

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuations sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Herr, Christian and Emma, Farm
other name/site number 71-60-0022

2. Location

street & number 2131, 2133 South View Road (West Lampeter Township) na not for publication
city, town Lancaster na vicinity
state Pennsylvania code PA county Lancaster code 071 zip code 17602

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building (s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>6</u>	<u>5</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing
Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Donna Williams *Donna Williams*
Signature of commenting or other official Assistant Executive Director Date 7/11/94
State or Federal agency or bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency or bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: FarmDOMESTIC: Single Dwellings

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: FarmDOMESTIC: Single Dwellings**7. Description**Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)OTHER: Pennsylvania style farmhouseOTHER: Pennsylvania barn

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONEwalls BRICKroof STONE: Slateother ASPHALT

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Christian and Emma Herr Farm is a 99.9 acre farm that lies on the east side of South View Road, south of Penn Grant Road, and south of the village of Willow Street. It is located in an area of intensive farming. Contributing to the site are: a farmhouse, a stone end barn, a tenant house, a summer kitchen, a tobacco barn, and a shed. A recent implement shed, cow barn, silo, shed, and pond are noncontributing resources.

Site

The property is generally bounded to the west by South View Road and to the north, east, and south by adjacent farms. The farmstead is located at the western side of the site, toward its northern boundary, and includes all of the buildings and the pond. The farm buildings are linearly situated along the east-west farm lane that cuts approximately through the northern most quarter of the property. The farmhouse, summer kitchen, shed, tobacco barn, and implement shed lie on the northern side of the lane, and the tenant house and pond are on the lane's south side. The bank barn is sited at the end of the lane, with its forebay facing southwest and the cow barn is adjacent to it to the southwest. The farmhouse and tenant house, which face each other and are separated by the farm lane, are prominently located near the road. With the exception of a pasture to the south of the barn, the remainder of the site is cropland.

Farmhouse

The datestone on the main farmhouse reads, "Built By Christian & Emma S. Herr AD 1867." It is a two and one half story five by two bay brick dwelling with a three by two bay recessed wing to the east. A one story frame summer kitchen is now attached to the east of the wing. The main block and wing have lateral gable slate roofs with interior end chimneys. A full-width one story porch, supported by columns, extends across the facade of the main block and a one bay hipped porch is located at its west elevation. A two-tier porch, with bracketed chamfered posts and a simple railing, extends full width across the facade of the wing.

The south facade of the principal block is five bays wide with a central entrance at the first floor level flanked by two six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. Windows at the second level are similar to those below. The south facade of the wing is three bays wide with a central first floor entrance flanked by six-over-six sash windows. The upper level has an entrance in its western bay and similar windows in remaining bays. The datestone appears on the west elevation of the dwelling, near the ground level.

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The first floor plan of the house includes a central stairhall in the main block flanked by two rooms, a single room with a service stair in the wing, and a single room in the kitchen. The upper floor plan is similar. Original interior detailing remains, including the staircase, molded window and doors surrounds, and panelled doors. Interior doors retain rectangular transom lights and grained finishes. The living room has a fireplace constructed in 1933 using stones quarried on the farm. The farmhouse is in generally good condition.

Barn

The barn is the oldest building on the property, built in 1761, according to a painted date tablet in its gable. It is the furthest resource from the road, at the end of the farm lane. The walls and foundation are constructed of stone, while the forebay is frame clad with vertical planking. A large frame tee addition, encompassing a former corn barn, was added to the northeast elevation in the early twentieth-century, as has a frame tobacco shed. A series of doors and simple rectangular windows extend across the forebay and a series of single width and two double width doors and single windows extend along the stable level. The stone gable ends of the barn are punctuated by vertical ventilation slits as well as round brick ventilators in the gables. The northeast elevation is largely obscured by its frame additions. The interior is typical of Pennsylvania barns, with a lower level stable and threshing floors and hay mows at the single upper level. The barn is in generally good condition. A seventy-two foot long cow barn has recently been added to the forebay in order to improve the farm's dairy operation. The barn is in generally good condition.

Tenant Dwelling

A smaller and older house is situated on the southern side of the farm lane, directly across from the large house. The datestone on the tenant dwelling reads, " Built By the aid of Providence by C. Herr. Pequea. & Susanna his wife A.D. 1864." This is a three by two bay brick building with six over six sash windows and an end chimney on the western elevation. There is a frame shed addition to the rear of this house. A tobacco shed also stood behind this house, but it was torn down in the 1930's. A two story frame summer kitchen once stood on the east side of the tenant house but was torn down in 1963 and replaced with an implement shed. In 1977, brick veneer was added to the dwelling. The tenant dwelling is in generally good condition.

Summer Kitchen

A circa 1890 one story three by two bay frame summer kitchen is located to the east of the farmhouse and is now attached to it. It has a lateral gable synthetic shingle roof, a small stoop at the entrance bay of its south elevation, and a one bay hipped porch at its east elevation. The remains of a bake oven are found on the northern wall of the kitchen. The kitchen is in good condition.

Tobacco Barn

A frame tobacco barn is sited to the north of the stone end barn and was built in 1907. It is a one story front gabled structure with the typical vertical board ventilators that run the length of the building. These openings can be secured with metal pins.

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Shed

A small shed lies to the east of the large dwelling houses a wood shed, chicken house, and a garage. It is a one story frame structure, built in three distinct phases from about 1900 through 1920. The outer two sections have gable roofs, while the center section which houses the chickens has a shed roof.

Noncontributing Resources

Post-1945 additions to the farm include: a metal implement shed, built circa 1985; a recently constructed cow barn; a silo; a small frame shed to the east of the tenant house; and a pond to the west of the barn that was created in 1952.

Integrity

While changes were made to the Christian and Emma Herr Farm to adapt to changing agricultural practices and market conditions, the farm's principal historic buildings remain and each generally exhibits good overall integrity. The farm continues to be a working farm and is surrounded by agricultural land.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture
Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1761 - 1945 1761
1867

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Christian and Emma Herr Farm is significant under National Register criteria A and C. It is an example of the property type "the farm" under the "Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County" multiple property National Register nomination. The farm is a representative example of a typical Lancaster agricultural complex that has architectural elements dating from the eighteenth century through the present. Like many Lancaster County farms, it has remained in branches of one family from the time of its construction through the present.

History

This tract was most likely settled by descendents of Hans Herr, as members of this prominent family settled vast parts of West Lampeter Township.¹ It has been owned by Herrs ever since, although it is currently owned by a different branch of the family. The oldest structure on the farm is the 1761 stone end Pennsylvania bank barn. Its datestone reads, "H/1761." The current owner, Donald Herr, states that evidence of a log cabin was found just south of the main dwelling. This log dwelling was most likely contemporary with the barn, and was probably demolished or fell into disrepair soon after the construction of the brick dwellings.

The older of the two brick dwellings was built by C. and Susanna Herr in 1864, while the larger brick farmhouse was built just three years later by Christian and Emma Herr. The relationship between the two Herr couples responsible for the construction of these two houses is unknown. The larger house, built in 1867, is more elaborate than the 1864 house, and it seems that this smaller dwelling may have been used, as it is currently, as a tenant dwelling.

The farm has been in the current owner's family for five generations. Daniel Herr willed the property to his daughter, Lizzie A. Herr. Lizzie A. subsequently passed the "Homestead farm of 100 acres in West Lampeter Township" to her son Harry B. Herr. Harry B. bequeathed this farm to his son Harry G. Herr in 1952.² It was 100 acres and 62 perches at that time. Harry G. Herr's son,

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Donald, owns it now. His mother, Harry G. Herr's wife, lives in the large 1867 house, while Donald, his wife, and children dwell in the 1864 unit. The property has therefore been farmed by the members of the Herr family since the eighteenth century.

Harry B. and Harry G. Herr farmed tobacco, raised steers and chickens, and kept a small dairy herd. Today, Donald farms tobacco and has a Holstein herd for dairy production. Twenty-two acres are pasture land, fifteen acres are used for tobacco, and the rest of the land is used to grow crops for livestock feed.

Architecture

The resources of the Christian and Emma Herr Farm are typical early nineteenth-century Lancaster County farm structures and remain as an active working farmstead. The two dwelling houses are representative mid nineteenth-century versions of the Pennsylvania style farmhouse, as described in the "Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County" multiple property National Register nomination. Among the characteristics common to this vernacular form are their two and one half story height, four and five bay widths, relatively restrained exterior ornamentation, lateral gable roof, and brick construction. The barn, constructed in 1761, is a mid eighteenth-century Pennsylvania Barn that, although altered over time, is consistent with the evolutionary nature of Lancaster County farm buildings that have been adapted to meet changing technologies and market conditions. The site also includes the following contributing resources: a frame summer kitchen, a frame tobacco barn, and a frame shed.

Notes

¹ Franklin Ellis and Samuel Evans, *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*, 2 vols. (Philadelphia, 1883; reprint edition, Apollo, PA: Closson Press, n.d.), p. 902.

² Lancaster Pennsylvania, Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book S-42, page 146.

9. Major Bibliographic References

- Atlas of Surveys of the County of Lancaster. Philadelphia: Graves and Steinbarger, 1899.
- Bridgens, H. F. Atlas of Lancaster Co., Penna. Lancaster, PA: 1864.
- Ellis, Franklin, and Samuel Evans. History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. 2 vols. Philadelphia, 1883; reprint ed. Apollo, PA: Closson Press, n.d.
- Everts & Stewart, Atlas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1875; reprint ed. Knightstown, IN: Bookmark, 1976.
- Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. "Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County" multiple property nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, n.p. 1994.
- Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. Historic Sites Survey Files, Shreiner Farm.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by the Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by the Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository _____

10. Geographic Data

Acreage of property 100 acres

UTM References

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D | 1 | 8 | | 3 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 0 | | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property includes the entire parcel numbered 16L-4-8 in the office of the Tax Assessment Office, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire current tax parcel only, 99.9 acres, which represents the remaining acreage of the farm complex. The current acreage is sufficient to reflect the historic

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SECTION 9, Major Bibliographic References, Continued:

Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds. Deed Book C, Volume 6, p. 304, 388; Book L, Volume 19, p. 307; Book M, Number 19, P. 8.

SECTION 10, Geographic Data, Continued:

UTM References, continued

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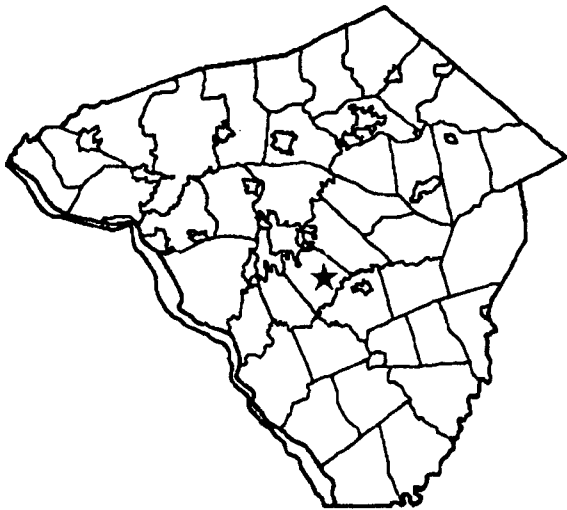
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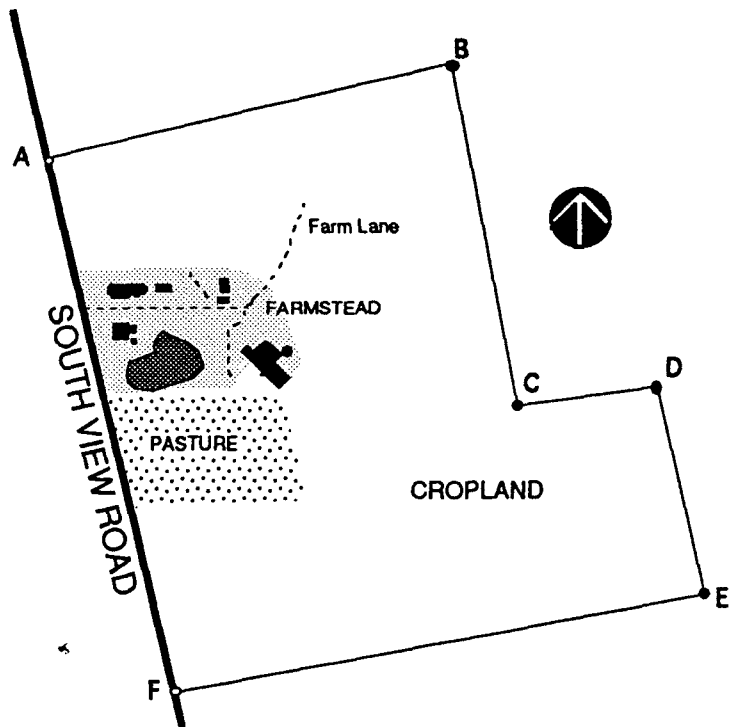
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Location & Site Plans Sketch Plan (Not to Scale)



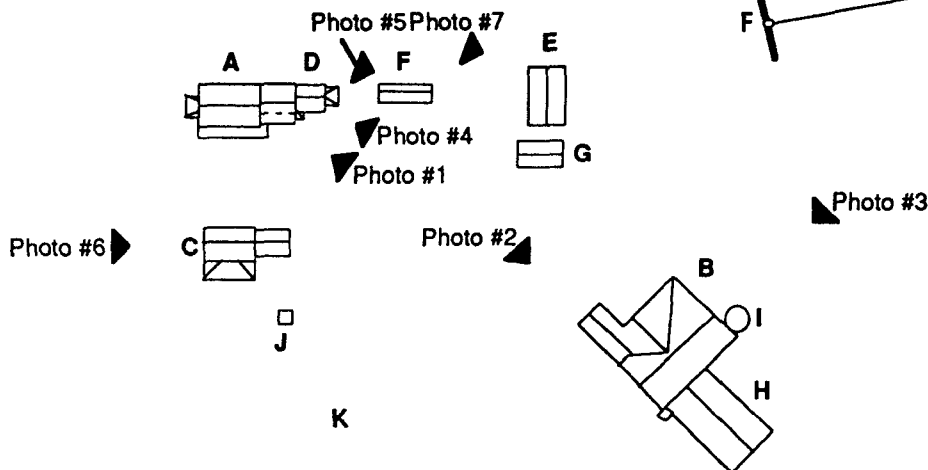
Key:

CONTRIBUTING

- A Farmhouse
- B Barn
- C Tenant House
- D Summer Kitchen
- E Tobacco Barn
- F Shed

NON CONTRIBUTING

- G Implement Shed
- H Cow Barn
- I Silo
- J Shed
- K Pond



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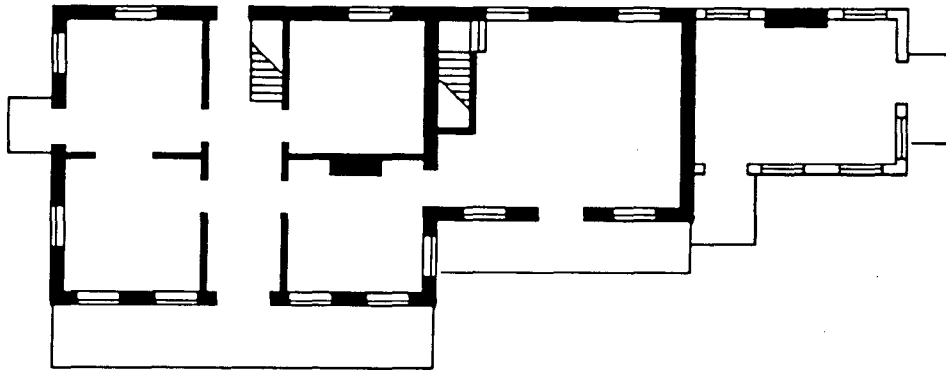
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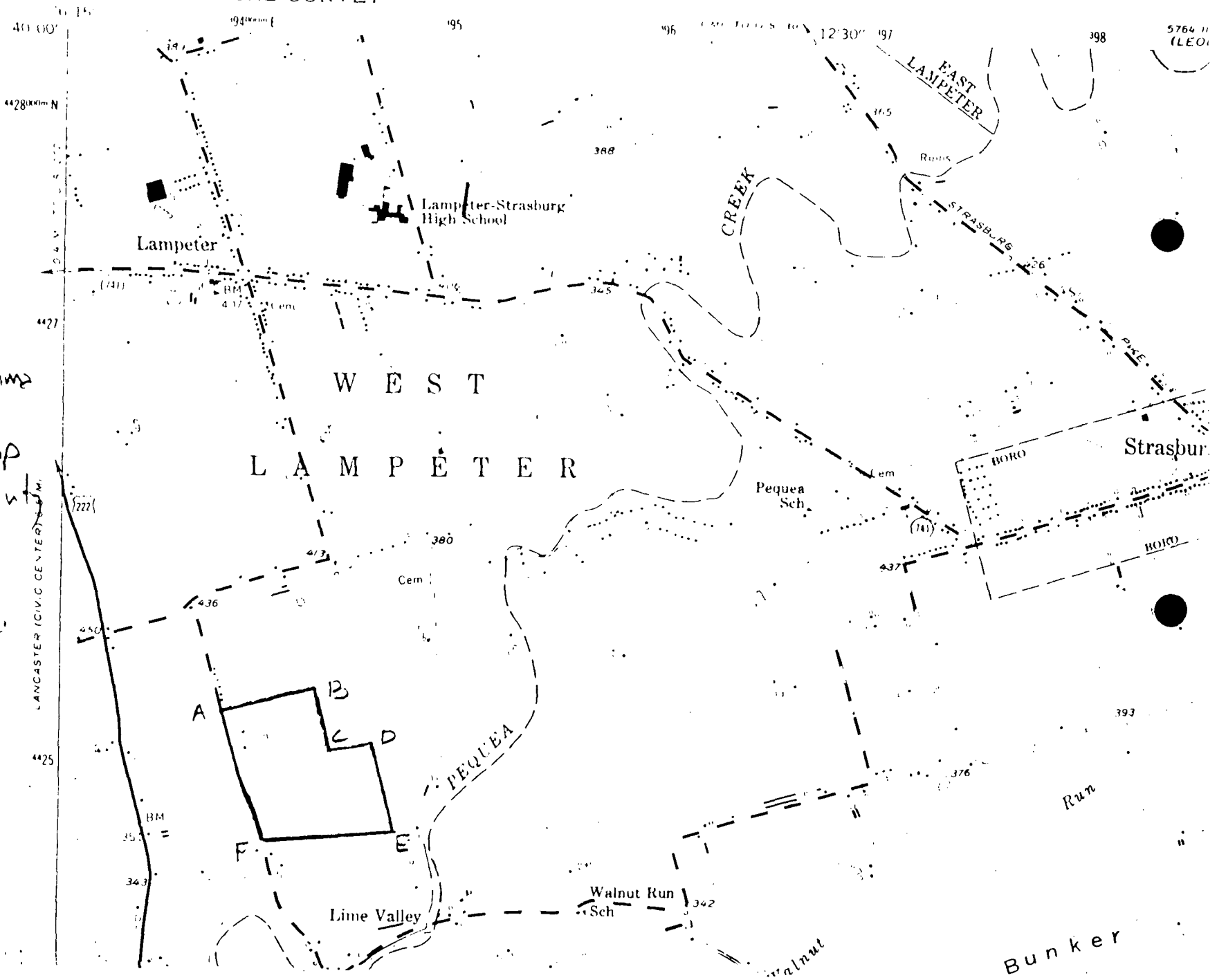
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Farmhouse, First Floor Plan
Sketch Plan (Not to Scale)



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Christina & Emma
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