.1850 & 1870

Type of Site: Farmstead, multi-generational triplex dwelling

Cultural Affiliations: Euro-American

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington King Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517 Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation: Good, exterior restored 1990.

Surface Features: Triplex stone dwelling, root cellar, coal shed, barn (barn reconstructed by WPA), 20th-century maintenance buildings.

Prominent Landmarks: Historic structures

Vegetative Cover: Lawn, shrubs, shade trees, parking lots

Nearest Water Source: Cisterns Distance: at house

Soil Type: Erosion: driveways, parking, septic

Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION: Underground utilities

PREVIOUS WORK:

By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:

Stone & Zink, 19 May 88

Washington Crossing S.P. Office

Stone & Hayden, 10 Feb 93

(architectural field notes and attic flooring nail)

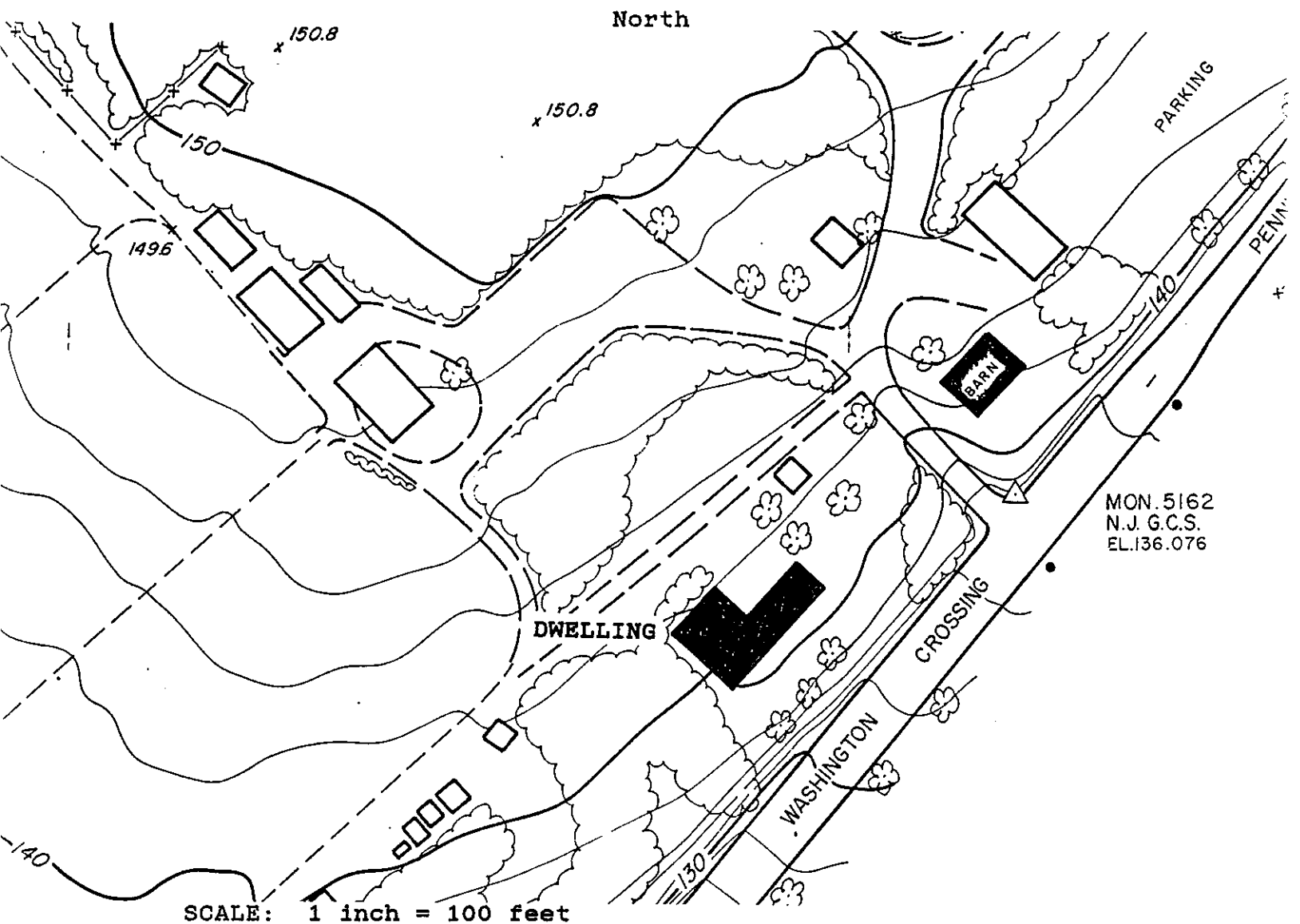
Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored: Washington Crossing State Park Office

Date Registered: March 1993



MAP OF SITE 28-Me-250



OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

REFERENCES:

D'Autrechy, C. Phyllis and Theo. M. D'Autrechy, "The Story of the Nelson House." For the Washington Crossing Association of New Jersey, 1977. MS.

Stone, "Blackwell House." MS report, 2pp., March 1993.

SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-251  
Site Name: BEAR TAVERN  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Register: 15 October 1966  
State Register: 16 August 1979  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: NE corner intersection Rtes. 546 & 579.

Period of Site: Constructed c.1790, converted to a tavern c.1820.

Type of Site: Farmhouse, then tavern, then farmhouse.

Cultural Affiliations: Euro-American

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington Xing Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517 Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation: Good

Surface Features: Frame tavern  
Prominent Landmarks: Rtes. 546 & intersection.  
Vegetative Cover: Lawn, gravel parking lots  
Nearest Water Source: Well Distance:  
Soil Type: Erosion: Driveways, parking, septic  
Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION: Underground utilities

PREVIOUS WORK:

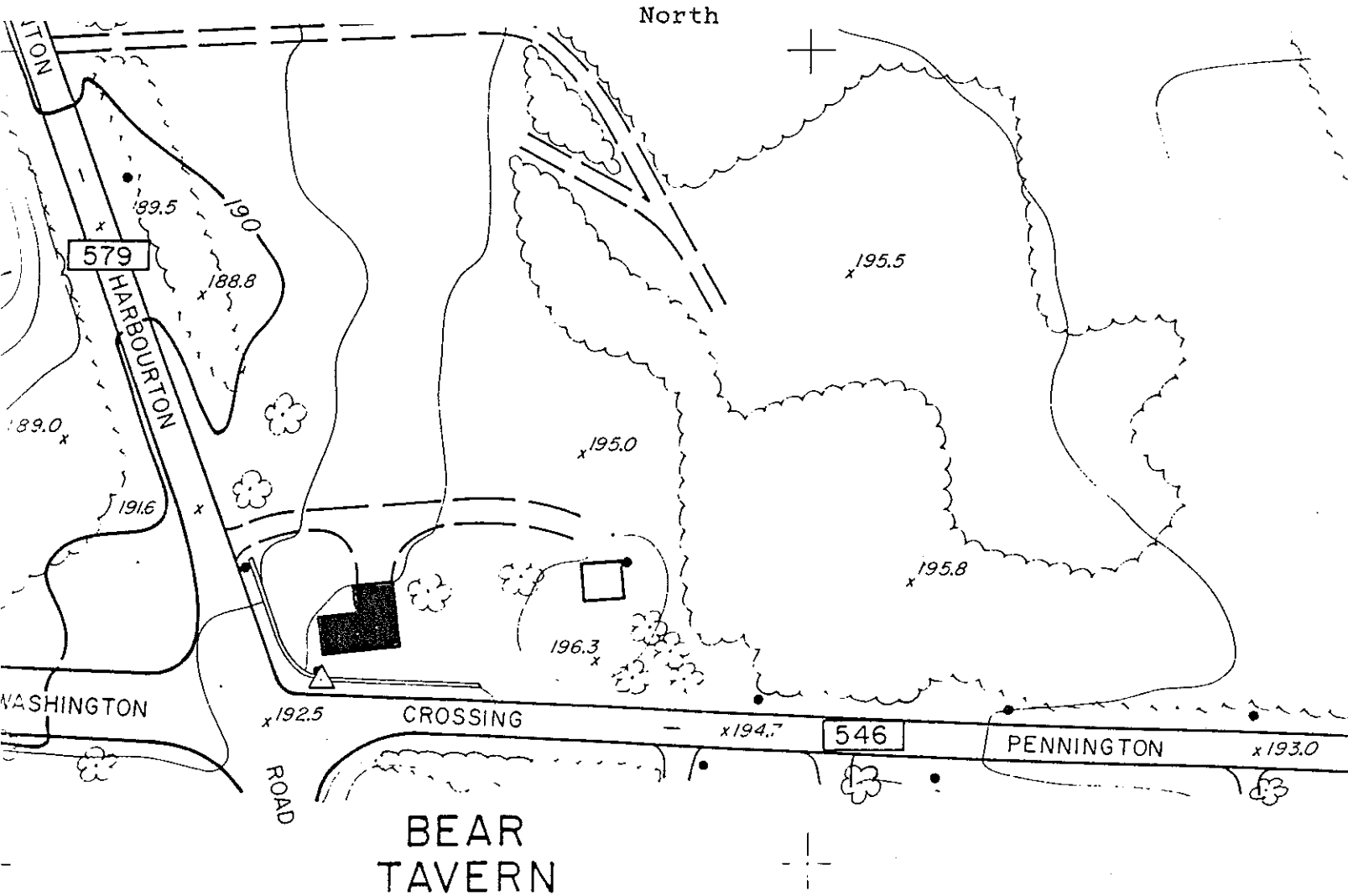
By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:

Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored: Washington Crossing State Park Office  
(Architectural field notes, nails from attic floor)

Date Registered: March 1993

MAP OF SITE 28-Me-251



MON 5165

SCALE: 1 inch = 100 feet

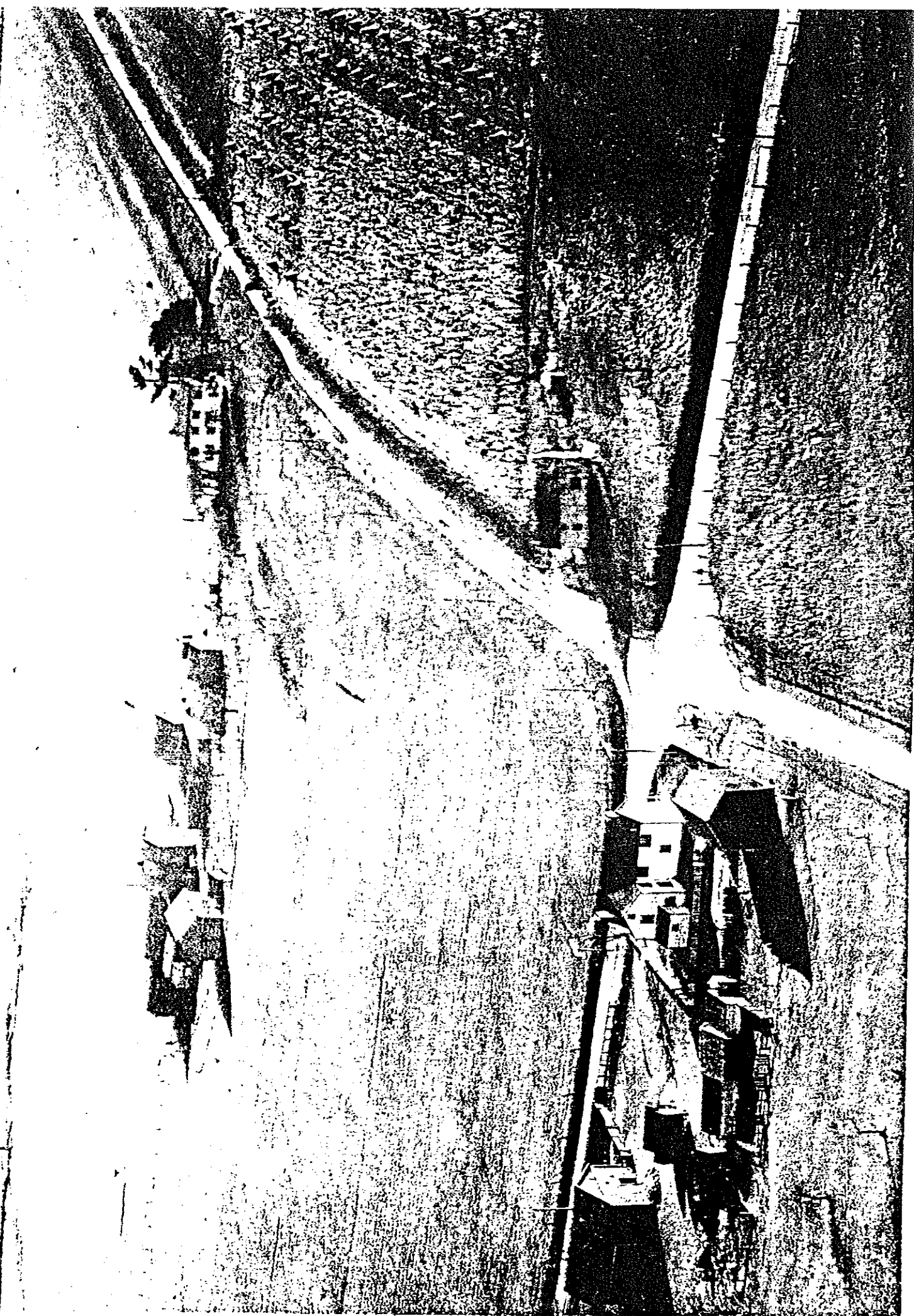
OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

REFERENCES:

New Jersey State Archives, Aerial Photograph 83.11.66: Intersection of Bear Tavern and Washington Crossing-Pennington Roads, c.1930.

Stone, Garry Wheeler and Philip A. Hayden, "Bear Tavern." MS report, 4 pp., March 1993.

NJ STATE ARCHIVES, 83.11.66: Intersection of Bear Tavern and Washington Crossing-Pennington Roads. N.D. [c.1930]. Facing SE. The Bear Tavern farmstead is at the lower left.



SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-252  
Site Name: JOB PHILLIPS FARM  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Register:  
State Register:  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: SE side of Church Road, 350 ft. south of Brick Yard Road.

Period of Site: Constructed 1764, enlarged. Present addition dates to c.1830s.

Type of Site: Farmstead

Cultural Affiliations: Anglo-American

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington Xing Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517 Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation: Good, house leased to historic preservation professional as dwelling.

Surface Features: 1764, one-story stone house with two-story addition.

Prominent Landmarks:

Vegetative Cover: Lawn

Nearest Water Source: Spring Distance: 400 feet

Soil Type: Erosion: Septic field

Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION: Underground utilities

PREVIOUS WORK:

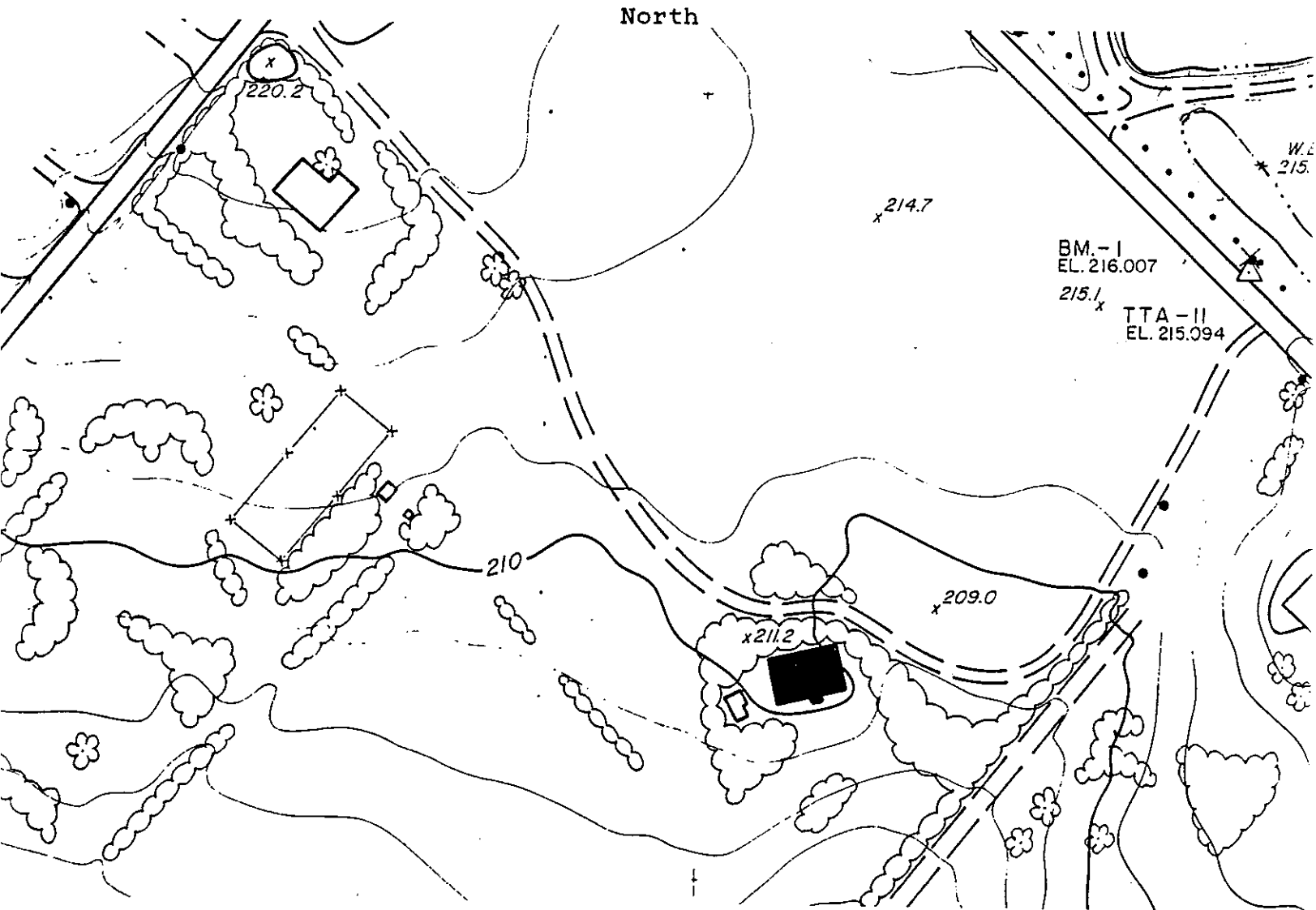
By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:

Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored:

Date Registered: March 1993

MAP OF SITE 28-Me-252



SCALE: 1 inch = 100 feet

OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

REFERENCES:

Hayden, Philip Aldrich, "The Cow and the Calf: Evolution of Farmhouses in Hopewell Township, . . . 1720-1820." Thesis, the University of Delaware, 1992 (figures 8-11 and pp. 179-181).

SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-253  
Site Name: JOSEPH PHILLIPS FARM  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Register:  
State Register:  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: Brickyard Road 950 ft. SSE of intersection with Church Road

Period of Site: One room, two-story frame farmhouse constructed c.1800-1805 (possibly earlier), enlarged c.1840. Derelict house burned 1988. Ruins bulldozed into cellar.

Type of Site: Farm

Cultural Affiliations: Anglo-American

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington King Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517 Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation:

Surface Features: Entrance lane, foundations

Prominent Landmarks:

Vegetative Cover: Weeds, briars

Nearest Water Source: Spring

Distance: 150 feet

Soil Type:

Erosion: Ruins bulldozed

Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION:

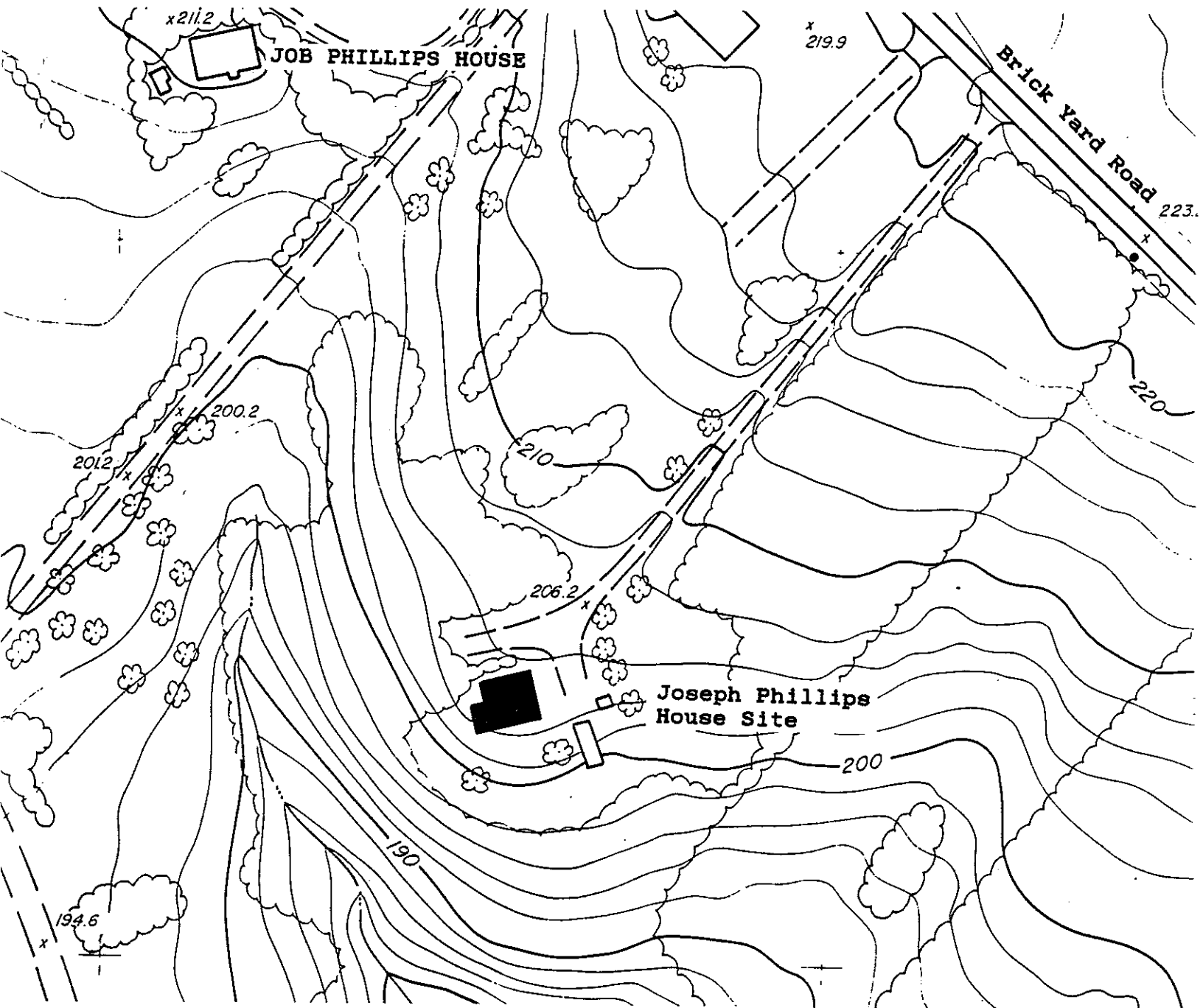
PREVIOUS WORK:

By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:

Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored: Washington Crossing State Park Office  
(Nails, plaster lath, photographs)

Date Registered: March 1993



SCALE: 1 inch = 100 feet

OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Archaeology required to confirm hypothesized construction date.

REFERENCES:

Stone, Garry Wheeler, "Joseph Phillips House." MS, 3pp. , March 1993.



SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-254  
Site Name: BURROUGHS-NIEDERER FARM  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Register:  
State Register:  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: Outdoor theatre, Washington Crossing State Park

Period of Site: Late 18 or early 19th century to c.1945

Type of Site: Farmstead

Cultural Affiliations: Euro-American

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington Xing Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517

Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation:

Surface Features: Outdoor theatre

Prominent Landmarks:

Vegetative Cover:

Nearest Water Source: Spring house Distance: 150 feet

Soil Type: Erosion: Terracing for seating

Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION:

PREVIOUS WORK:

By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:

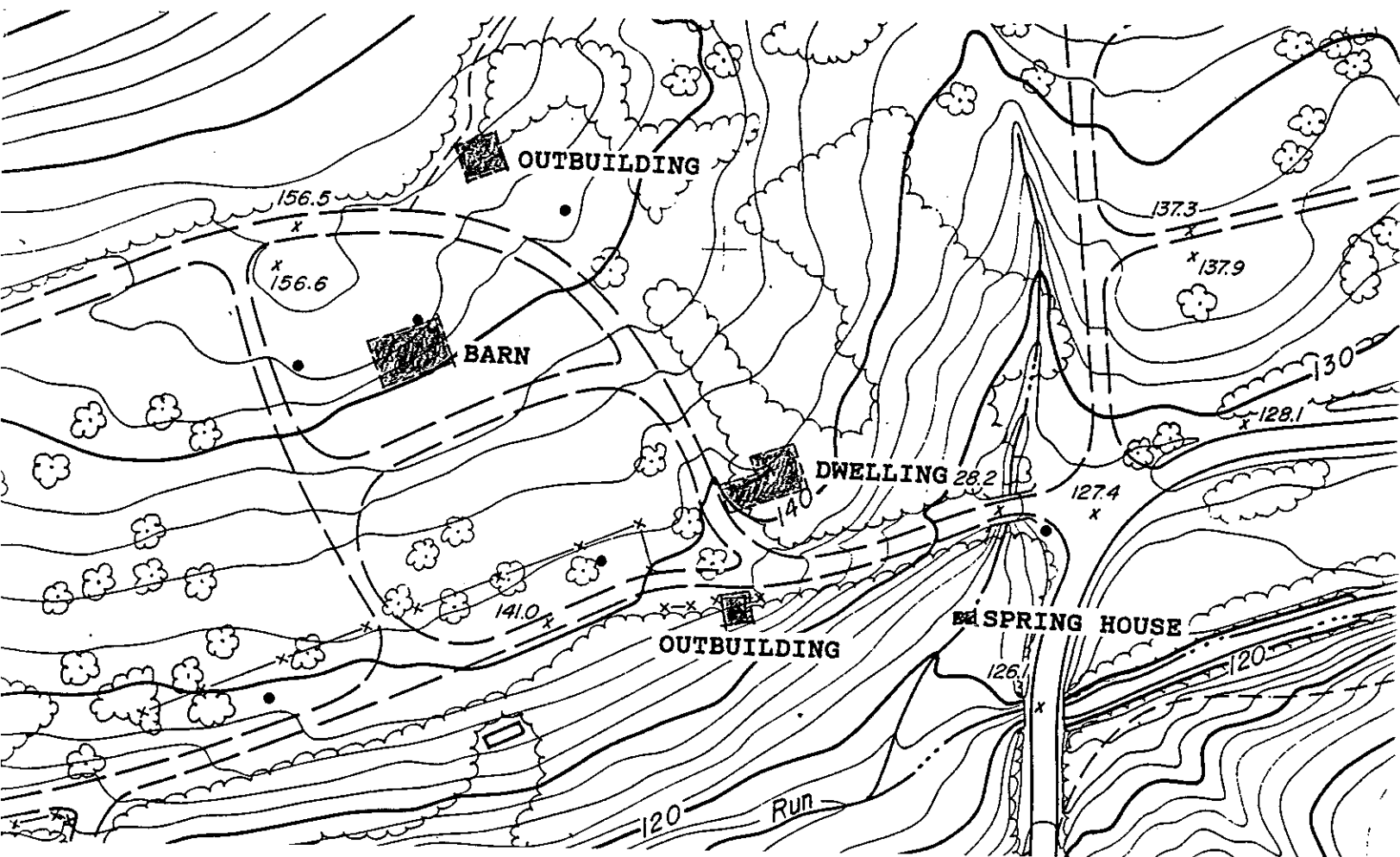
Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored:

Date Registered: March 1993

MAP OF SITE 28-Me-254

North



SCALE: 1 inch = 100 feet

OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

REFERENCES:

F. A. Eckhart, BASE MAP, NIEDERER FARM. 1 inch=100 feet. November 1945. Map files, Washington Crossing State Park.

Howard B. Fiske, WORKING PLAN FOR WASHINGTON CROSSING STATE PARK. 1 inch=125 feet. [1940s] Map files, Washington Crossing State Park.

SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-255  
Site Name: VANNOY FARM  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Register:  
State Register:  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: Washington Crossing State Park between Joseph Phillips and  
Ferry Farms, and south of Brick Yard Road.

Period of Site: Unknown, probably 19th-century

Type of Site: Dwelling or farmstead

Cultural Affiliations: Euro-American

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington King Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517 Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation: Good

Surface Features: Stone spring house walls, foundations, road remnants  
Prominent Landmarks: Spring house walls, road remnants  
Vegetative Cover: Second-growth woods  
Nearest Water Source: Spring Distance:  
Soil Type: Erosion:  
Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION:

PREVIOUS WORK:

By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:

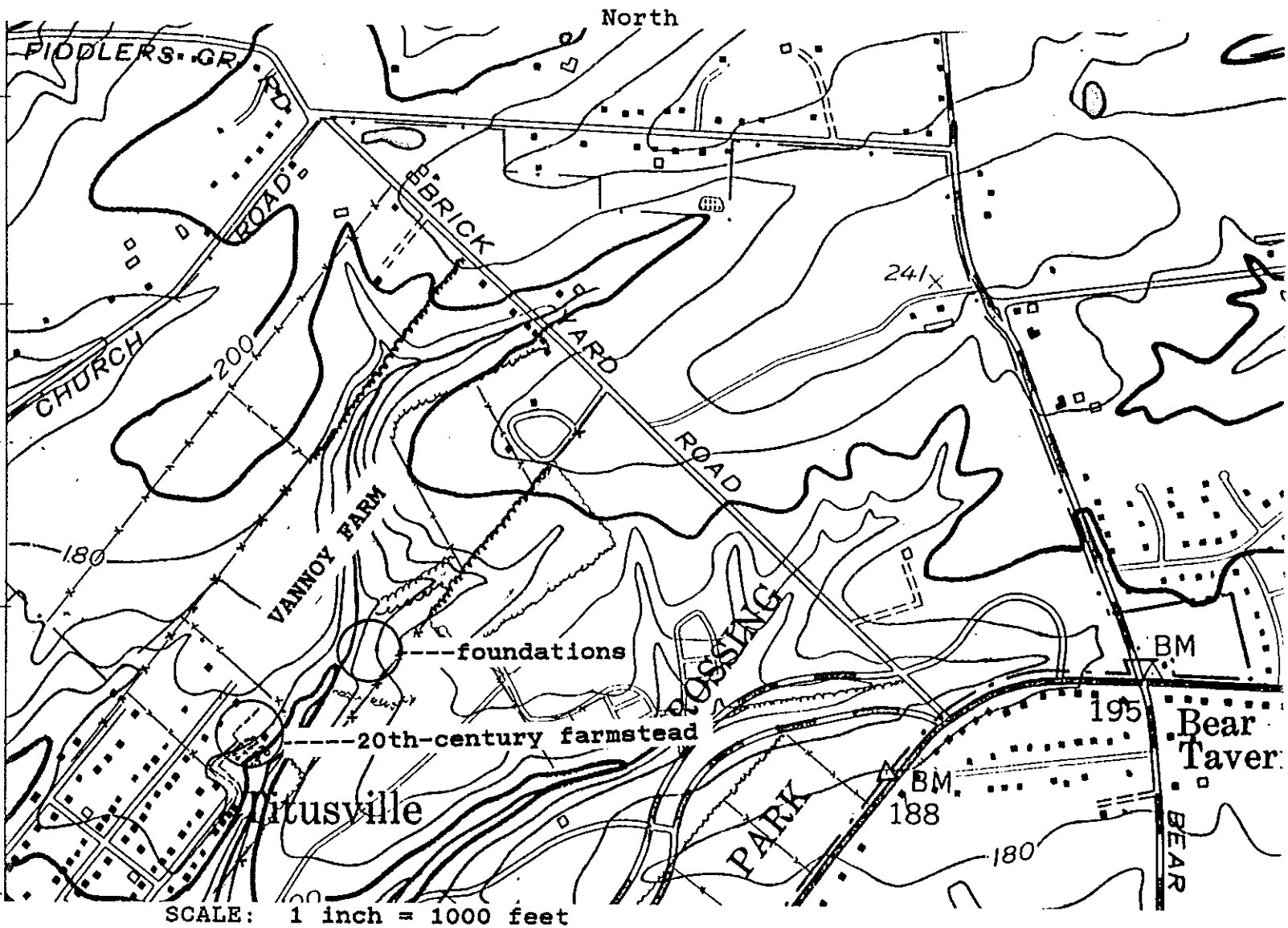
Personal observation, James E. Wiles, III, former Park Superintendent

Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored: None

Date Registered: March 1993

MAP OF SITE 28-Me-255



OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS: Early 20th-century farmstead is south of property owned by State. Foundations within park may be remnants of secondary or older dwelling. No occupation of State-owned site visible in aerial photographs of c.1928-30.

REFERENCES:

Personal communication, James E. Wiles, III, Assistant Regional Superintendent.

SITE REGISTRATION PROGRAM  
NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM  
Bureau of Archaeology  
205 West State Street  
(609) 292-8594

SITE NO.: 28-Me-256  
Site Name: STEELE HOUSE  
Atlas Coordinates:  
U.S.G.S. Coordinates:  
National Register: 15 October 1966  
State Register: 16 August 1979  
Date:  
File:

County: MERCER

Municipality: HOPEWELL

Location: Washington Crossing State Park between River Road and Canal  
on east side of Steele Run.

Period of Site: c.1835-1950

Type of Site: Rural dwelling, garden, and barn on one acre

Cultural Affiliations: Euro-American

Owner: NJDEPE, Division of Parks and Forestry  
Washington Crossing State Park  
355 Washington Xing Penn Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560-1517 Telephone: (609) 737-0617

Attitude towards preservation: Good

Surface Features: Foundations  
Prominent Landmarks: Canal, River Road, Steele Run  
Vegetative Cover: 2nd-growth woods  
Nearest Water Source: Steele Run Distance: 100 feet  
Soil Type: Erosion:  
Statified:

THREAT OF DESTRUCTION:

PREVIOUS WORK:

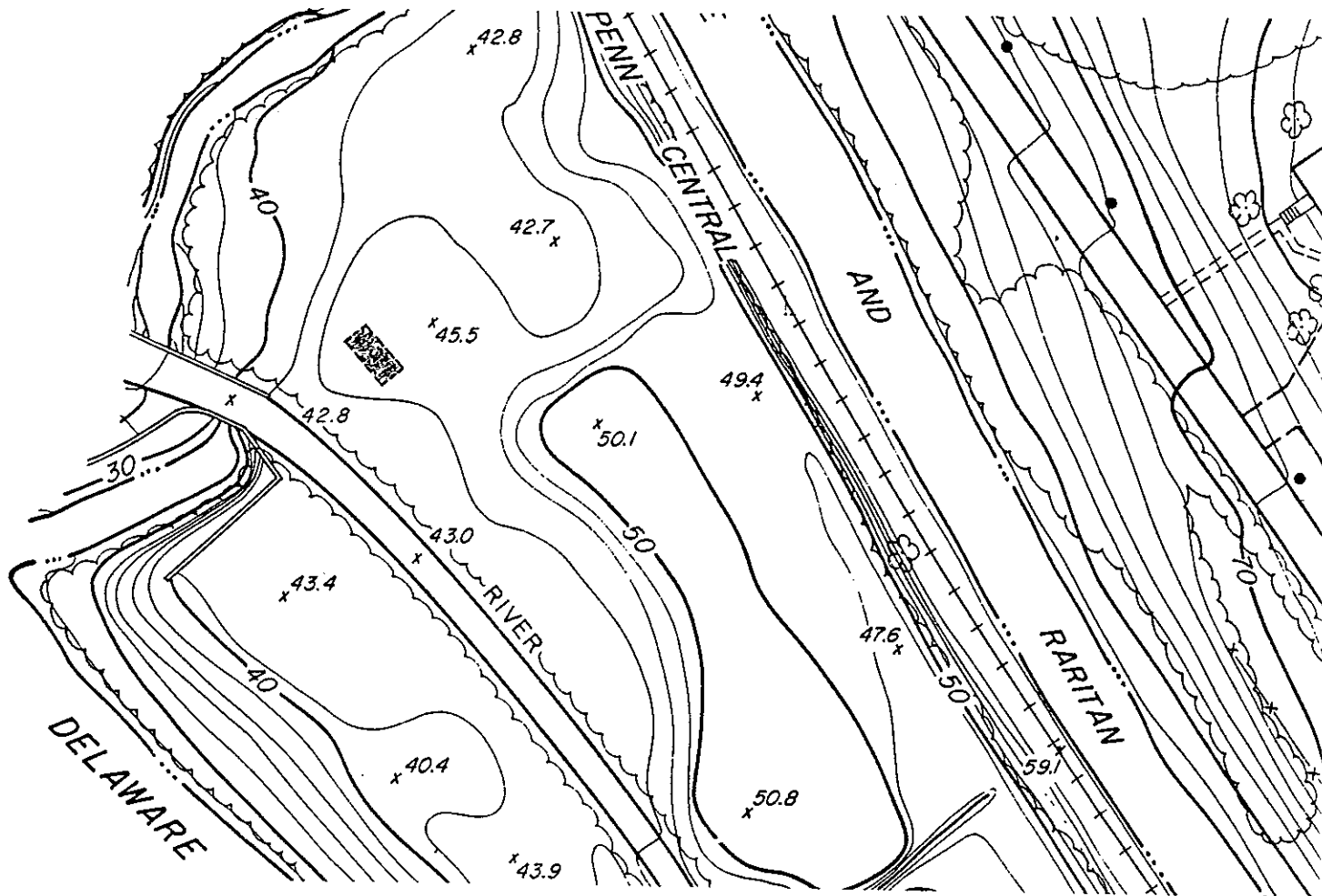
By whom: Date: Collection stored: Previous Designation:  
None

Recorder: Garry Wheeler Stone, Principal Historic Preservation Spec.  
State Park Service, Region II Office  
275 Englishtown-Freehold Road  
Englishtown, New Jersey 07726 Telephone: (908) 462-5868

Collection Stored: Washington Crossing State Park Office  
Date Registered: March 1993

MAP OF SITE 28-Me-256

North



SCALE: 1 inch = 100 ft.

OBSERVATIONS, REMARKS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS: 2-story stone house measuring approximately 15 by 30 ft., demolished 1950s. Property acquired by John Steele in 1840 and sold to the State by his granddaughter in 1925 with reservation of life rights to dwelling, barn, and garden. During demolition, found in the house were the indentures of orphans John Steele (born 1801) and Margaret Steele (b. 1797) from Knowlton Township, Sussex County, NJ.

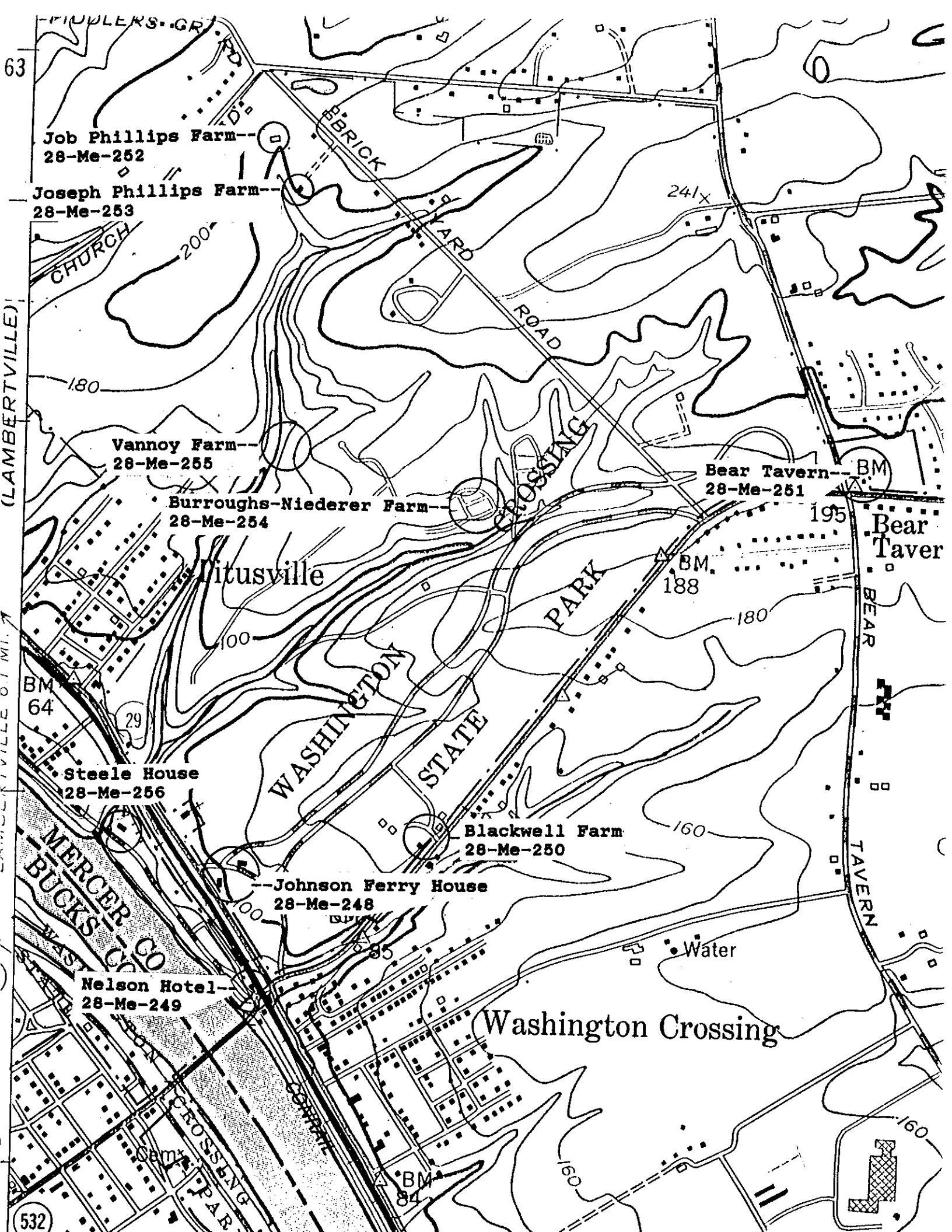
REFERENCES:

Files, Washington Crossing State Park Office:

Deed, 8 October 1925 from Mary E. Steele to State of New Jersey

Overseers of the Poor, Knowlton Twp, Sussex County, 3 February 1809, indentures (2) binding John and Margaret Steele apprentices to Cornelius Larrison, Farmer.

N 534,500



FIDDLERS GR

63

Job Phillips Farm--  
28-Me-252

Joseph Phillips Farm--  
28-Me-253

CHURCH  
200

Vannoy Farm--  
28-Me-255

Burroughs-Niederer Farm--  
28-Me-254

Bear Tavern--BM  
28-Me-251

Titusville

Bear Taver

BM  
64

Steele House  
28-Me-256

WASHINGTON  
STATE  
PARK

Blackwell Farm  
28-Me-250

Johnson Ferry House  
28-Me-248

Nelson Hotel--  
28-Me-249

Water

Washington Crossing

532

BM  
84