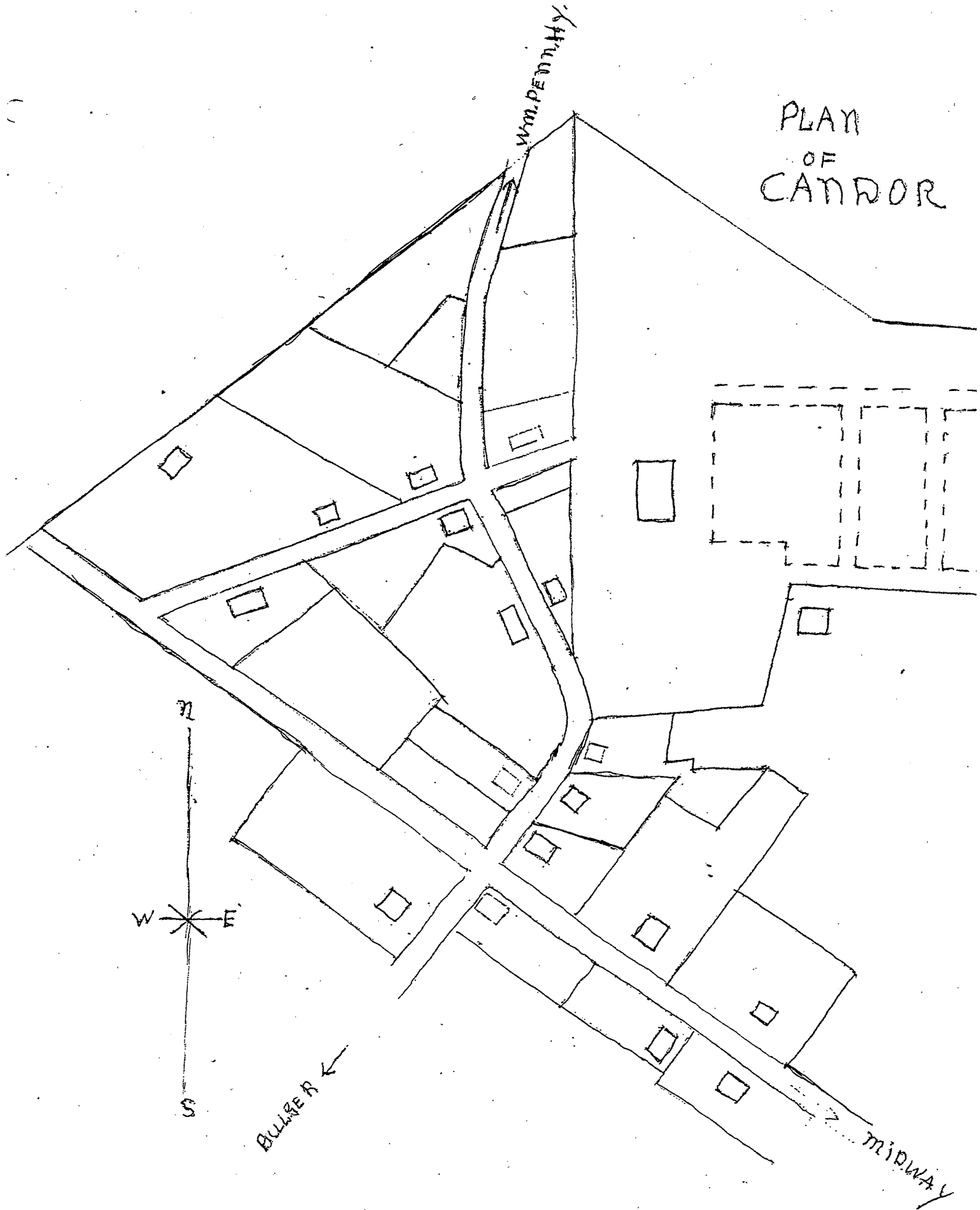
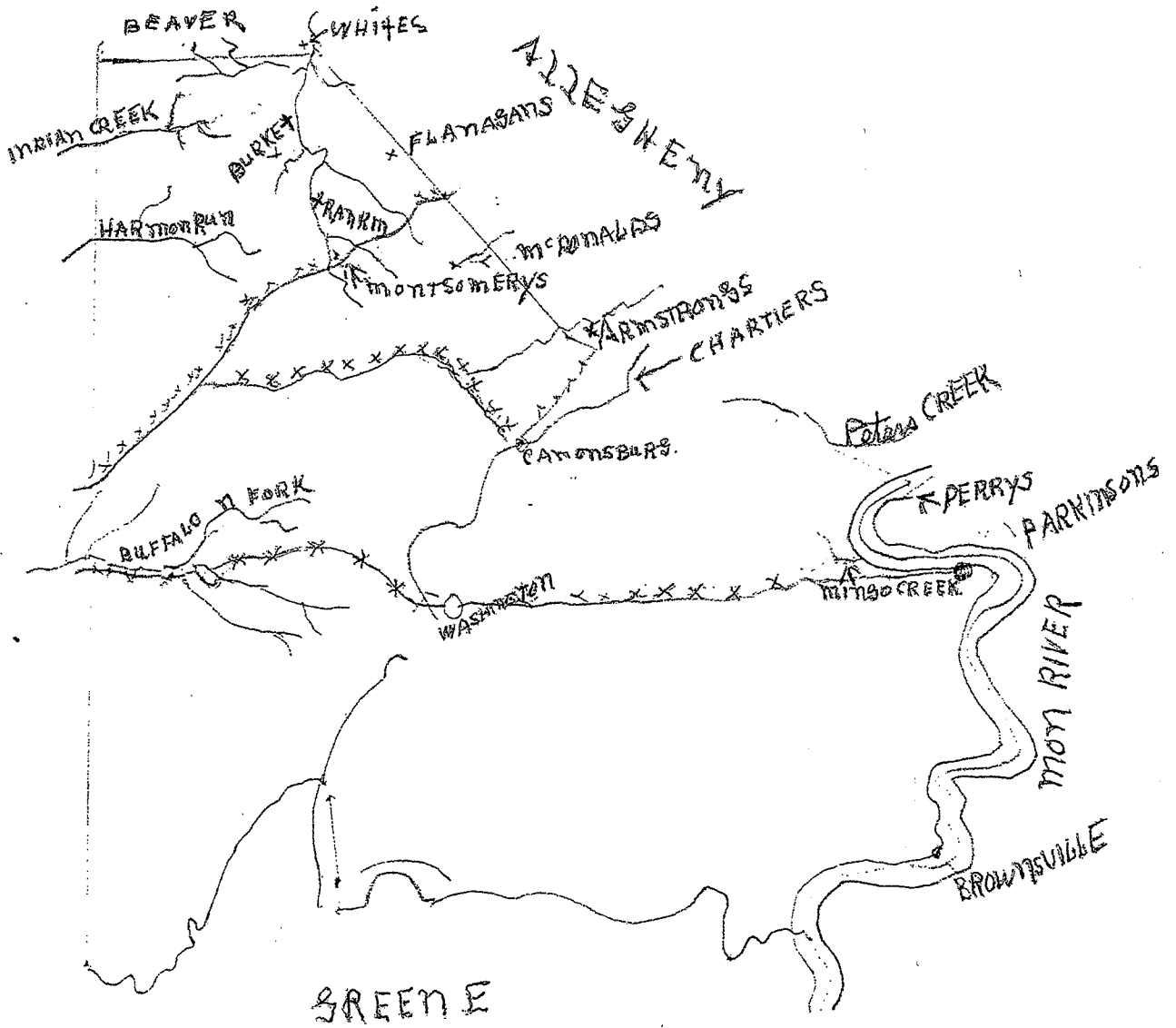


**Plan of  
Candor  
and  
Raccoon  
Presbyterian  
Church**

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# PLAN OF CARROR





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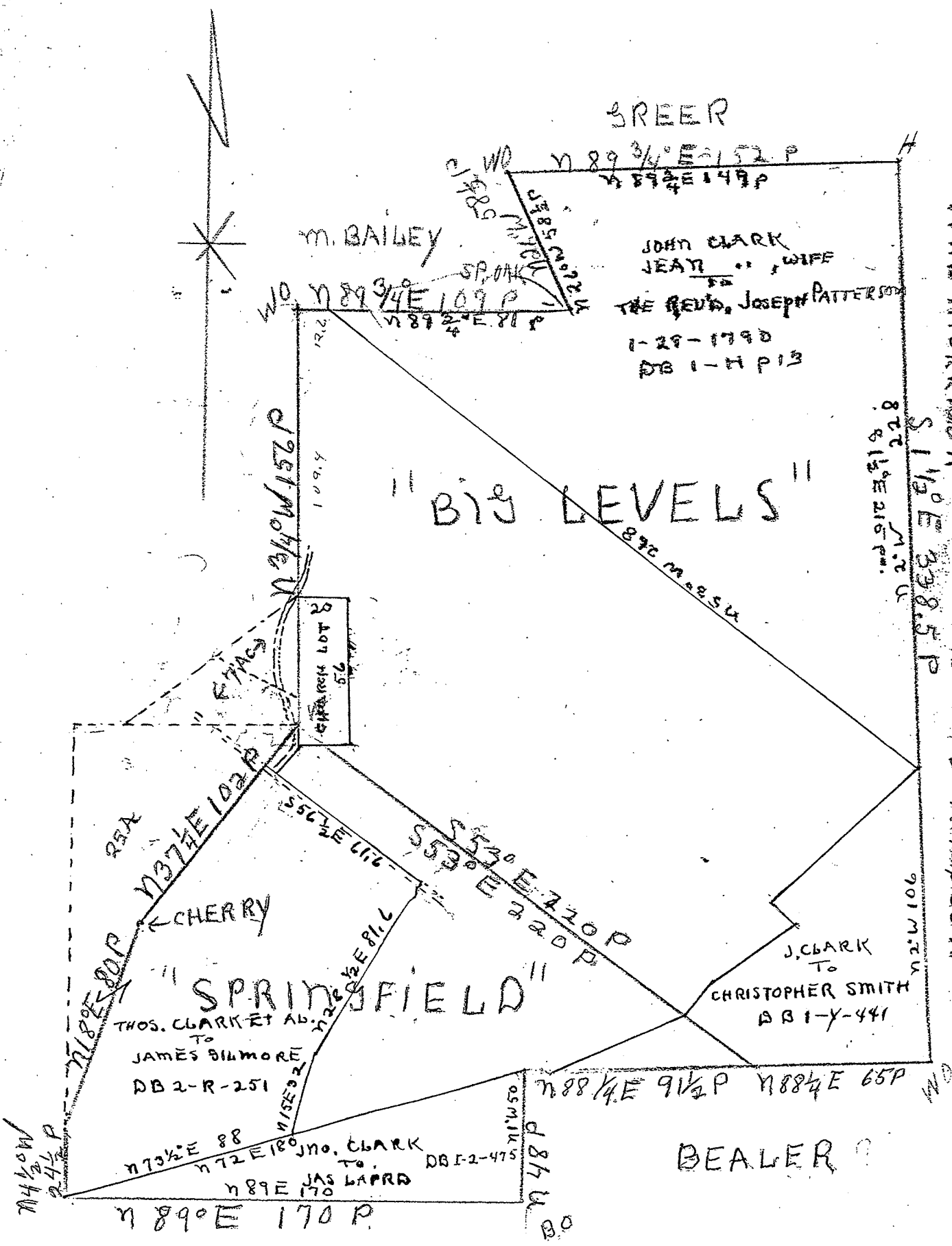
JOE MCFARLAND HISTORY (1910)

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BREER

M. BAILEY

JOHN CLARK  
JEAN .. WIFE

THE REEDS, JOSEPH PATTERSON

1-29-1790  
DB 1-H P 13

"BIG LEVELS"

"SPRINGFIELD"

THOS. CLARK ET AL.  
TO  
JAMES SILLMORE  
DB 2-R-251

J. CLARK  
TO  
CHRISTOPHER SMITH  
A B 1-Y-441

JNO. CLARK  
TO  
JAS LARRD  
DB F-2-475

BEALER

WM. MORRISON

JNO. DONALDSON

S 1 1/2 E 338.5 P  
M.T.U.  
8 1/2 E 210 P.

901 M.T.U.

N 88 1/4 E 9 1/2 P N 88 1/4 E 65 P

N 48 W  
80

N 4 1/2 W  
24 1/2 P

N 3 1/4 W 109.4  
D 251 M 4 1/2 N

8 1/2 W  
56  
CHERRY LOT 2

S 56 1/2 E 116 P  
S 53 1/2 E 220 P  
S 53 1/2 E 220 P

N 78 1/2 E 102 P  
N 72 E 180 P  
N 73 1/2 E 88  
N 89 E 170 P

N 89 3/4 E 2152 P  
N 89 3/4 E 149 P

N 89 3/4 E 109 P  
N 87 1/2 E 81 P

N 75 W  
175.0

S 85 W  
222.5

SPONG



ELIZABETH JONES

FORMERLY JOHN WORSTELL

JACOB GLASSER

7912 51.00.0000

PARSONAGE LOT

139 PER.

7330 30'E 313.33 feet

J.M. CLARK

FORMERLY

STURGEON HEIRS

552°30'E 146 feet

CANDOR & MIDWAY ROAD

COPY MADE JUNE 1933 BY JS. KERR OF

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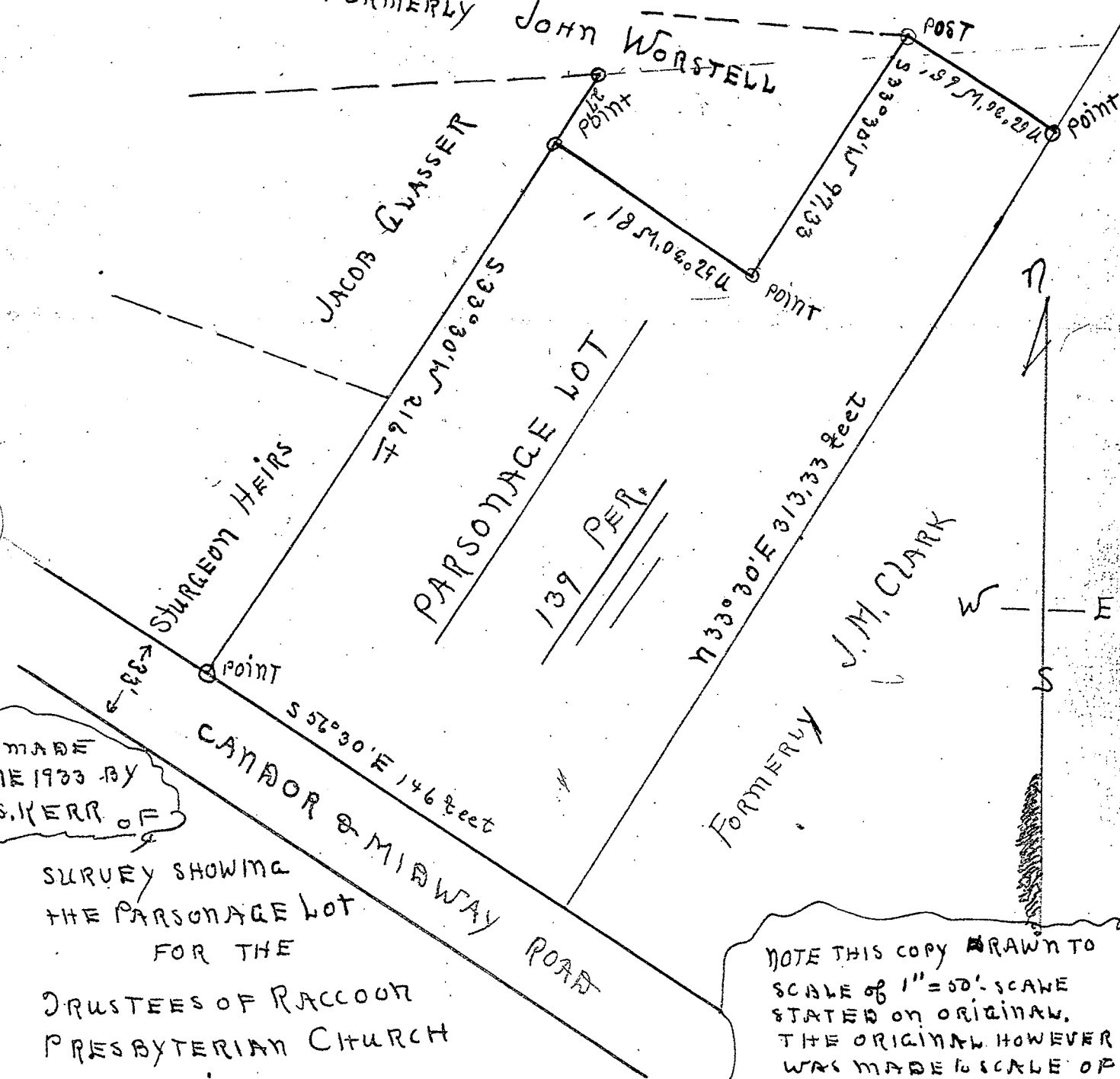
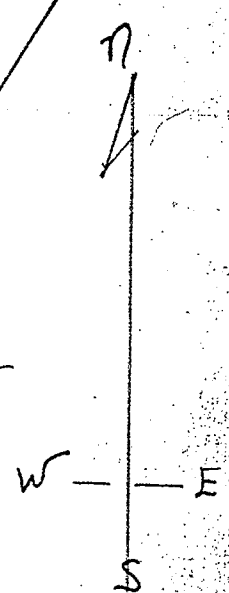
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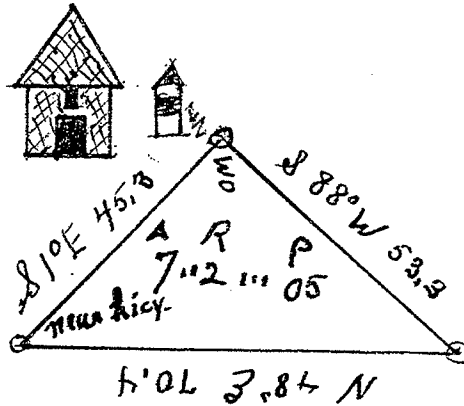
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MARCH 21st 1906

SCALE ONE INCH = 50'

R.W. NESBIT SURV.

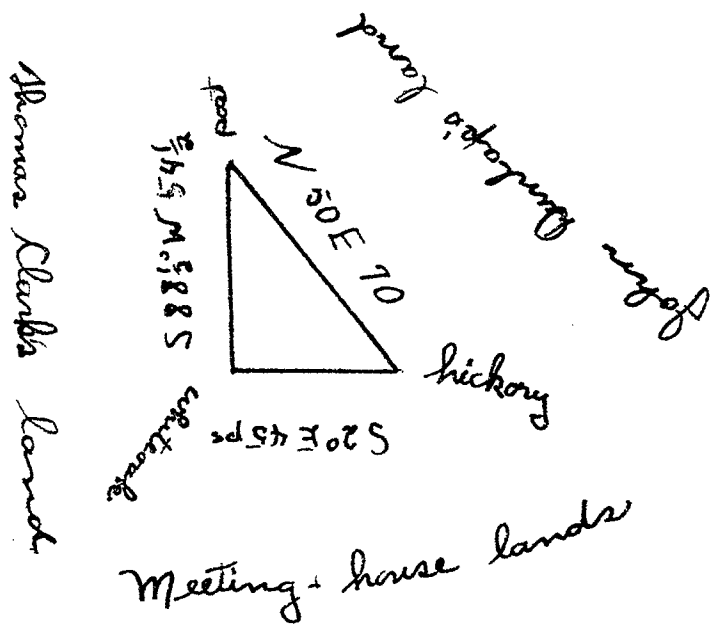




The above is a Draft of a piece of land  
 Situated on the waters of Raccoon Creek Sold  
 by John Dunlapp to Thomas Clark and it  
 Contains agreeable to Trigonometry Seven Acres  
 Two Rood and Five perches strict measure  
 April 1st 1820

Edward McDonald

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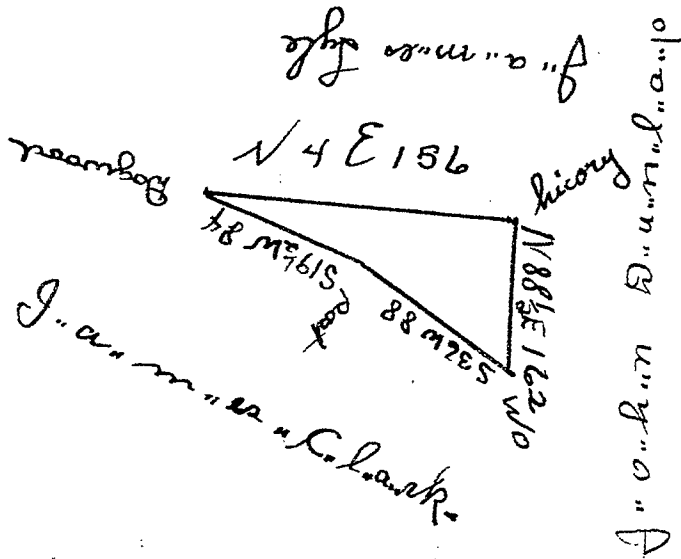


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Peter Kidd



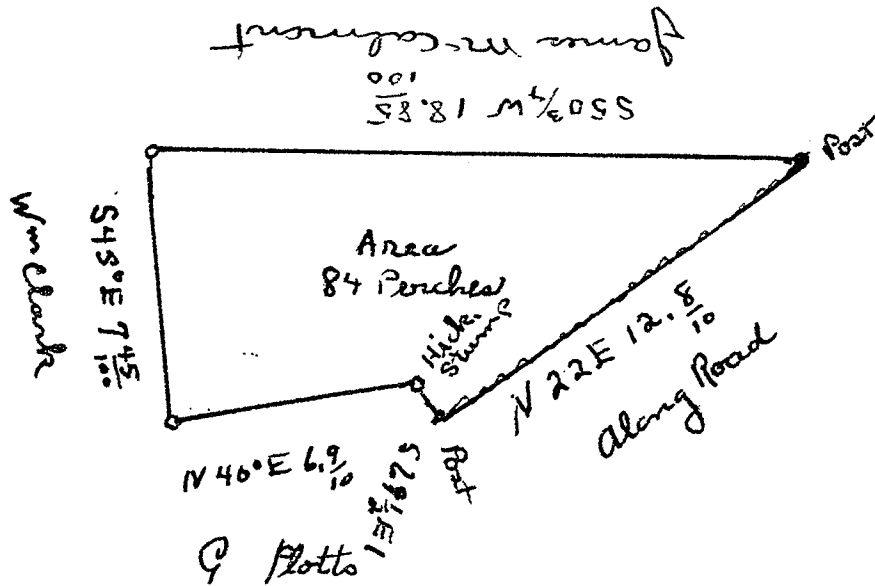
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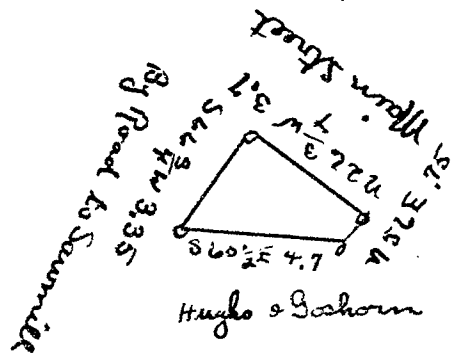
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The above is a diagram of a lot of land sold by William Clark to David Noble adjoining the Village of Candor containing eighty-four perches  
 Surveyed March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1847  
 James Pollock



Angles formed with  
 the true Meridian

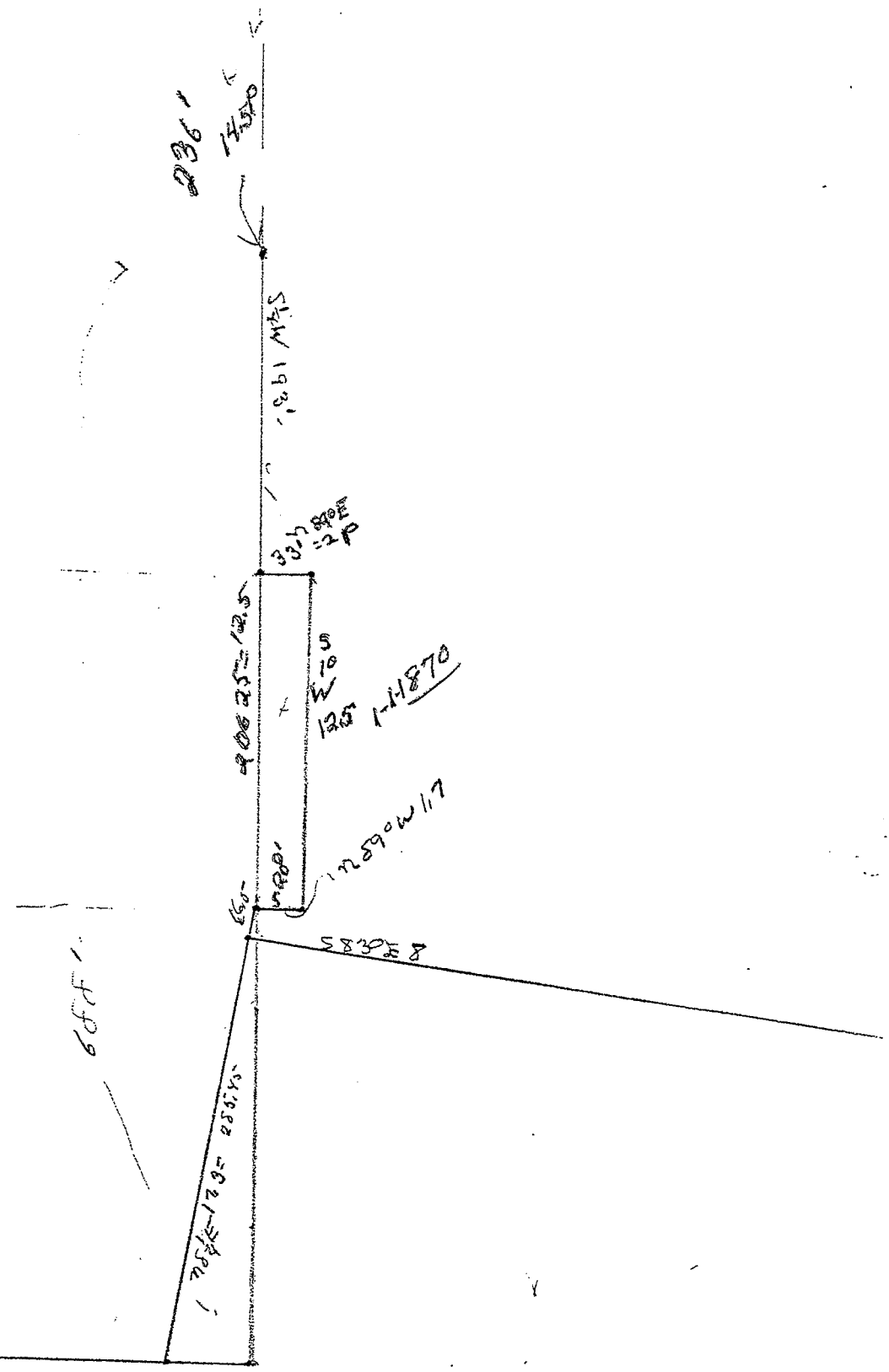
Diagram of a lot sold by Mr. Wm Clark to C.M. Hughes Situate in the  
 Village of Candor Containing seven & sixty-five hundredths perches  
 Surveyed on the 4 day Jan. P.D. 1853  
 James Pollock

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J.P.

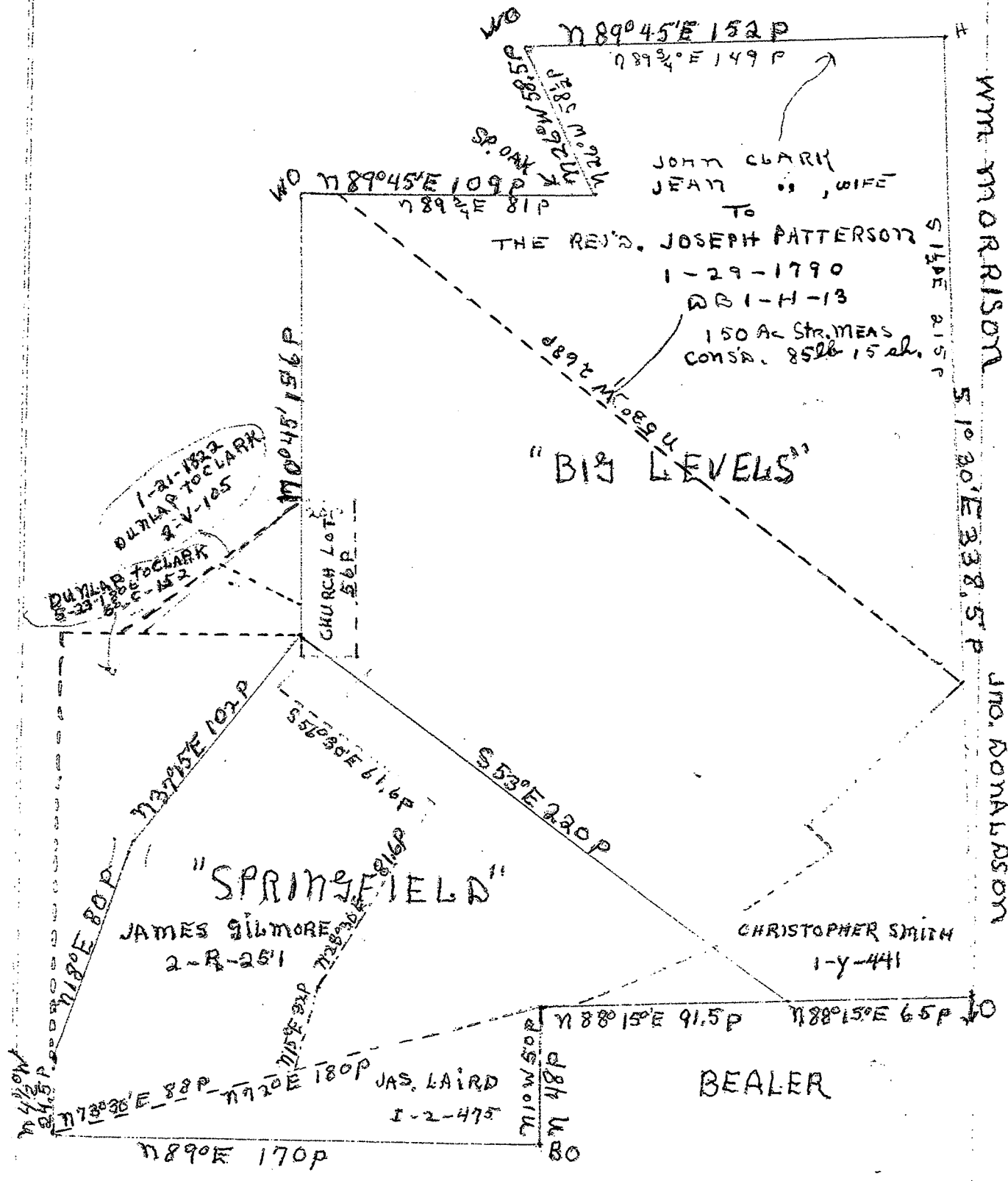
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 280  
 8.25

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 100  
 4.9  
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WM. MORRISON

S 10° 20' E 338.5 P

JNO. DONALDSON

N 89° 45' E 152 P

N 89° 4' E 149 P

JOHN CLARK  
JEAN "WIFE"

TO THE REVD. JOSEPH PATTERSON

1-29-1790

DBI-H-13

150 AC STR. MEAS  
CONSR. 85<sup>26</sup> 15<sup>26</sup>

S 15° E 215 P

"BIG LEVELS"

N 89° 45' E 109 P

N 89° E 81 P

N 0° 45' E 156 P

CHURCH LOT  
56 P

1-21-1822  
DUNBAR TO CLARK  
2-V-125

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"SPRINGFIELD"

JAMES GILMORE  
2-R-251

CHRISTOPHER SMITH  
1-Y-441

N 88° 15' E 91.5 P

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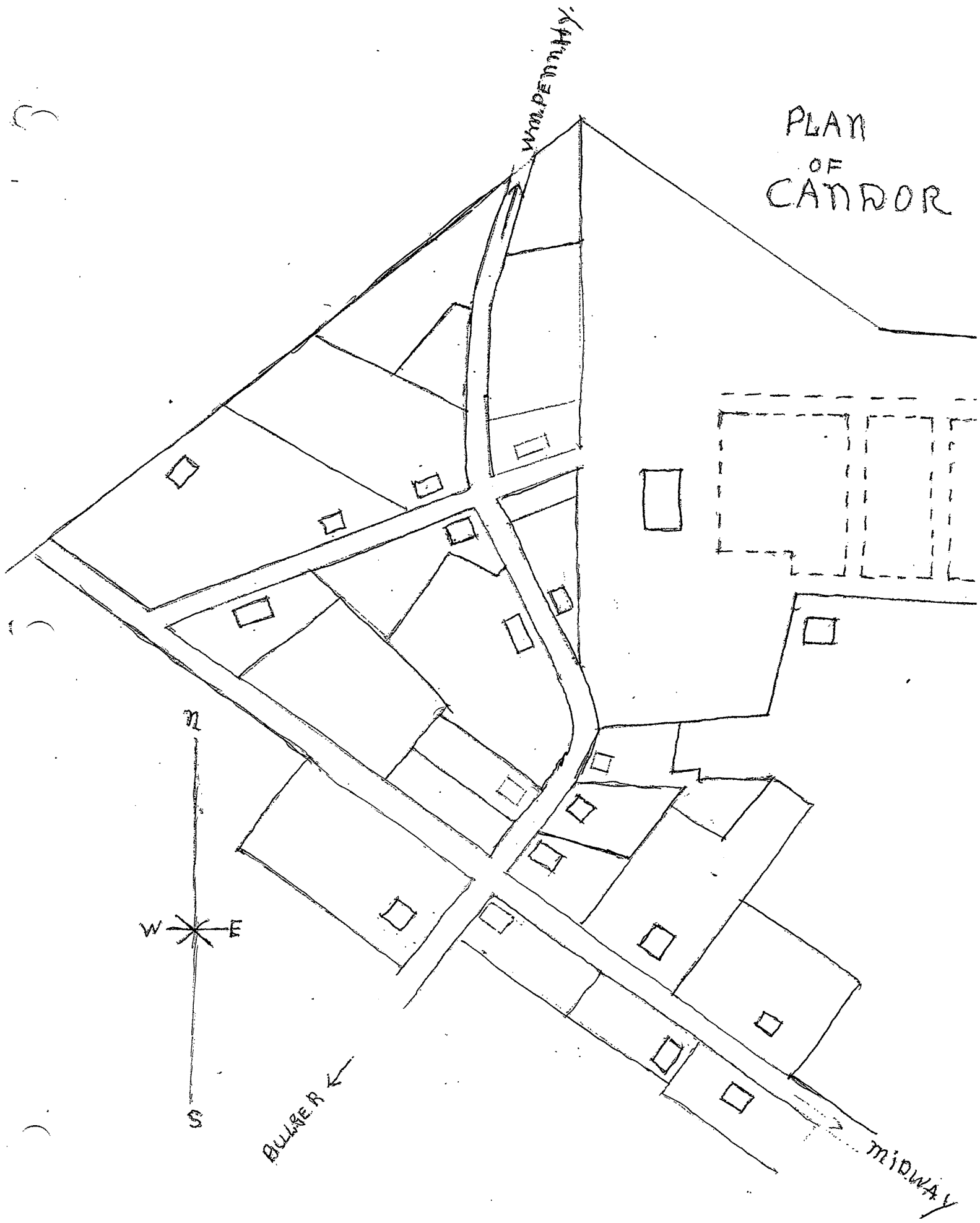
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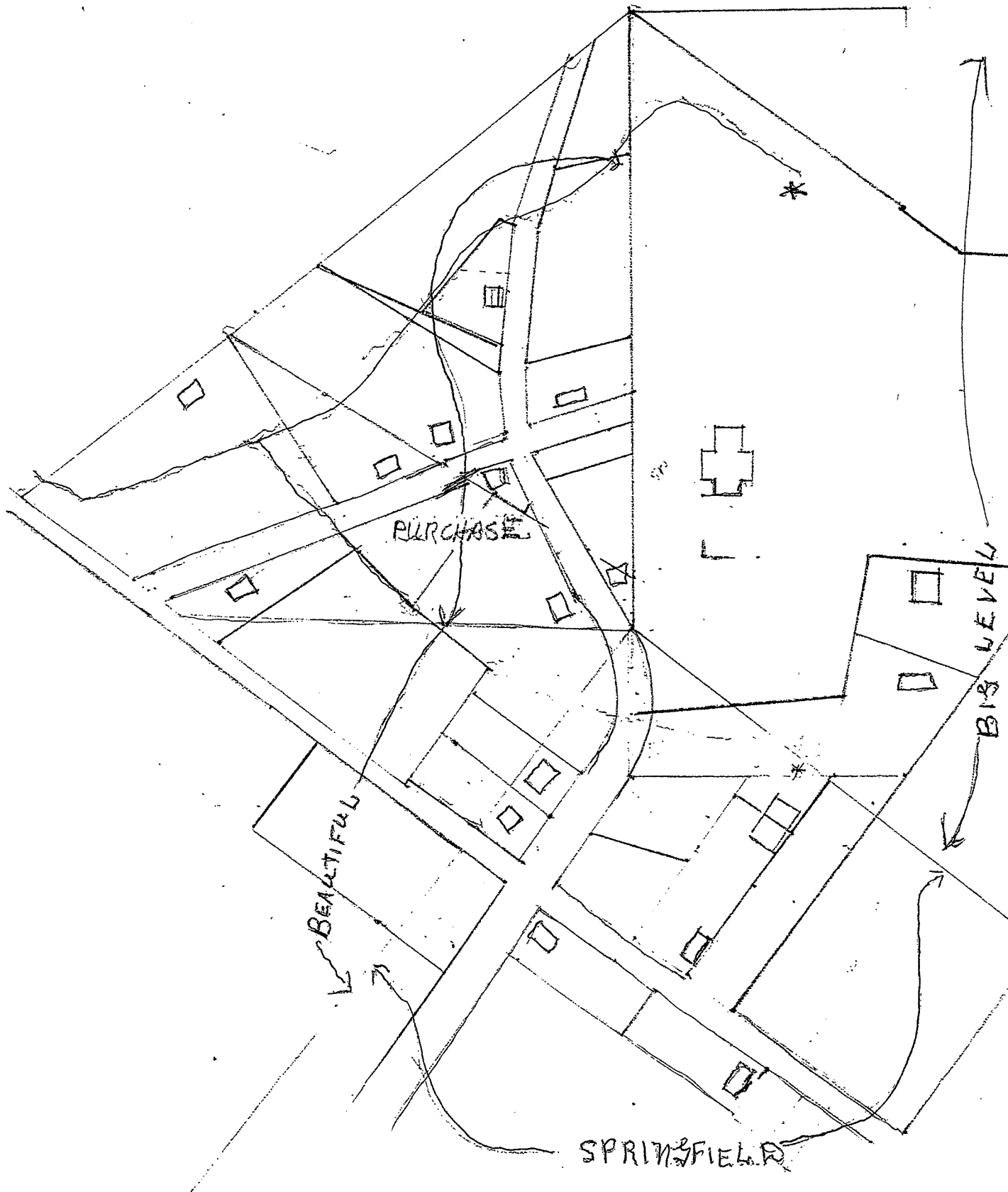
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# PLAN OF CANDOR





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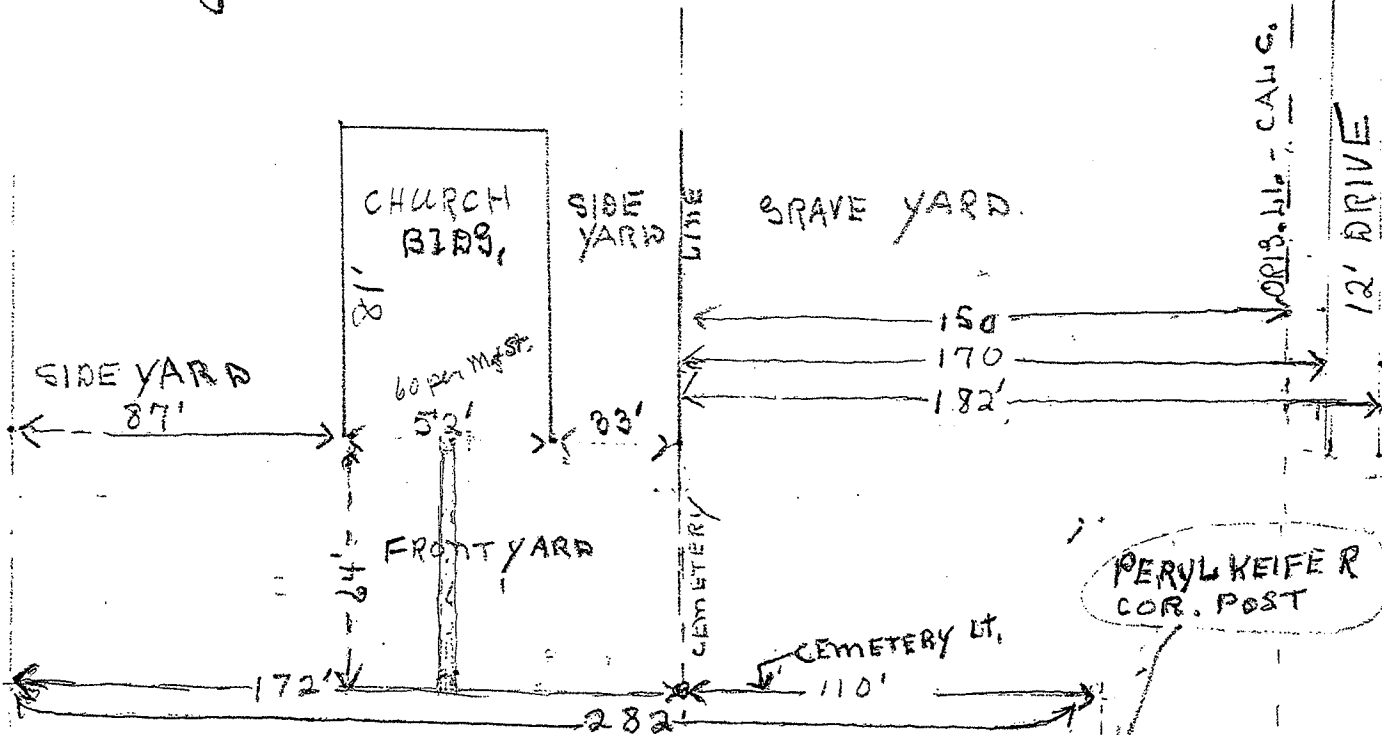
PURCHASE

SPRINGFIELD

BIS LEVEL

Measurements taken on the ground  
10-11-1964

NOTE: Original Tract 330 x 924' (20 x 56 ft)



NOTE: THESE MEASUREMENTS PROBABLY  $4 \pm$  IN ERROR.  
THE WIDTH OF THE ORIGINAL TRACT WAS INCREASED  
BY ADDING A STRIP  $28 \pm \times 200 \pm$ . THIS STRIP WOULD  
BE OCCUPIED BY DRIVE 12, & TWO ROWS OF GRAVES,  
8' each  
NOTE: ADD 4' TO WEST SIDE YARD ( $87 + 4 = 91$ ) & RECORD  
& USE WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY CONFORM.

"DEED of John Clark et uxor to the Trustees of Raccoon Meeting House"

John Clark of Robinson Township, County  
of Washington and State of  
Pennsylvania, and  
Jane Clark, his wife,

Deed Book 1 Vol 1 page 634  
Acknowledged Jan. 19, 1793  
Recorded July 24, 1793  
Consideration Nine Pounds of  
specie

TO

William Rankin,  
Peter Kidd,  
William McCandless,  
Matthew Bailey,  
John Dunlap and  
Alexander Wright,  
Trustees of Raccoon Congregation in  
the County and State, aforesaid.

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Recites Patent dated Mar. 15, 1788 to Samuel Beeler of a certain tract called "Big Levels" situate on the waters of Raccoon Creek recorded in Patent Book Vol. 13 page 37 on Mar. 25, 1788 and deed of Samuel Beeler et ux to James Clark dated Mar. 21, 1789 and deed of James Clark et ux to John Clark dated 1790; also recites Patent dated Mar. 10, 1788 to Samuel Beeler of a tract called "Springfield" situate on the waters of Raccoon Creek recorded in Patent Book Vol. 12 page 193 on Mar. 17, 1788 and deed of Samuel Beeler et ux to John Clark dated Oct. 5, 1791;  
and CONVEYS

unto the said trustees and their successors in office in trust for the use of the congregation, aforesaid, (now under the pastoral care of the Rev'd. Joseph Patterson)  
ALL THAT lot or parcel of land whereon the said congregation has erected their church, part of which is included within each of the above described tracts held by the patents above recited, more particularly bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a hickory, thence by land of the said John Clark South one and one-half degrees East fifty-six perches to a post; thence South eighty-eight and one-half degrees West twenty perches to a post; thence by land of John Dunlap North one and one-half degrees West fifty-six perches to a post; thence by land of said Clark North eighty-eight and one-half degrees East twenty perches to the place of beginning;  
Containing seven acres, strict measure.

Trustees of Raccoon Church

To

William Clark

Deed Book 5 Vol S page 642  
Dated Dec. 23, 1839  
Acknowledged Mar. 16, 1840  
Recorded on Dec. 22, 1881

Recites conveyance from William Clark of Even date, and

Conveys: tract described as follows

Beginning at a post; thence by lot of William Connelly South eighty-eight and three-fourths degrees West 2.95 perches to a post; thence by land of the said congregation North eight and one-fourth degrees East 17.3 perches to a post; thence by land of William Clark South one and one-fourth degrees East 17 perches to the place of beginning.

Trustees of Raccoon Church

To

James Murray Clark

Deed of Exchange  
Deed Book 5 Vol Y page 373

Church conveys;

Commencing at a corner of the Congregation's lands at a gate post of Clark's; thence by Church lands North ten degrees thirty-five minutes East 4.9 perches; thence by lot now exchanged to the Congregation for their use for cemetery purposes South eighty-five and one-fourth degrees East 1.65 rods; thence by land recently transferred to Clark by Narcissus Luscalett alias Siebold South ten degrees thirty-five minutes West 5.14 rods; thence by land recently transferred to Clark by the Congregation North seventy-six degrees forty minutes West 1.64 perches to the beginning.

Clark conveys;

Commencing at the North-Western corner of Clarks Luscalett lot, aforesaid, thence by the Church Cemetery South eighty-one degrees twenty-five minutes East 8 perches; thence by said lot of Clark North eighty-five and one-fourth degrees West 8.4 perches; thence by land herein exchanged to Clark North ten degrees thirty-five minutes East 0.54 perches to the beginning

Certain trusts  
Fence provisions  
Reversion



DEED of EXCHANGE

James Stevenson, President, John N. McDonald, Secretary, and their associates;  
 Richard Donaldson, S. P. Mevey, R. S. Farrar and Richard Crooks, Trustees of  
 Raccoon Church, a corporation of Pennsylvania incorporated by the Court of  
 Common Pleas of Washington County.

Dated Jan. 1, 1870

Recorded in D. B. Vol 5 - C- 62

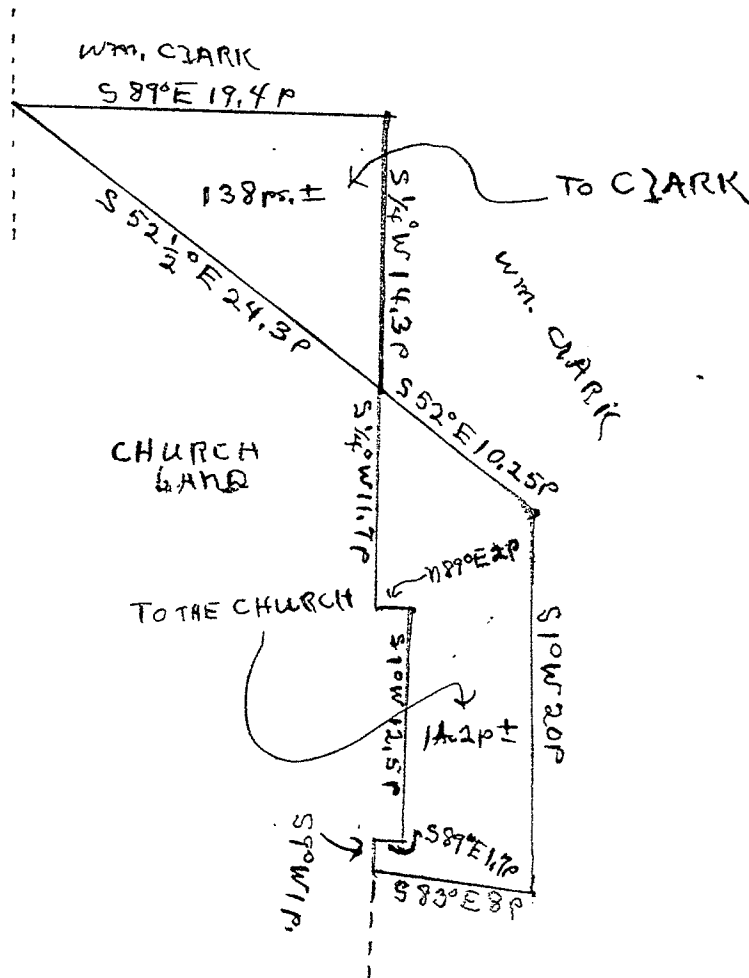
and  
 William Clark

Church conveys to Clark;

That certain small tract of land adjoining other lands of the said Clark situate near Candor in said Township of Robinson, bounded thus, to wit;-Commencing at a stone below the public road below and near the residence of John W. Matchett; thence by other lands of Clark South eighty-nine degrees East nineteen and four-tenths perches to a stone, formerly a fallen hickory tree; thence South one-four degree West fourteen and three-tenths perches; thence North fifty-two and one-half degrees West twenty-four and three-tenths perches to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred thirty-eight perches, more or less.

Clark conveys to the Church; bounded thus, to wit;-

Commencing at a stone: thence by the old cemetery or grave-yard of Raccoon Church South one-fourth degree West eleven and seven-tenths perches; North eighty-nine degrees East two perches; South one degree West twelve and five-tenths perches; North eighty-nine degrees West one and seven-tenths perches; South nine degrees West one perch; thence by other lands of William Clark South eighty-three degree East eight perches; North one degree East twenty perches; North fifty-two and one-half degrees West ten and twenty-five hundredths perches to the place of beginning. Containing one acre and one perch, more or less.



Deed of Exchange

Raccoon Church  
and  
James Murray Clark

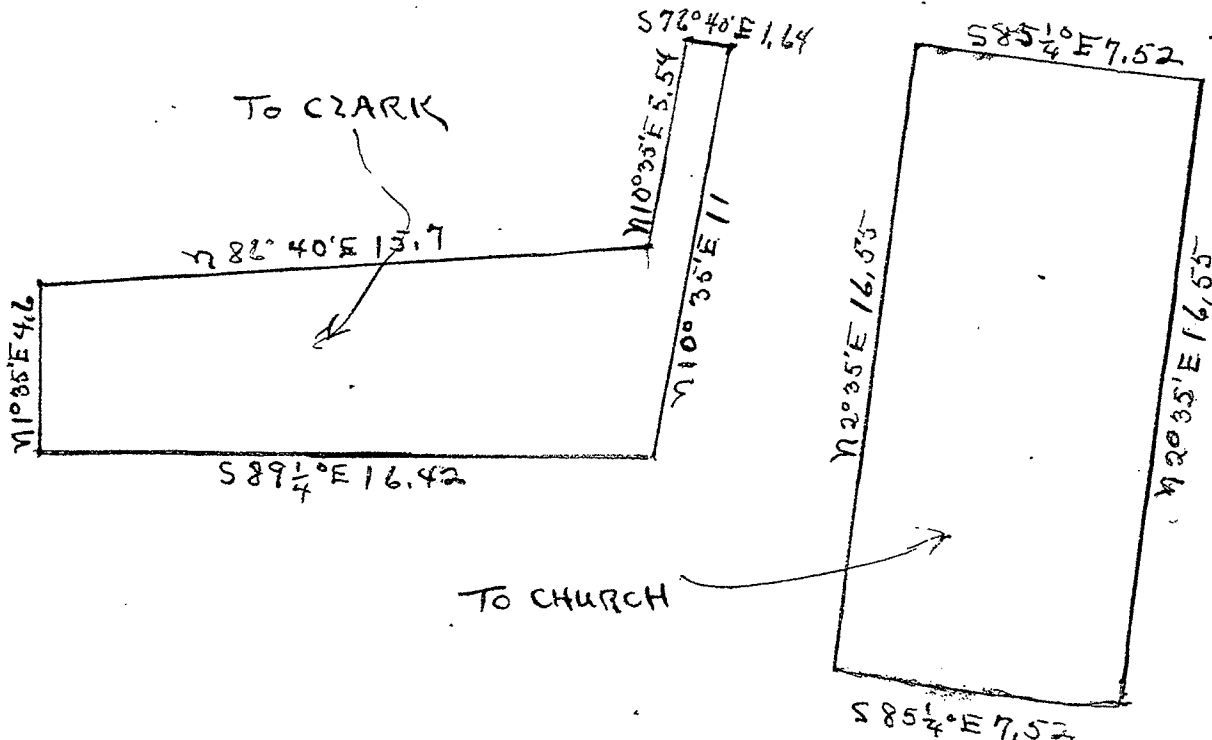
Dated August twenty-eight, 1882  
Recorded in Deed Book Vol. 5-V-456

The Church conveys to Clark

Beginning at the South-western corner of the lands of Raccoon Church which were granted to said Church by John Clark; thence by lands respectively of the heirs of Thomas Wilson and Dr. John Martin North one degree thirty-five minutes East four and six-tenths perches to a point West of the road; thence by lands of Raccoon Church North eighty-six degrees forty minutes East fifteen and seven-tenths perches; thence by same North ten degrees thirty-five minutes East five and fifty-four hundredths perches; thence by the same South seventy-six degrees forty minutes East one and sixty-four hundredths perches; thence by grounds of James Murray Clark acquired from Sarah Aten South ten degrees thirty-five minutes West eleven perches to a point near the mouth of an alley, now vacated; thence by lands respectively of Julia Farrar and the wife of R. D. Geary North eighty nine and one-fourth degrees West sixteen and forty-two hundredths perches to the beginning.

Clark conveys to the Church

Beginning at the South-eastern corner of the cemetery of said Church; thence by said cemetery North two degrees thirty-five minutes East sixteen and fifty-five hundredths perches; thence by lands of J. M. Clark, Trustee South eighty-five and one-fourth degrees East seven and fifty-two hundredths perches; South two degrees thirty-five minutes West sixteen and fifty-five hundredths perches; thence North eighty-five and one-fourth degrees West seven and fifty-two hundredths perches to the beginning.



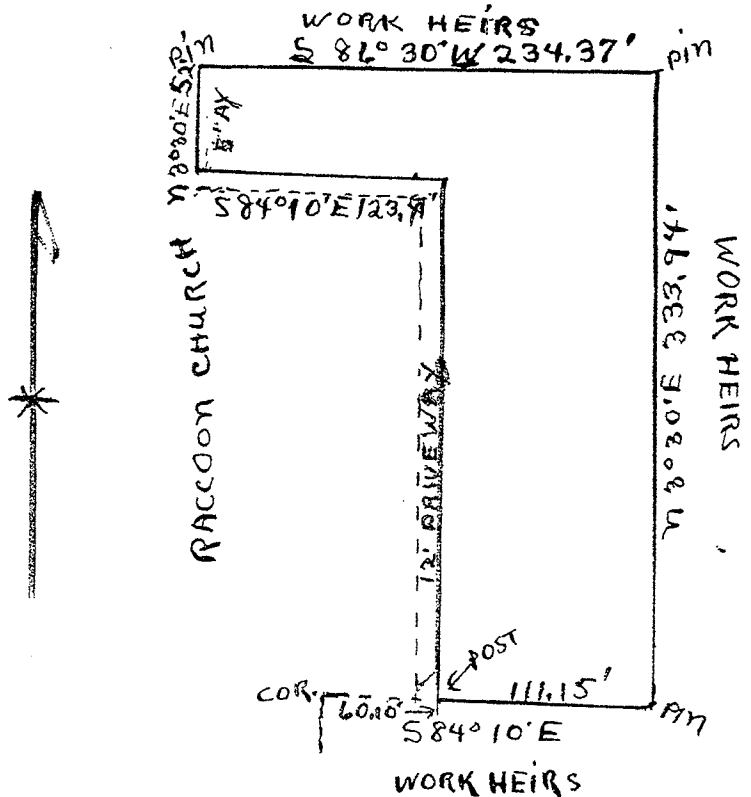
DEED

Elizabeth H. Dalrymple et al.  
To  
Trustees of Raccoon Church

Dated July - 1920  
Ack. Mar. 1, 1921  
Recorded D.B. Vol. 488 p. 187  
Consd. \$150.00

Conveys a tract of land.

Beginning at a pin at the north-west corner of the tract herein described and at a point common to line of Work Heirs and property now owned by Raccoon Church; thence South eighty-six degrees thirty minutes West two hundred thirty-four and thirty-seven hundredths feet to a pin; thence still along the line common to Work Heirs and the tract herein conveyed South three degrees thirty minutes West three hundred thirty-three and ninety-four hundredths feet to a pin; thence still by the same North eighty-four degrees ten minutes West one hundred eleven and fifteen hundredths feet to a post distant sixty and ten hundredths feet from a corner common to Work Heirs and property of Raccoon Presbyterian Church; thence along the eastern side of a twelve foot driveway North three degrees thirty minutes East two hundred seventy-two and forty hundredths feet to a post; thence along the driveway North eighty-four degrees ten minutes West one hundred twenty-three and forty hundredths feet to a pin; thence along the western line of a five foot alley North three degrees thirty minutes East fifty-two feet to the place of beginning.



Tillie M. Smyers and  
A. M. Smyers, her husband,

To

Raccoon Church

Deed Book Vol. 686 page 499  
Dated Dec. 9, 1944  
Acknowledged Dec. 9, 1944  
Recorded Jan. 18, 1945  
Consideration \$1.00

Gives and Grants, subject, however, to the provisions hereinafter set forth;

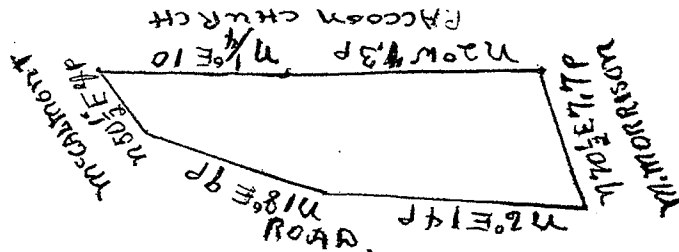
All that certain lot or piece of land situate in the Village of Candor, County of Washington, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, said lot adjoining other land now owned by the party of the second part, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a stone, thence along line of said adjoining land owned by the party of the second part, South one-fourth degree West (S  $1\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  W) Ten (10) perches to a stone; thence continuing along line of said adjoining land South two degrees East (S  $2^{\circ}$  E) Thirteen (13) perches to a stone; thence along line of land formerly of Milo Morrison Heirs South seventy and one-half West (S  $70\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W) Seven and seven tenths (7.7) perches to a corner in road; thence North six degrees East (N  $6^{\circ}$  E) Fourteen (14) perches to a point in said road; thence along said road North eighteen degrees East (N  $18^{\circ}$  E) Nine (9) perches to a point in said road formerly marked by a stone; thence along line of land formerly of David A. McCalmont North fifty and one-half degrees East (N  $50\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E) Four (4) perches to a point, the place of beginning.

Containing 120 perches, more or less.

Being the same lot or piece of land which David K. Yolton and Mary A. Yolton, his wife, by their deed dated June 1, 1907 and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 353 page 192 granted and conveyed unto Claude R. McCutcheon. The said Claude R. McCutcheon, also known as Claudius R. McCutcheon, being seized of said lot or piece of land, died testate on April 7, 1943 and by his Last Will and Testament dated May 4, 1939 duly probated and of record in the Office of the Register of Wills in and for the County of Washington aforesaid, devised the same to his daughter, Tillie M. Smyers, one of the parties of the first part hereto.

To Have and To Hold x x x x x so long as said lot or piece of land is held or used for religious and cemetery purposes, either or both of them, in conjunction with part or all of adjoining land now owned by party of the second part; and in the event said lot or piece of land hereby conveyed ceases to be so held or used for the purposes aforesaid, or either of them, then to revert to the said Tillie M. Smyers, her heirs and assigns, one of the parties of the first part hereto.



DEED

Dated Jan. 29, 1790

John Clark and Jean Clark, wife

Recd. June 29, 1790

To

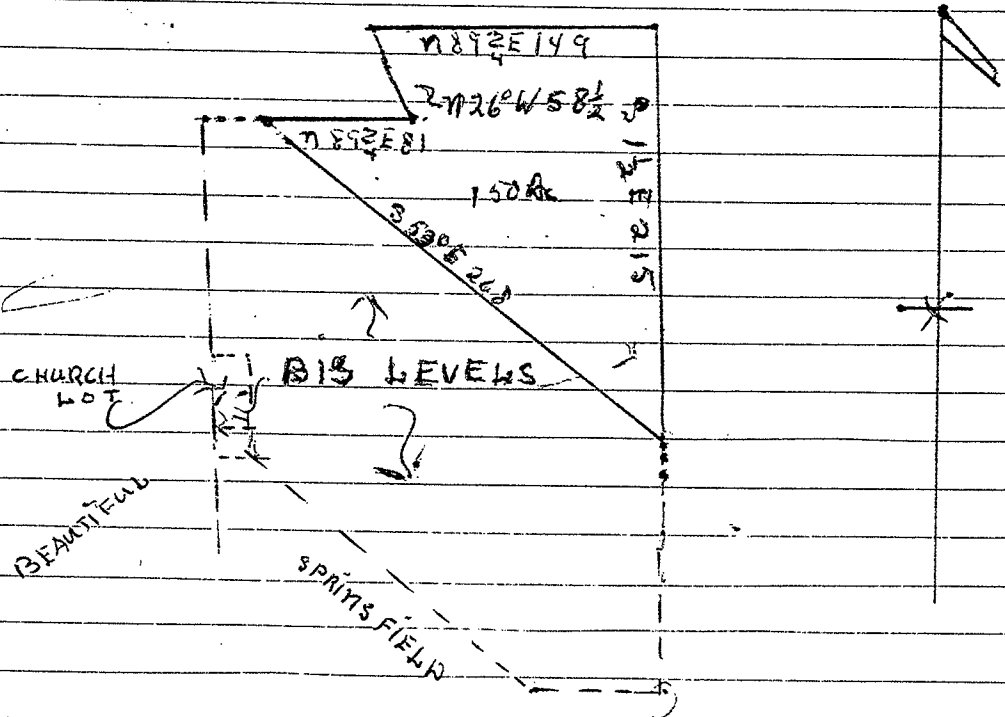
D.B. 1-H p 13

The Rev'd. Joseph Patterson

Consd. 85 lbs- 15 sh.

Conveys a tract of land in Smith or Robinson Twps. containing one hundred fifty acres, strict measure.

Beginning at a hickory, thence by land of William Morrison's South One and one-half degrees East 215 perches to a post, thence by land of the said John Clark North Fifty-three degrees west 268 perches to a post, thence North eighty-nine and three-fourths degrees East 81 perches to a Spanish oak, thence North twenty-six degrees West 58 and 1/2 perches to a white oak, thence North eighty-nine and three-fourths degrees East 149 perches to the place of beginning.



**The following ministers have served Raccoon Church since its organization:**

Joseph Patterson	November 10, 1789-October 6, 1816
Moses Allen	May 27, 1817-Fall of 1838
Clement McKaig	June 17, 1841-December 18, 1865
John Kerr	ad interim
Greer M. Kerr	June 24, 1871-November 29, 1930
H.A. Mosser	March 8, 1932-November 13, 1937
James P. Shaw	1938-1939 (Student Pastor) June 1939-May 1940 (Pastor) (Resigned to serve as U.S. Chaplain) (Died-February 24, 1966. Reno, NV)
George Bucher	October 13, 1940-July 30, 1944 (Stated supply)
J. Calvin French	1944-1949 (Stated supply)
Cecil Casey	November 13, 1949—June 10, 1951 (Student Pastor)
David Haines	October 7, 1951-March 14, 1954 (Student Pastor)
Eugene S. Boyd	May 16, 1954-May 12, 1957 (Student Pastor)
John Allen Shearer	March 26, 1958-January 29, 1961
T. Clifford Hay	October 1, 1961-March 25, 1965
Bertrand C. Pitchford	August 21, 1966-June 30, 1968 (Student Pastor)
W. Leroy Beckles	May 11, 1969-June 4, 1971 (Student Pastor)
Kenneth B. Calebaush	July 18, 1971-June 30, 1973 (Student Pastor)

Sons in ministry per unidentified memo and date of ordination:

1. Samuel Porter 1790-Died 9-23-1825, age 65. (Washington Presbytery History)
2. Robert Patterson 1803-Died 9-5-1854, age 82. “
3. Clement Valladingham 1806-Died 10-31-1839, age 62. “
4. Andrew McDonald 1810-Died 4-9-1836, age 67. “
5. James Wright 1816-Died 3-30-1843, age 59. “
6. Robert M. Laird-1823
7. Francis H. Laird
8. James McClean
9. David McFarland
10. Alexander McCandless 1825
11. Thomas Chesnut 1831
12. Alexander McCandless (2) 1836
13. John Moore 1847
14. William Morgan 1856
15. Luke J. Wasson 1869
16. Samuel G. McFarland 1860
17. W.J. Smith 1878
18. John W. McFarland 1882
19. James Van Eman Stevenson 1889
20. Joseph T. Stevenson 1896
21. Thomas E. Stevenson 1901
22. James Edward Hutchison
23. Austin Bailey
24. Edgar Bailey
25. William P. Russell 1915
26. Samuel G. Neal

\* 1 to 19n from GMK list (1891), all except David McFarland and James McFarland

number of members about the same and the number of accessions and dismissions and deaths and baptisms.

This uniformity and regularity is what led me to choose for our text today - this question

AND NOW WHY TARRIEST THOU.

On this I would remark that among the errors and sins to which we are liable one is that of tarrying. God's messenger said to one to whom he was sent \* WHY TARRIEST THOU. The person to whom these words were addressed had been once one of those who did not know anything about Jesus Christ the Savior. But he was not in that condition of ignorance now. Once he believed that Jesus was a base imposter. But he had no such opinion now. Once he had been a bitter persecutor of Christians. But he had no disposition to persecute now. As he was now he could be charged neither with heresy nor immorality. It could not be shown that he was believing any thing that was not true or doing any thing that was not right. Still he was not yet a disciple of Jesus. All that prevented him - all that he lacked - all that was wrong was - he was waiting. God's message to him was - "And now Why Tarest Thou, arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins calling upon the name of the Lord."

There are many people to whom this is the question. They are not heretics They do not believe in the doctrines of Atheism - Pantheism - Materialism - or Agnosticism. They are not Jews or Mormons or Unitarians or Universalists. And neither are they Christians. They are tarrying - waiting - that is all.

Neither are they criminals - they are not murderers or liars or thieves or drunkards or profane or dishonest, but neither are they Christians. They are waiting. They are satisfied in their own minds that it is right to be a Christian and a church member. They mean to be some day - but not just now. That is the whole description of their state; - Tarrying.

Now when this is what is wrong, then this is that to which we should give our attention. If there is no one here in favor of intemperance or in danger of misery and destruction in that direction then we may let that subject alone. If there is no one here who believes the bible is not true then there is not much need to speak of that information. If there is no one here disposed to be a universalist or a mormon or Spiritualist or Jew then we may be silent on those subjects. But if there are large numbers here who are delaying action - waiting - procrastinating - tarrying - and that is all that is wrong with them then that is what we should take up and carefully consider. That in which we above all else are most deeply concerned is that which is wrong right among us.

Tarrying is one of the many things for which God will call us to account. Notice here God's messenger demands an answer to this question - Why Tarest Thou? One reason why we should study the bible carefully is because God's ways are not as our ways. We can not judge him by ourselves. And it is a matter of first importance to us to understand his ways. We find a man stealing. We think it is terrible. It is low - it is mean - it is contemptible - it is base. We can hardly find words to express our feelings and sentiments towards a thief. But suppose the next man we meet we find to be doing nothing out of the way but this only. God has offered to him his only Son for a Savior and he is waiting for a while before he decides whether he will accept the offer. We say; Oh is that all. It does not seem to us like any thing very wrong to tarry a while so that he decides right at last. But God looks at it differently. He will call us into account for this also. He says; Why Tarest Thou.

We meet another by and by and in our intercourse with him we find out he is a liar. That is enough for us. There are very few who have any toleration for one who does not have a strict regard for the truth in what he says. But with our feelings towards such a one it seems beyond comprehension that an honorable man who is only waiting for a while is to be called up before the judgment bar of God to give an account just like as if he was a liar.



"Rev. Moses Allen

was born September 5, 1780, in Westmoreland County, then including all of Southwestern Pennsylvania. His mother's name was Coe; was educated in Canonsburg Academy; studied theology with Dr. McMillan; was licensed by the Presbytery of Ohio, June 24, 1807, and installed pastor of the churches of New Providence and Jefferson, in Greene County, Pa. This relation was dissolved October 16, 1816, and on the 27th of May, 1817, he was installed pastor of church of Raccoon, in Washington County, where he continued until 1836. In 1839 was installed pastor of the church of Crab-apple, O., where he remained until his death. This took place January 16, 1846, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, and thirty-ninth of his ministry. The description which has been handed down of Mr. Allen's personal appearance in his later manhood is, that he was tall and heavy-shouldered, frame fully six feet high. He had a long thin face, large nose, and gray hair combed straight down over his thin temples; his cast of countenance grave and rather austere. His dress was the then fashionable spike-tailed coat, stove-pipe hat, and regulation white neckerchief. He carried an ivory-headed cane, and his general mien was dignified and impressive. His preaching was very methodical and systematic, sometimes very earnest also. He was abundant in labors. During his twenty-two years' pastorate at Raccoon, he preached two thousand six hundred and eighty-five sermons, and administered the Lord's Supper seventy-five times; admitted to communion three hundred and twenty-seven; baptized five hundred and fifty-seven infants, and solemnized one hundred and ninety-five marriages. Mr. Allen was married, June, 1805, to Catharine, youngest daughter of Rev. Dr. John McMillan. Their family was a large one, and their descendants are, to a large extent, members of the Presbyterian Church. "

Taken from "History of the Presbytery of Washington", 1889  
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"Rev. Clement V. McKaig, D.D.

The Reverend Clement Vallandigham McKaig was born near New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., Ohio, July 12, 1815, a child of the church of which place his father was a ruling elder for thirty years. He attended the Academy there from 1829 until the death of his father in 1831, after which he was engaged in merchandising for three years. He entered Washington College in 1834, and on his graduation the Western Theological Seminary in 1837. In the latter institution his classmates were Drs. Brownson, Donaldson, Hill, McClintock and other well known ministers. He was licensed in April 1840, by the Presbytery of New Lisbon, and in August of the same year was called to Raccoon church, in what was then the Presbytery of Ohio, and later the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

In this field he labored faithfully and successfully for twenty-six years, until failing health compelled him to resign in 1866. In search of health he visited Bayfield, Wisconsin. The church there was at that time a struggling mission, endeavoring to erect a church edifice. He became interested in the enterprise and served them several months. While superintending the construction of the building, a defective joist gave way, dislocating his hip joint, an injury from which he never fully recovered.

In the fall of 1867 he gathered his family together again in the home at the corner of Penn and Dallas avenues, Pittsburgh, E.E., where he resided until his death on October 7, 1889 in his 75th year. During this period, as health permitted, he supplied at different times Mt. Olive, Bloomfield, Hazelwood, and Westminster churches.

He was married Aug. 1842, to Jane B., daughter of the late Alex. Laughlin, of Pittsburgh. Three children survived him; Mrs. R. S. Robertson, of Jackson, Minn., Alex. L. and Thos. B. McKaig of Pittsburgh.

Dr. McKaig was dedicated in his infancy by a pious mother to the ministry, and although strongly inclined to choose the profession of law, as his brothers had done, a mother's prayers and influence prevailed. He was an expository preacher, sound and instructive rather than eloquent. As a pastor he was greatly respected and beloved. His wisdom and prudence caused him to be often appointed by Presbytery to arbitrate disputes and settle delicate and difficult questions among the churches. He was until the end of his life a faithful and efficient presbyter.

He was buried in the family lot in Allegheny Cemetery.

(Taken from news-paper account-probably  
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Rev. Greer M. Kerr, D.D.

Death Saturday morning, November 29, 1930, at 1:40 o'clock, of the Rev. Greer McIlvain Kerr, D.D., brought to a close one of the longest pastorates in the history of Washington County and Western Pennsylvania. He had been the pastor of Raccoon Presbyterian Church at Candor for a period of more than fifty-nine years; the only pastorate of his career.

Dr. Kerr was 87 years of age. He was born November 23, 1843, near Finleyville, Washington County, Pennsylvania, of pioneer ancestry, his parents and grandparents also having been natives of that county. He was a son of John and Eliza McIlvain Kerr. He was baptized in the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church by Dr. James Sloan. In 1867 he was graduated from Westminster college, and in 1871 received his degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Western Theological seminary, Pittsburgh. In 1903 he was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Westminster college. Shortly before his graduation from Western Theological seminary in 1871 he was called to the church at Candor. He was ordained to the ministry, and installed as pastor on June 14, 1871, and served that charge until his death.

The last Sunday before his death he celebrated his 87th birthday, preaching on the text; "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." Eccl. 12:13. Dr. Kerr always named the subjects of his pulpit addresses, and this his last sermon was entitled; "An Old Man's Advice".

He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson Kerr, and seven children: James S. Kerr, Greer M. Kerr, Miss Mary Kerr, Miss Margaret Kerr and Miss Amy E. Kerr, all at home, Martha, wife of Nesbit E. Ross of Carnegie, Pa. and Miss Jean Kerr of Washington, D.C. The oldest son John A. Kerr, died February 23, 1930. A sister, Mrs. Martha K. Larimer, also survived.

Funeral services were held on November 2, 1930 in the church of his pastorate and burial was in the church cemetery.

Rev. H. Arthur Mosser,

son of Michael and Ellura B;anchard Mosser, was born on February 15, 1863 at Portland, Michigan.

He attended Olivet college, Olivet, Mich. After his graduation from this institution, he entered Yale Divinity school. He attended McCormick University, Chicago for one year, and then returned to Yale, where he finished his course in 1892. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Parsons college, Fairfield, Ia.

Dr. Mosser was engaged in Home Mission work in the State of Oregon for two years. He later became pastor at Brooklyn, Mich.. Following he served as pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Detroit, Mich. for a number of years. Other pastorates included four years at Fairfield, Ia., eight years at the First Presbyterian church, Oakdale, Pa., and about six years at the Raccoon church at Candor, where he died on November 13, 1937, shortly after his resignation of that pastorate because of bodily illness.

On December 26, 1895, Dr. Mosser married Miss Arlie WoodvøllWoodville, N. Y., who survives him. He left one brother, Will H. Mosser, of Portland, Mich.; and two nephews, Floyd Mosser and Elvert Mosser; one niece, Mrs. Earl Rogers.

The body was taken to Woodville, N. Y., for burial.

James P. Shaw

Died - February 24, 1966, in the 55th year of his age, at Reno, Nev.  
James P. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw, formerly of North Apollo, Pa., came to Raccoon church as student pastor in 1938. He was graduated from Western Theological Seminary and, at a double ceremony was ordained as a minister and installed pastor of the church on June 23, 1939. He left this charge in May of 1940 and became Director of the Neighborhood House at Erie, Pa.

At the outbreak of World War II he became a field director of the Red Cross. On July 11, 1943, during a landing operation near Licata, Sicily, he exhibited such bravery in rescuing American soldiers from a bomb-blasted landing craft which was under fire, that he was decorated with a Silver Star and he was the first Red Cross worker to whom the Silver Star for gallantry in action was awarded.

After the war he became active in mission work in Minneapolis and later in San Francisco. He re-entered the ministry and in 1961 accepted a call to the pastorate of Trinity Episcopal Church, San Francisco, California; a church near the down-town district. He was assigned for work in Reno, Nevada, and died before full opportunity was given him to assume fully his new duties.

He was survived by his wife, Myrtis Shaw, his daughters; Patricia, wife of P. H. Matthews and Hildegarde, wife of D. P. Burness, and a son, Robert Shaw.

Gleaned from various news-paper clippings.

Rev. J. Calvin French,

whose home place was at Prosperity, Washington County, Pa., was born July 14, 1875, son of J. Calvin French and Sevilla French.

He was a graduate of Waynesburg College, Princeton University, under Woodrow Wilson, later President of the United States, as to a course in Jurisprudence, and Princeton Theological Seminary.

For a period of fourteen years he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Frenchtown, N. J., He later held charges in New York State. He was pastor in Cokeburg, Ellsworth and Carmichaels, and served as supply minister in the district for a number of years; including more than five years at Raccoon Church where his ministry was unusually appreciated,

He possessed a fine command of the English language and was fluent in speech both in the pulpit and among his parishoners. His manner and bearing were at all times those of a gentleman; Christian, sympathetic, devout and kind. His death on January 9, 1963 marked the passing of a "man of God". Funeral services were held January 12, 1963 in the Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian Church at Prosperity , where interment was made.

Mr. French was twice married. His first marriage was to Priscilla McVay, who died in 1911. He later married Donetta Crumrine, who survived him. He was also survived by two daughters; Mrs. Leanna May Thomas to the first marriage, and Donetta, wife of Dr. James Books. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. A. N. Booth, and a brother, Charles, who died in infancy.

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**THE REVEREND JOHN ALLEN SHEARER**

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Born in Akron, Ohio.

Graduated from Muskingum College — 1948.

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Conducted by the  
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CANDOR, PENNSYLVANIA

**Wednesday, March 26, 1958**

8:00 P.M.



# Order of Worship

THE STATEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.....Mr. Spillman

To the Pastor Elect

To the Congregation

MR. J. BOYD SPILLMAN

*The Vice Moderator of Pittsburgh Presbytery, Presiding*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE PRAYER OF INSTALLATION.....Mr. Spillman

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Mr. Spillman

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\*THE GLORIA PATRI

\*PRAISE — “The Church’s One Foundation” .....

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

AND PRAYER.....The Reverend Stanley P. Hartung  
*The United Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Pa.*

\*THE BENEDICTION.....The Reverend John Allen Shearer

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE — “Lead On, O King Eternal”

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\* *The Congregation will please stand.*

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Notwithstanding the defects of early education, Mr. Porter attained a high rank in the ministry. His natural abilities were good. He had great aptness both in acquiring and imparting knowledge. He was made Moderator of the Synod of Pittsburgh in 1804, being the third in succession. A volume of his sermons and other writings, with memoir by Rev. Dr. Elliott, was published in 1853. It proves him to have been an able disputant and defender of sound doctrine. In personal appearance he was slightly above the medium height, stout and heavy built, the muscles of his face full, his hair light brown. He had a rich vein of humor, and was an attractive companion. As a preacher and public speaker he was forcible and effective. His voice, though loud, was not harsh, and was well modulated; his sermons evangelical and didactic.

Mr. Porter had a son Samuel, who was graduated at Jefferson College in 1807, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Redstone December 26, 1809. He died shortly after being settled at Cumberland, Md., in 1811"

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Memoriam of the Presbyterian Centennial of Wrn. Pa. at Pittsburgh, 1876.

"Rev. Robert Patterson,

son of Rev. Joseph and Jane (Moak) Patterson, was born at Stilwater, New York, April 1, 1773. He was brought in 1779, with the family to the Cross Creek settlement, in what is now Washington Co. Pa. The father was licensed to preach in 1788, and in 1791, at the opening of Canonsburg Academy, Robert was enrolled there as one of its first students. He graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1795, and for some five years afterwards was a tutor in that institution. His study of theology was begun with Rev. Ashbel Green, and completed with Dr. McMillan. He was licensed by Presbytery of Ohio May 1, 1801; was ordained by Presbytery of Erie Sept. 1, 1803, and installed first pastor of Upper and Lower Greenfield (Northeast). This relation was dissolved in 1807, when he became principal of Pittsburgh Academy. For more than a quarter of a century he preached as Stated Supply to Hilands Church, near Pittsburgh, and was also engaged in the book and paper business. His death occurred at his home in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, Sept. 5, 1854, in the 82nd year of his age and the 54th of his ministry. In both personal appearance and traits of character he somewhat resembled his honored father; in stature rather low and heavy, of genial disposition and an entertaining companion. Like his father, also, he had a remarkable faculty of making personal religion a theme of conversation. His advanced years were marked by growing spirituality and heavenly-mindedness.

Mr. Patterson was married August, 1801, to Miss Jean, daughter of Col. John Canon, founder of Canonsburg. One of their sons is Prof. Robt. Patterson, formerly of Jefferson College, and for many years past one of the editors and proprietors of the "Presbyterian Banner". "

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