

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC John Turn Farm: Limekiln, Smokehouse, Weavehouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER LR-45012

CITY, TOWN vicinity of Bushkill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
10th Pennsylvania

STATE Pennsylvania

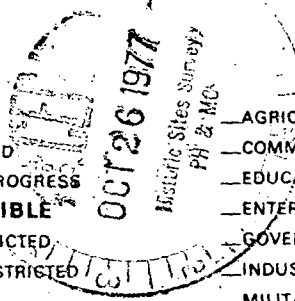
CODE 42

COUNTY Monroe

CODE 089

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:



**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

United States Army Corps of Engineers

STREET & NUMBER

United States Custom House

CITY, TOWN

philadelphia

VICINITY OF

STATE Pennsylvania

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Monroe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stroudsburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Classified Structure Field Inventory Report

DATE

1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters

CITY, TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

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Historic Structures Report, Part 1: Architectural Data  
Section on Historic Buildings in the Delaware Water Gap  
National Recreation Area, 1967. Federal, Delaware Water  
Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters, Bushkill,  
Pennsylvania

Historic American Buildings Survey, 1970. Federal, The  
Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

These are three outbuildings remaining on the site of the former John Turn farm, located on LR 45102, approximately 3 miles south of Bushkill, Pennsylvania. The other structures on the site, which included the main farmhouse, a smaller house, a barn, and a garage, have recently been demolished.

The Limekiln is built into a hillside on the west side of the road, across from the former site of the main farm complex. It is built of fieldstone, and is 17' across the front, and 12 and 17' deep on either side. The structure stands 10' high from its base. On either side of the main structure are the remains of dry stone retaining walls built into the bank. In front of the kiln are the foundation remains of a shed which was probably used to store fuel and other materials. In the top of the structure is the hole used to load materials while the kiln was being fired. A rutted path leads up the hill behind the kiln to the remains of a former quarry, where the limestone, which was the main ingredient in the firing process, was obtained.

The Smoke House is a small rectangular field stone structure. The building is in good condition. The old door and frame have been replaced by a modern sheet steel door and frame. The roof and eaves are also replacements.

The Weave House is a small two story structure. The first story is built on a high stone foundation of 18" thick fieldstone walls, which enclose all but an opening at the base on the south side. A large stone fireplace is located on the west wall. The stonework, fireplace and chimney are laid in clay. The 1½ story superstructure is frame from the late 19th century, possibly a replacement for an earlier superstructure of similar design and materials. The frame part is covered with novelty siding. The framing is of log poles and hewn timber, but portions of earlier, larger supporting timbers remain embedded in the chimney structure. The building is a unique and extremely interesting structure, although it has been significantly altered.

# **D** SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Settlement
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Turn, Sr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although their integrity and interpret-ability have clearly been reduced by the necessary removal of the main structures to which they were functionally attached, these farm out-buildings retain a high degree of significance as relics of an era when a wide variety of domestic industries, now made obsolete by commercial production and distribution, were a necessary part of everyday agricultural life. While the loss of the main buildings should be regretted, it is fortunate that these three significant structures have survived in a single cluster, which, together with the nearby springhouse on the adjacent tract, serve to make the area into a kind of outdoor historical museum of farm industries.

This complex of buildings is also significant for its association with the activities of the family of John Turn, Sr. (1783-1867), and his successors. The family has helped to shape the development of the Bushkill area from the early 19th century to the present. Turn was a carpenter and general mechanic. His ledger, which has survived for the years between 1811 and 1853, reveals that he did odd jobs for many families on both sides of the Delaware River, in addition to enlarging and developing his farm. He acquired the land in parcels between 1818 and 1828, from the heirs of John DeWitt, an important early landowner in the area. Turn built the main farmhouse in 1832, and the barn in the following year (both buildings now demolished). Prior to that period, the family may have lived either in the smaller house (now demolished), or possibly in the Weave House. The year of construction of the limekiln is uncertain. It appears on an 1875 map of the township. The date for the smokehouse is also unknown.

The farm passed to John Turn, Jr. (1821-1906) in 1854, and to his son, Charles Turn, in 1906. While the latter pursued a career as a business executive in Stroudsburg, he maintained

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By the turn of the 20th century, the Turn family had left well in its past the era so well symbolized by these three structures. Charles Turn was a modern businessman, and even the agricultural lifestyle he maintained as a weekend dairy farmer was certainly a model of the modern cash economy. Other family members had turned to neighboring, and then-bustling Bushkill, which was anything but isolated, self-sufficient, or even, in the strictest sense of the term, rural. The very nearness of this early complex to a settlement that was gradually to become the focus of a cosmopolitan takeover of the backcountry, has its useful symbolic aspects. The failure to preserve these structures today, and with them a hard, artifactual attachment to the values and cultural practices which they represent, would be to turn over yet another small peice of the American past to the dubiously reliable "memories" of the media-borne image makers. To do so would be both an historical and an educational tragedy.

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and continued the operation of the farm as a widely known model dairy farm. The land passed from the Turn Family in 1945, when it was sold to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, which operated a summer youth camp on the property until 1975.

The activities associated with each of the surviving outbuildings on the John Turn farm were important, and in some cases essential, to the successful operation of a family farm before the 20th century. The structures document in detail the particulars of the fabled "self-sufficiency" of rural Americans prior to the modern era of mass production and distribution of household necessities. Lime, which was obtained by the nearly continuous firing of the kiln for certain periods during the year, was used to prepare the soil for crops, in mortar for the construction and repair of stone buildings, in whitewash, and for a variety of other purposes. The location of the Turns' smokehouse and the neighboring springhouse and butter churn on adjacent tracts may well document another myth-laden rural tradition; the necessary counterweight to "self-sufficiency", that is to say, "neighborliness". While there is no documentary evidence to prove it, one can well imagine the Turn's smoking and storing their neighbors' meats, in exchange for use of the churn and springhouse to process their dairy products. In this manner, seemingly private facilities may well have served the needs of their localities as a whole, without any cash changing hands.

The "Weave House" is something of a historical mystery, as little evidence has survived to indicate its function. It may well have been an early temporary residence for John Turn and his presumably fledgling family, while he built one or the other of the houses which would later stand on his farm. It probably then began a fuctional odyssey through a small host of uses, as a proliferation of structures grew up, the complexity of the farm business increased, and functions were assigned to buildings to suit the needs of the moment. If its history were fully known, the building might well document yet another classic trait which legend has assigned to rural Americans; that of "old-fashioned practicality."

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, April, 1976.

Mathews, Alfred, History of Wayne, Pike, and Monroe County,  
Pennsylvania, 1886.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6  
UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See continuation sheet)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Wayne K. Bodle - Park Technician
ORGANIZATION	National Park Service
DATE	4-22-77
STREET & NUMBER	Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
TELEPHONE	
CITY OR TOWN	Bushkill
STATE	Pennsylvania

**12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION  
YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ NONE \_\_\_

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is \_\_\_ National \_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Local.  
FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters,  
Bushkill, Pennsylvania.



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The outbuildings which comprise the John Turn Farm complex are located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract #2122, which includes a total of 183.79 acres. The boundary of the nominated portion of this property begins on the western edge of the right of way of local road LR-45012, in the middle of a sharp bend in that road, at the intersection of said right of way with that of T-515 (Point A). From this point, the boundary extends to the northwest for 150' to Point B. From this point, the boundary turns to the northeast, and extends for 300' to Point C. From this point, the boundary turns to the southeast and extends for 750' to Point D. From this point, the boundary turns to the southwest and extends for 400' to Point E, where it meets the LR-45012 right of way southeast to Point A. From this point, the boundary turns to the northwest, following the LR-45012 right of way for 600' back to Point A.

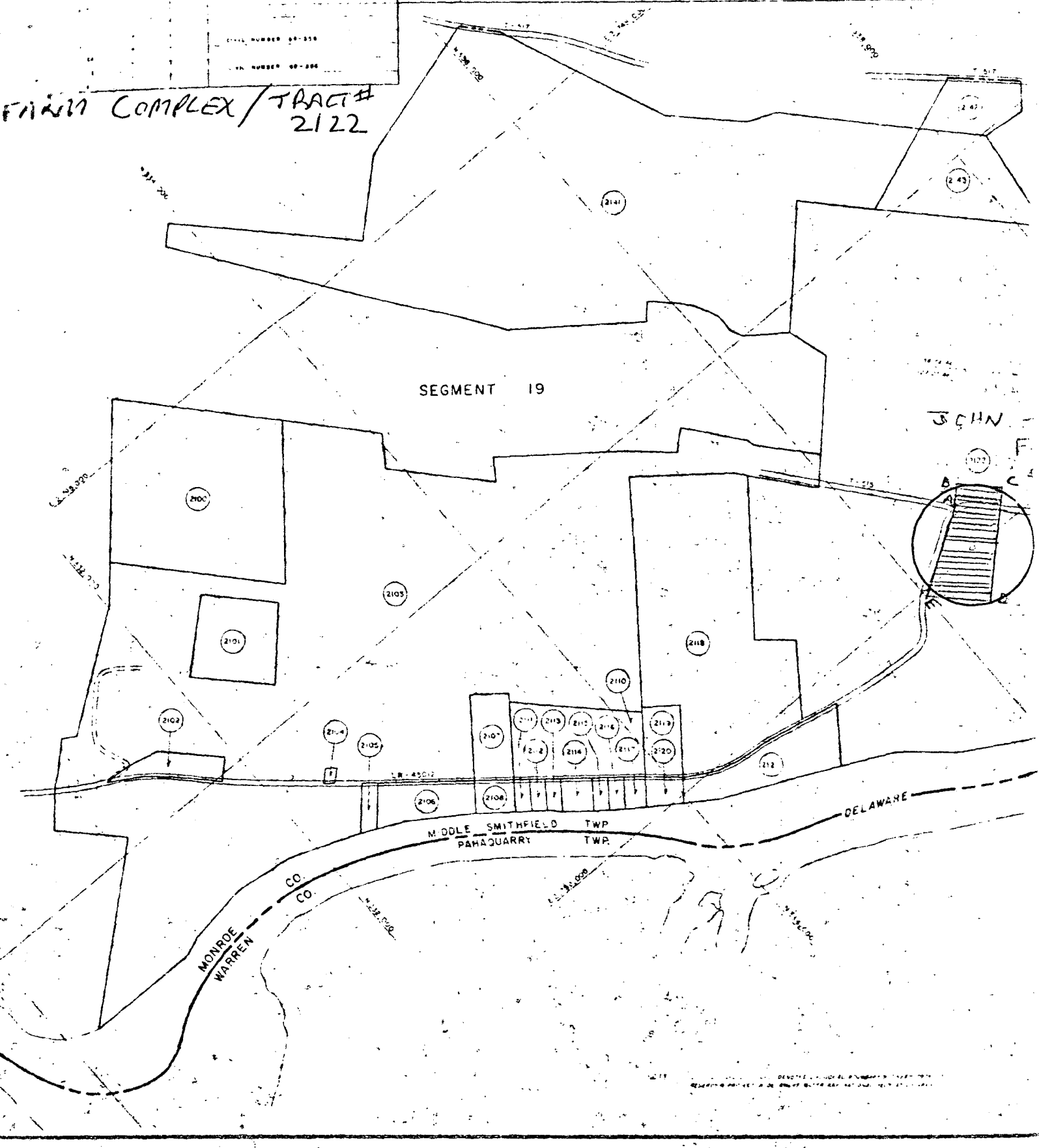
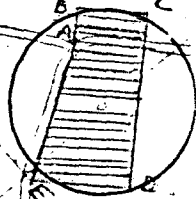
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2-10 JOHN DEYENGAU  
2-10-C JENNIFER C. OWENS

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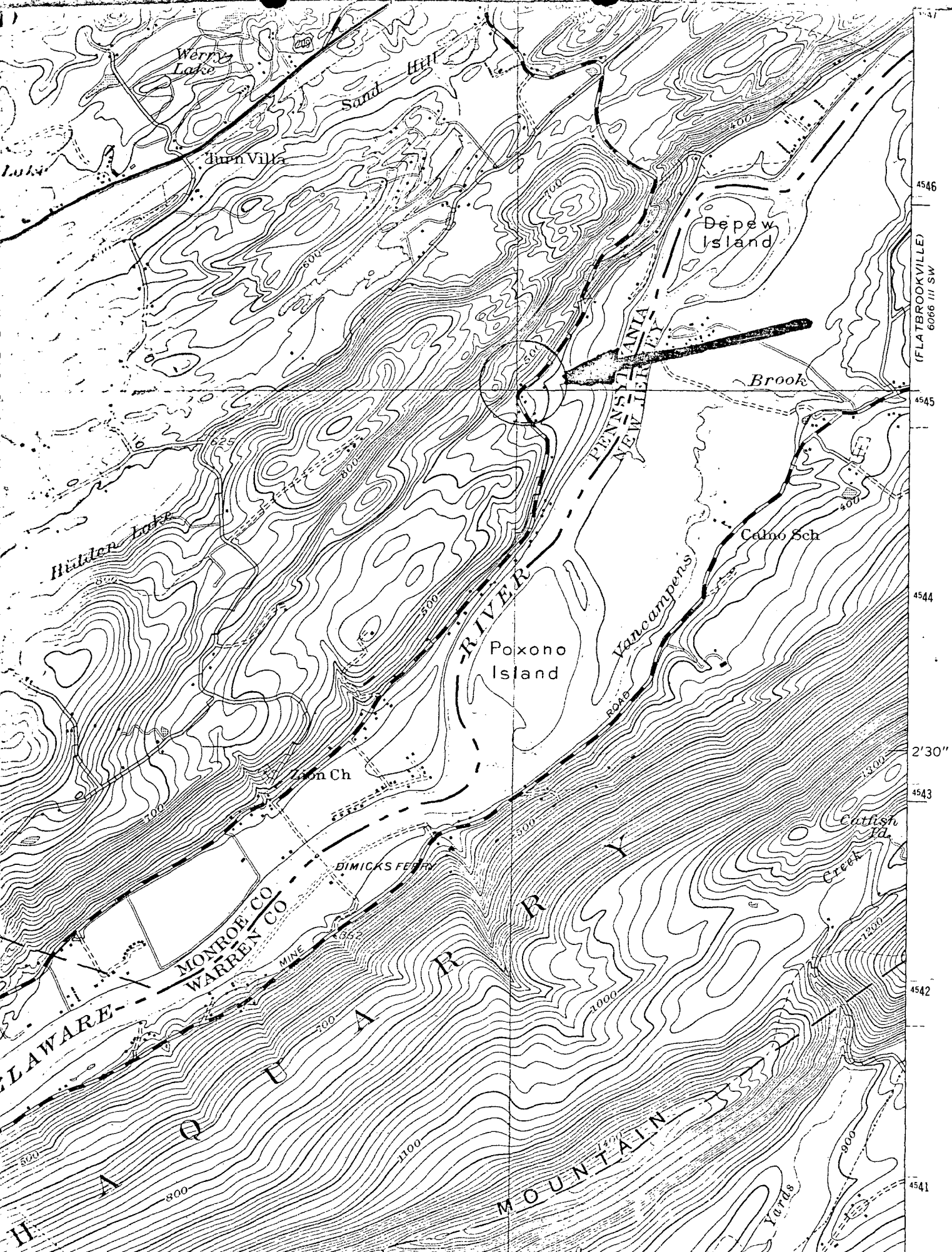
FARM COMPLEX / TRACT #  
2122

SEGMENT 19

JOHN F



DEWOTE SURVEYING & ENGINEERING, INC.  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR



Werry Lake

Sand Hill

Amn Villa

Depew Island

Brook

Hidden Lake

Poxono Island

Celno Sch

Zion Ch

DIMICKS FERRY

MONROE CO  
WARREN CO

Catfish Id.

Creek

DELAWARE

H A Q U A R Y

MOUNTAIN

Yards

4546

(FLATBROOKVILLE)  
6066 III SW

4545

4544

2'30"

4543

4542

4541