

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET**  
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation  
 Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

Survey Code:		Historic / Other Name:	<b>Heller, Michael Farmstead</b>
Tax Parcel:	Q7-12-12A, Q7-12-12B	Address:	1890-1892 Friedensville Road
County:	Northampton 095	Municipality:	Lower Saucon Township

## Heller, Michael Farmstead

### Photographs

Photo 1. Michael Heller Farmstead, facing WSW. Visible resources are the widow's house (left) and the farmhouse (right).



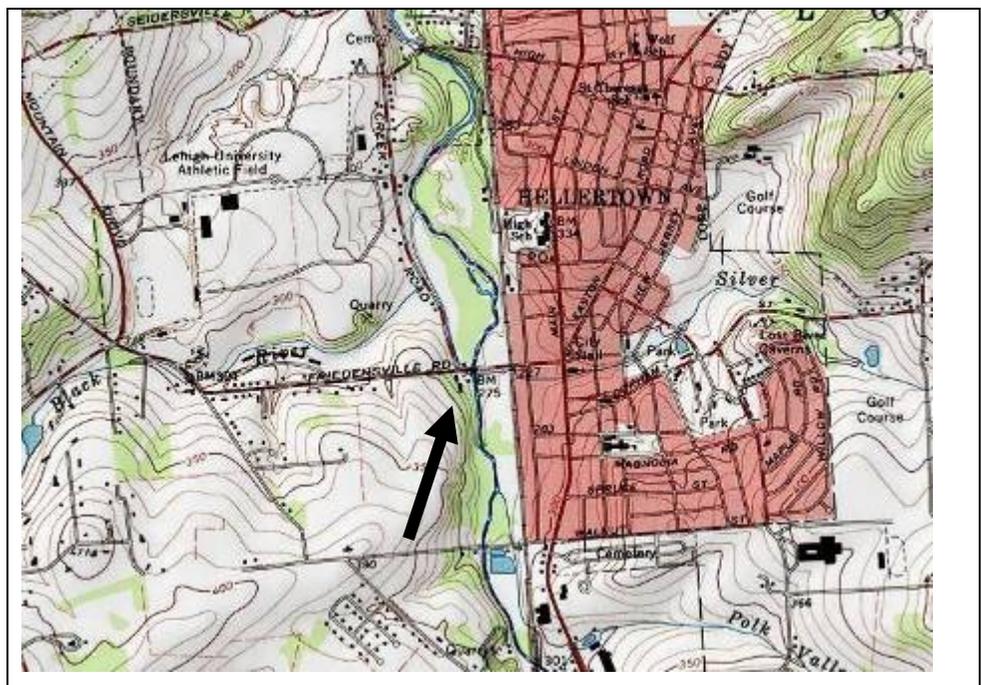
**Photographer:**  
Wise Preservation Planning

**Date:** 3/2007

### Location Map

Hellertown USGS Quad (1988)

(See Site Plan in Additional Documentation)



**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – DATA SHEET**

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<b>IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION</b>					
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County	1. Northampton 095		2.		
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Address	1890-1892 Friedensville Road				
Historic Name	Heller, Michael Farmstead				
Other Name	Heller, Michael Homestead				
Owner Name / Address	Lower Saucon Township, 1890-1892 Friedensville Road, Hellertown PA				
Owner Category	Private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public – local		Public – state	Public – Federal
Resource Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	District	Site	Structure	Object
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form	6				
USGS Quad	1. Hellertown		2.		
UTM References	A.	B.	C.	D.	

<b>HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS</b>			
Historic Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	DOMESTIC	Single dwelling	01A
B.	DOMESTIC	Single dwelling	01A
C.	DOMESTIC	Secondary structure	01C
D.	AGRICULTURE	Animal Facility	09D
Particular Type	A.	Farmhouse	
	B.	Widow's House	
	C.	Root Cellar	
	D.	Barn (ruin)	
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	RECREATION AND CULTURE	Museum	08C
B.	RECREATION AND CULTURE	Museum	08C
C.	RECREATION AND CULTURE	Museum	08C
D.	VACANT / NOT IN USE		98

<b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
Architectural Classification	A. Vernacular 01		B. Federal 21	
	D. No Style 01		C. Colonial Rev. 51	
Exterior Materials	Foundation	Stone 40		Roof
	Walls	Stone 40		Slate 45
	Other	Brick 30		Walls
Structural System		1. Masonry – stone 20		2.
Width 5 bay E / 30 feet		Depth 20 feet / 2 rooms B		Stories / Height 2 B

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET**

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 HRSF / Heller, Michael Farmstead / 1890-1892 Friedensville Road, Hellertown PA  
 Lower Saucon Twp., Northampton County

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

Year Built: ca. 1751 Additions/Alterations Dates: ca. 1840, 1940, 2000

Basis for Dating:  Documentary  Physical

Explain: Architectural details, historic research

Cultural / Ethnic Affiliation	1.	2.	Associated Individuals	1.	2.
Associated Events	1.	2.	Architects / Engineers	1.	2.
Builders	1.	2.			

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES****PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS**

Pa. Historic Resource Survey Form, 1998 (DOE 11/6/1998)

**EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)**

Individual NR Potential:  Yes  No Context(s):

Contributes to Potential District  Yes  No District Name/Status:

**THREATS**

Threats: 1 1. None 2. Public Development 3. Private Development 4. Neglect 5. Other

Explain: Property is well cared for as a house museum.

**SURVEYOR INFORMATION**

Surveyor Name / Title	Robert Wise	Date	7/2007
Project Name	Lower Saucon Township Historic Research 2007		
Organization	Wise Preservation Planning	Telephone	(484) 202-8187
Street and No.	1480 Hilltop Road		
City, State	Chester Springs Pa.	Zip Code	19425
Additional Survey Documentation	n/a		
Associated Survey Codes			

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**HISTORIC NARRATIVE:** The subject tract is the location of the Michael Heller Farmstead, consisting of four buildings and two ruins. The Farmhouse includes a c. 1751 core with an early 19<sup>th</sup> century main block, both renovated in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Other buildings on the property are a residence called the Widow’s House, constructed c. 1850 (renovated c. 1930) and a root cellar dating to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Ruins on the property are a multi-sectional stone and wood frame barn, a wagon shed, and a sawmill.

**Eighteenth Century to 1827**

The property was included in a parcel of 150 acres surveyed for Nicholas Walber. The original warrant in the State Archives, dated 10/1/1737, states that the property is located “On the Saucon Creek” in what was then Bucks County. The survey, dated 4/6/1738, identifies the location of the property, roughly bisected by the Saucon Creek. Walber also received a warrant for a nearby tract of 100 acres. Within a decade, Walber defaulted on his quit rent and sold the property.

Michael Heller (1724-1803), an important early settler of Northampton County, purchased the rights of Walber on 7/28/1747.<sup>1</sup> Since there were several men of the name Michael Heller living at the same time in the vicinity, each took a nickname. This man was called “Alt Vater Mike,” or Mike the Elder. He emigrated with his parents from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1738. Heller obtained a survey order for Walber’s 250 acres on July 31, 1751,<sup>2</sup> and a new survey was recorded on the same date (Heller’s brother Simon Heller obtained the warrant in 1746 for the large tract of land south of this tract). Heller is thought to have constructed the rear portion of the farmhouse in the early years of his ownership. An important piece of evidence that the rear section was built first is the federal Direct Tax of 1798, which describes the house as a one-story building measuring 25x18 feet.<sup>3</sup> He also played a major role in the settlement of the area. He established the village of Hellertown on the east side of the Saucon Creek; the east boundary of his property ran down the main north-south road through Hellertown. During his lifetime, Hellertown became the educational and economic center of Lower Saucon Township. Lower Saucon Township tax records indicate that through the course of his ownership, the proportion of cleared land on Heller’s property gradually increased from 52 acres in 1765 to 85 acres in 1784. Michael Heller constructed a mill on the west side of the Saucon Creek near his house. The mill first appears in the tax records in 1784.<sup>4</sup>

Michael Heller obtained a patent for “a certain Tract of Land called Hellerton” on 12/26/1783, and seven years later he sold the property to his son Michael (1757-1828). The son had the nickname of “Creeker Mike,” though he was called “Michael Heller the Younger” in the deed. Both the elder and younger Michael Heller served in the cavalry during the Revolution. After the war, Creeker Mike farmed the property and operated the mill. Late in his life, Creeker Mike had financial difficulties; in 1826 he transferred the title to the farm, mill, and 128 acres to assignees who sold them to satisfy his creditors (see chain of title).

<sup>1</sup> Pennsylvania Patent Book P-2, page 284.

<sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania Survey Book C, page 313.

<sup>3</sup> Federal Direct Tax of 1798, National Archives Microfilm #372, Reel 12. The dimensions of the rear section today are 21x18 feet. It appears that the assessor estimated the dimensions of the buildings rather than taking a measurement.

<sup>4</sup> W.J. Heller, *Heller Family History* (Easton PA: Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, 1964), pp. 8-9; Herman T. Waldner, “Heller Family History,” (1908), pp. 8-9; Charles M. Sandwick Sr., “Heller Family Ancestry,” page 1; miscellaneous papers in the Northampton County Historical Society; Lower Saucon Township tax records.

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**19<sup>th</sup> Century to 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

The property continued in the ownership of miller/farmers throughout the remainder of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Francis Hartman purchased the property from Heller’s assignees in 1827 and lived there 13 years. In 1840, Baltzer Stever purchased the property from Hartman, and the farm passed down in the Stever family until 1923. A photograph on the wall in the farmhouse shows the building and widow’s house during the Stever ownership. The Stevers apparently enlarged the barn to the south, as the frame barn section is thought to date to the mid- to late-19th century. Charles Stever, who owned the property from 1890 to 1923, married a descendant of Michael Heller, who had constructed the core of the farmhouse.

The farmhouse was altered in the then-popular Colonial Revival style in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, likely during the ownership of Walter Geyer (1934-1940). During the renovation work, the stone walls were altered, with the insertion of stone jack arches over the windows. The entrance was widened, with a large fanlight and sidelights inserted around the door. Stone chimneys were installed at each end of the ridge, replacing the older brick chimneys. The earlier front porch (east elevation) was removed and replaced by the current arcuated porch. It is likely that the alterations to the Widow’s House took place at the same time; the entrances on the east and north elevations were converted into windows, and a window on the south elevation was converted to a door.

Milling operations continued into the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The earlier mill’s head race flowed northwest through the property, and in the 19<sup>th</sup> century a sawmill was constructed east of the farmhouse. Deeds from 1790 through 1934 include provisions for repairing the mill dam and head race. During Charles Stever’s ownership, the sawmill east of the farmhouse appears on a Sanborn Map. At the time of the 1934 deed, the Thomas Iron Company exercised the rights to the mill dam and head race; they may have been operating the mill further up the head race (not located on the current property) at that time.

The Nowicki family owned the property throughout most of the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Hipolit Nowicki purchased the farm in 1945 and died there in 1952. His widow Helena lived on the property afterwards, and at her death in 1982 her son Zenon Nowicki inherited it.

Near the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Farmstead became Township property. In 1988, farm became the site of a K. Hovnanian subdivision named “Society Hill at Saucon Valley.” As part of the agreement, approximately 14 acres of land along the Saucon Creek and seven acres in Wassergass were dedicated to Lower Saucon Township “for perpetual recreation and open space purposes.” The Saucon Valley Conservancy leases parcel “A” and operates a house museum in the two residences. The parks and recreation board manages parcel “B.” A garage was constructed on the sawmill foundation. Following storm damage in 1998, the barn was largely imploded, leaving portions of the stone walls and the stone arch of a wagon passageway on the north end of the barn complex.

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**HISTORIC NARRATIVE – Chain of Title**

Deed Ref. Date	Grantor	Grantee	Price Acreage	Description Excerpts
1993-7-699 8/3/1992	K. Hovnanian at Lower Saucon	Lower Saucon Twp.	\$1 2.235 acres	All that certain tract or parcel of land. "This land was acquired for perpetual recreation and open space purposes..." Part of the following property.
768-399 5/9/1989	Dennis E. & Claudia Benner of Lower Saucon Twp.	K. Hovnanian	\$1 91.331 acres	All that certain tract or parcel of land. Same as the following deed.
754-273 8/26/1988	Zenon E. & Elizabeth B. Nowicki of Bethlehem	Dennis E. & Claudia Benner of Lower Saucon Twp.	\$1 91.331 acres	All that certain tract or parcel of land. Same as the following deed.
652-752 7/19/1983	Helena Nowicki Estate	Zenon E. Nowicki (son and executor)	\$1 Acreage not specified	All that certain message or tenement and tract of land. Hipolit Nowicki died on 4/21/1952, and his widow Helena died on 1/8/1982. Same as the following property.
A82-339 10/17/1945	John & Clara Spallone of Lower Saucon Twp.	Hipolit & Helena Nowicki of Bethlehem	\$1 100 acres	All that certain message and tenement and tract of land. The property represents the bulk of the following deed.
F71-310 2/28/1941	Saucon Valley Trust Co.	John Spallone of Plainfield Twp.	\$13,500 102 acres, 28 perches	All that certain message or tenement and tract of land. Part of the following deed.
D70-689 6/18/1940	Walter K. & Mildred R. Geyer of Hellertown	Saucon Valley Trust Co.	\$1 259 acres	All those two certain messages or tenements and tracts of land. The subject tract is tract #1, with the same size as specified in the deeds of 1934 and 1941. This deed includes the measurements of the buildings. Combination of the following deed (including the subject tract) and a second parcel. This was a sheriff's sale.
C66-97 9/29/1934	John A. & Ella Stephens of Hellertown	Walter K. & Mildred R. Geyer of Hellertown	\$1 102 acres, 28 perches	All that certain message or tenement and tract of land. Same as the following property.
E51-583 5/4/1923	Charles & Matilda Stever of Lower Saucon Twp.	John A. Stephens of Hellertown	\$18,000 102 acres, 28 perches	Tract No. 1, Whereon the buildings are erected. One of three tracts in the following deed.
F21-198 6/10/1890	Jacob & Amanda Wagner of Lower Saucon Twp.	Charles Stever of Lower Saucon Twp.	\$15,081.91 113 acres	All of the Three following described Tracts of pieces of Land. Tract No. 1 is the subject tract (102 acres, 28 perches); the other two are a tract of 7 acres, 130 perches and a tract of 3 acres, 77 perches. Same as the following deed.

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Deed Ref. Date	Grantor	Grantee	Price Acreage	Description
F21-191 6/10/1890	Henry Stever Estate	Jacob Wagner of Lower Saucon Twp.	\$15,081.91 113 acres	All of the Three following described Tracts or pieces of Land. Tract No. 1 is the subject tract (102 acres, 28 perches); the other two are a tract of 7 acres, 130 perches and a tract of 3 acres, 77 perches. Combination of several earlier deeds; the subject tract (Tract No. 1) was part of the following deed.
E10-639 N.D. [1862]	Baltzer Stever of Lower Saucon Twp.	Henry Stever (son)	\$0 103 acres	Messuage and tract of land. The deed describes Baltzer Stever as the owner but also provides the date of his will as 7/12/1862 and mentions that his wife Maria has a lifetime right to live on the property. Part of the following property.
A10-331 4/11/1840	Francis & Magdalena Hartman of Lower Saucon Twp.	Balzer Stever, Farmer of Lower Saucon Twp.	\$9,125 126 acres	All that certain Messuage, Tenement, and two Tracts, pieces, or parcels of Land: one of 108 acres, 3 perches where the house is located, and one of 17 acres, 60 perches. Part of the following deed.
D5-24 4/6/1827	Michael Heller Assignees	Francis Hartman, Farmer of Hellertown	\$2,800 128 acres	All that Certain Messuage Tenement and two Tracts of Land: one of 108 acres, 3 roods where the farmhouse is located, and a second parcel of 19 acres, 140 perches. The deed also mentions a 1790 provision for repairing the mill race (this provision continues in deeds into the 20 <sup>th</sup> century). Same as the following deed.
B5-424 4/3/1826	Michael & Salome Heller of Lower Saucon Twp.	Assignees	\$1 128 acres	All that certain Messuage or Tenement and Tract of land (same as described in deed of 1827 above). Same as the following property.
G1-356 2/2/1790	Michael Heller the Elder and wife Margaret, both of Lower Saucon Twp.	Michael Heller the Younger (son) of Lower Saucon Twp.	£400 128 acres	One Messuage and two Certain tracts or Pieces of Land. Part of the following.
Patent Book P2-284 12/26/1783	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Michael Heller	£79.06 149.75 acres	A "certain Tract of Land called Hellerton," situate on Saucon Creek. The original survey was made for Nicholas Walber, who defaulted on his quit rents and sold his interest in the property to Heller in 1747.

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Michael Heller Farmstead is located at 1890-1892 Friedensville Road in Lower Saucon Township, just west of the Borough of Hellertown, Northampton County. The Saucon Creek runs north along the east border of the property. The property is currently owned by Lower Saucon Township and is used as a Township park. The property is entered from Friedensville Road, which forms the property's north border. The Farmstead consists of two houses and a multi-sectional barn ruin aligned in a strict line on the west side of the drive perpendicular to Friedensville Road, a garage constructed on the ruins of a sawmill, a root cellar, and the foundation ruins of a wagon shed.

**Farmhouse – Exterior**

The farmhouse is located just south of Friedensville Road, on the west side of the drive. It is a two-part building consisting of a two-story, five-bay main block (c. 1830) and a two-story, two-bay core (c. 1750) in the rear, which forms an ell-shape. An enclosed porch is attached to the south wall of the core. (See the floorplan for a measured diagram of the farmhouse and its sections.)

The main block is the highly visible Federal style section facing onto the drive. The 40'x28' building has an end-gabled roof clad with slate shingles. A rectangular stone chimney is located at each end of the ridge. The fascia board under the molded cornice features a tapered dentil cornice. The walls of the main block are rubble stone, with a slightly more coursed appearance on the main elevation. The main elevation also features a raised ridge pointing, not found on the other elevations. The main elevation has five bays. Fenestration is symmetrical, with mostly historic (if not original) windows: 9x6 on the first floor, 6x6 on the second floor, and two three-light basement windows. Stone jack arches over the windows date to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The main entrance is located in the center bay; it consists of a wide fanlight over the door and a set of flanking four-pane sidelights. A gabled, arcuated porch is supported by unfluted Doric columns standing on a concrete porch. The end walls have small square attic windows; each end wall has one 4x4 unit and a replacement single-light unit on the attic level, two 6x6 on the second floor, and two 9x6 on the first floor. The section has a stone foundation.

The c. 1751 rear section is the core of the house. This section is a two-story, two-bay stone building measuring 18'x21'. It has a nearly flat roof (apparently altered from a gabled roof in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century) with a molded cornice. The walls are rubble stone, with stone jack arches over the windows dating to the 20<sup>th</sup> century alteration. The north elevation, facing onto Friedensville Road, has two bays of windows (9x6 on the first floor and 6x6 on the second floor); the east window was originally a door. The west elevation has a paired 4x4 window located off-center to the west, which partially replaced the former walk-in kitchen hearth. On the south elevation, a single 6x6 window is located on the second floor; the first floor is obscured by an early 20<sup>th</sup> century porch. The porch measures 18'x11' and features a band of windows on its south and west elevations. [This section is considered the core on the basis of architectural elements. It has the massing of a mid-18<sup>th</sup> century house and is the location of the only kitchen hearth. The main block has the massing of an early 19<sup>th</sup> century building, has no kitchen hearth, has no fireplace on its north wall, and has a small chimney on its south wall – all elements pointing to an early 19<sup>th</sup> century date of construction.]

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**Farmhouse – Interior**

The interior of the farmhouse has two main floors in the main block and core, with an attic and basement in the main block. Common features of rooms are plastered ceiling and walls, wide plank hardwood flooring, and beaded baseboard molding.

The first floor consists of four rooms in the main block and one main room in the core. The main block has a modified center hall plan, with two rooms north of the center hall and one south of the center hall. The main entrance opens into the center hall, which features the formal stairs to the second floor. A multi-light French door leads into the room south of the center hall; the major feature of the room is the large rebuilt stone fireplace dating to the 1940s in the center of the south wall. The chimney was built with large stone and has a raised ridge pointing, typical of the Colonial Revival movement. Two rooms are located in the north end of the floor. Another multi-light door leads to the northeast room, the current gift shop for the building. An arched doorway leads from the center hall to the northwest room, which provides access to the core. The first floor of the core is a single room, and the large kitchen hearth on the west wall has been boxed in.

The second floor has a more typical center hall plan. The stairs from the first floor rise to the center hall, with a door off the landing leading to the southwest room. The bedrooms on the floor are mainly rectangular, each with closet space partitioned off the two rooms in the west half of the floor. Features of the main block's second floor include six-panel doors dating to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and wide plank hardwood floors. A narrow hallway partitioned from the northwest room leads into the core. This space has been partitioned into two main rooms. A bedroom is located in the north half with a closet built into the space south of the boxed-in chimney mass. The south half of the core's second floor is a bathroom with two large closets.

The main block has an attic and basement. The attic is a large freespan space. It features a principal rafter system comprised of two 5"x7" principal rafters with offset purlins and oversized braces. The historic rafters were sistered later in the history of the building in order to support the weight of the slate roof. Collar beams connect the principal rafters. The tongue and grooved flooring features butt joints roughly in the location of the walls on the sides of the center halls below. The chimney on the south wall is clearly rebuilt, and there is no chimney mass on the north end. The basement has been completely renovated. Summer beams running under the walls of the center hall support nine joists running north to south, with six joists extending from the summer beams to the end walls. As in the attic, the chimney mass on the south wall clearly is a 20<sup>th</sup> century construction. A door east of the chimney leads to an exterior bulkhead.

**Widow's House – Exterior**

The widow's house is a two-story, three-bay stone building located immediately south of the farmhouse. As stated, the main elevations of the two buildings are located in the same plane. The 26'x23' building faces east, although its original door on that elevation has been converted into a window. The end-gabled roof is clad with asphalt shingles and features a small brick chimney at each end of the ridge. It has a boxed cornice and simple bargeboard, with nailers on the end walls in the location of cornice returns. The building has stone walls with early 20<sup>th</sup> century raised ridge pointing. The main elevation has three bays spaced regularly

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but not strictly symmetrically. Second floor windows are three-light friezeband units, and the first floor windows are 6x6. A single four-light basement window is located in the south bay. The first floor's center window was the original door. The other elevations have two bays. The north end wall has two 4x2 attic windows and a 6x6 window in the west bay on the first floor. The west wall has two three-light friezeband windows on the second floor and two replacement 1x1 windows on the first floor. The south end has two 4x2 attic windows and a replacement 1x1 window west of a shed-roofed porch over the four-paneled door. The building has a stone foundation.

**Widow's House – Interior**

The widow's house features an irregular floorplan, with an altered side hall plan on the first floor and two rooms on the attic level. Common features of the rooms include plastered ceiling and walls and wide plank floors. On the first floor, the kitchen occupies the north end of the building. A large hearth is centered on the north wall, with a beehive oven on the east side of the chimney (protruding into the boxed stairs to the basement). A partition wall divides a bedroom in the southwest corner from the parlor in the southeast corner. The latter two rooms have a chair railing and a beaded baseboard molding. The parlor is the only room with an exterior door, though the location of the door was changed in the 1930s from the east wall to the south wall.

The semi-finished attic level is divided by a frame partition into two rooms. The ceiling is attached to the bottom of the rafters and the collar beams and is lit by three-light windows on the knee walls and 4x2 windows on the end walls. Like the first floor, it has a plastered ceiling and walls, wide plank floors, and beaded baseboard molding.

The basement is a single space. The ceiling is formed by six 10" joists running from wall to wall, supporting the wide plank flooring above. The walls are plaster over stone, and the floor is concrete. A stone hearth support is located on the north wall.

**Root Cellar**

The root cellar is located southwest of the farmhouse and northwest of the widow's house. It is a one-story rubble stone building measuring 9'x8' and facing east. It has a simple gabled roof clad with asphalt shingles and featuring exposed rafter tails. A batten door held by long strap hinges opens under a frame attic area on the east elevation. The foundation is stone. Its interior was not accessed.

**Barn Ruin**

The barn ruin is a 64'x32' stone element located south of the widow's house. It consists of a 51'x32' stone core with a stone addition on its north end 13 feet wide and subterranean remnants of a frame section on its south end wall. Little remains of the rubble stone walls of the core. The largest remaining section is the northeast corner, where a stone arched passageway on the east wall of the addition was retained. The arch was filled with stone in the 1930s when a "man door" was installed inside the arch. The original barn was professionally documented before it was imploded in 1998.

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**Mill Ruin / Garage (noncontributing)**

The sawmill was located east of the widow's house, on the west side of a historic railroad bed. A one-story garage was constructed on the north portion of the foundation ruin. A low wall runs south from the southeast corner of the garage to indicate the east wall of the mill.

**Wagon Shed ruin**

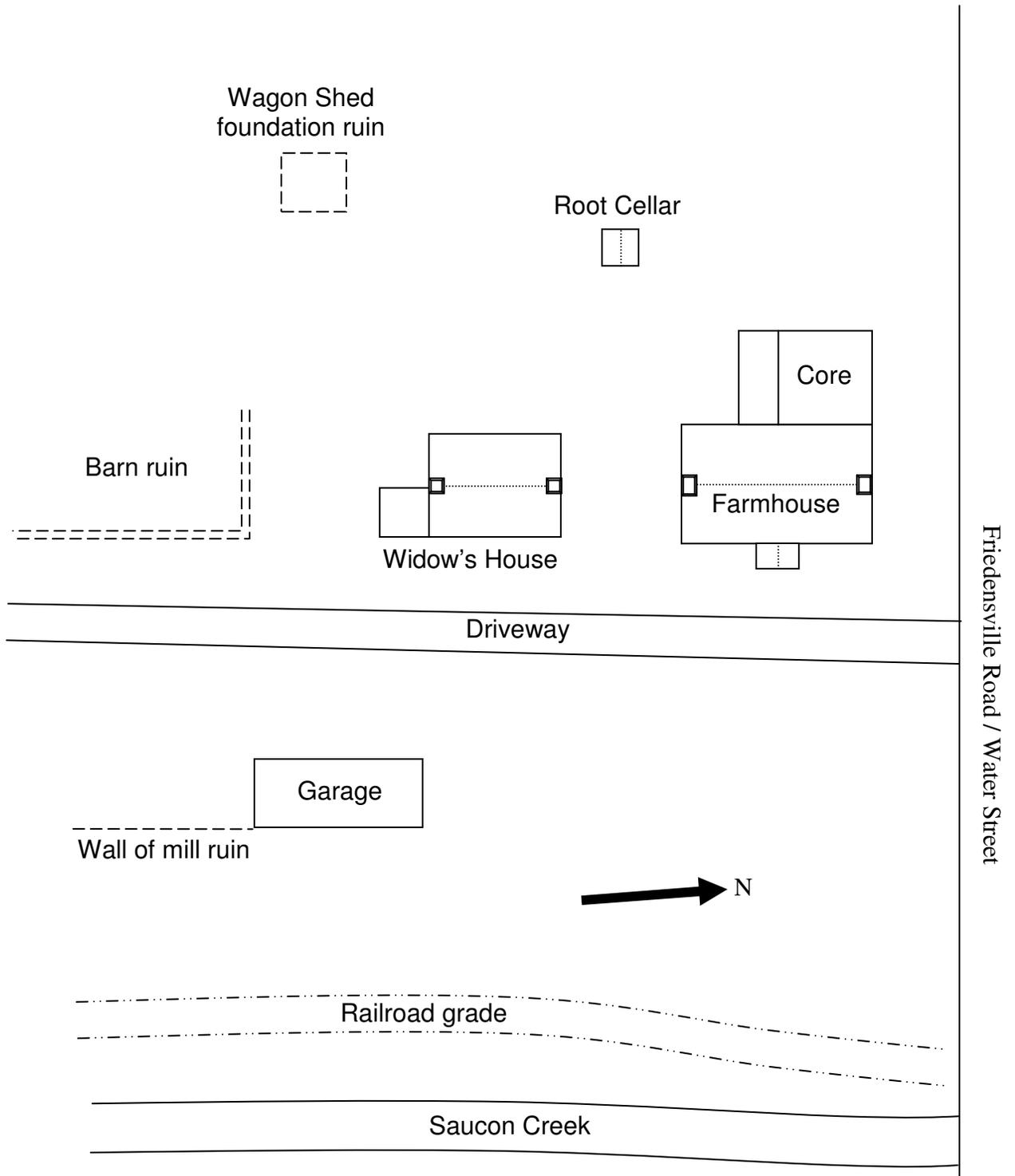
Portions of the concrete foundation of a former wagon shed are visible northeast of the barn ruin. The building is shown on a Sanborn insurance map but was torn down decades ago. The foundation is mostly subterranean, with small areas of stone indicating a rectangular footprint.

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Photo 2. Michael Heller Farmhouse, main elevation (facing west).



Photo 3. Michael Heller Farmhouse, as seen from Friedensville Road (facing south). The main block is on the left, the core on the right. The first floor window (behind tree) was originally a door.

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Photo 4. Michael Heller Farmhouse, rear elevation (facing northeast). Sections visible are the core (left background), porch (left foreground), and main block (right). The widow's house is visible on the far right.



Photo 5. Michael Heller Farmhouse, center hall, facing west from the entrance.

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Photo 6. Michael Heller Farmhouse, south room, facing southwest. Note the rebuilt fireplace and wide floorboards.



Photo 7. Michael Heller Farmhouse, southeast bedroom on second floor, facing south. Note the false fireplace located in the southwest corner.

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Photo 8. Widow's House, south and east elevations, facing northwest.



Photo 9. View of the rear of the three intact resources, illustrating their proximity. Michael Heller Farmhouse (left), Widow's House (center), and root cellar (right).

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Photo 10. Widow's House, kitchen, facing east.



Photo 11. Widow's House, second floor, facing southeast.

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Photo 12. Barn ruin,  
facing southwest.

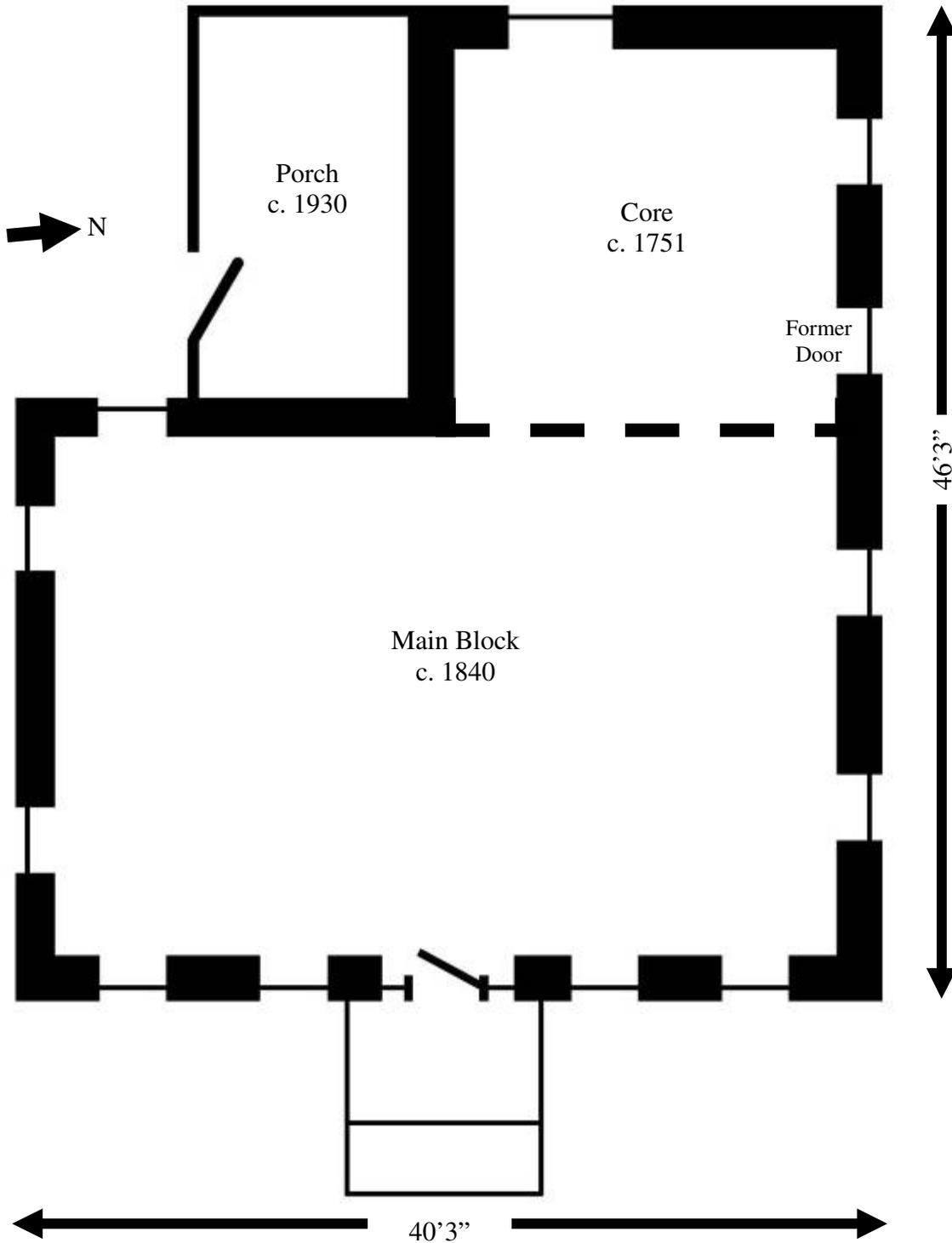


Photo 13. Root Cellar,  
facing southwest.

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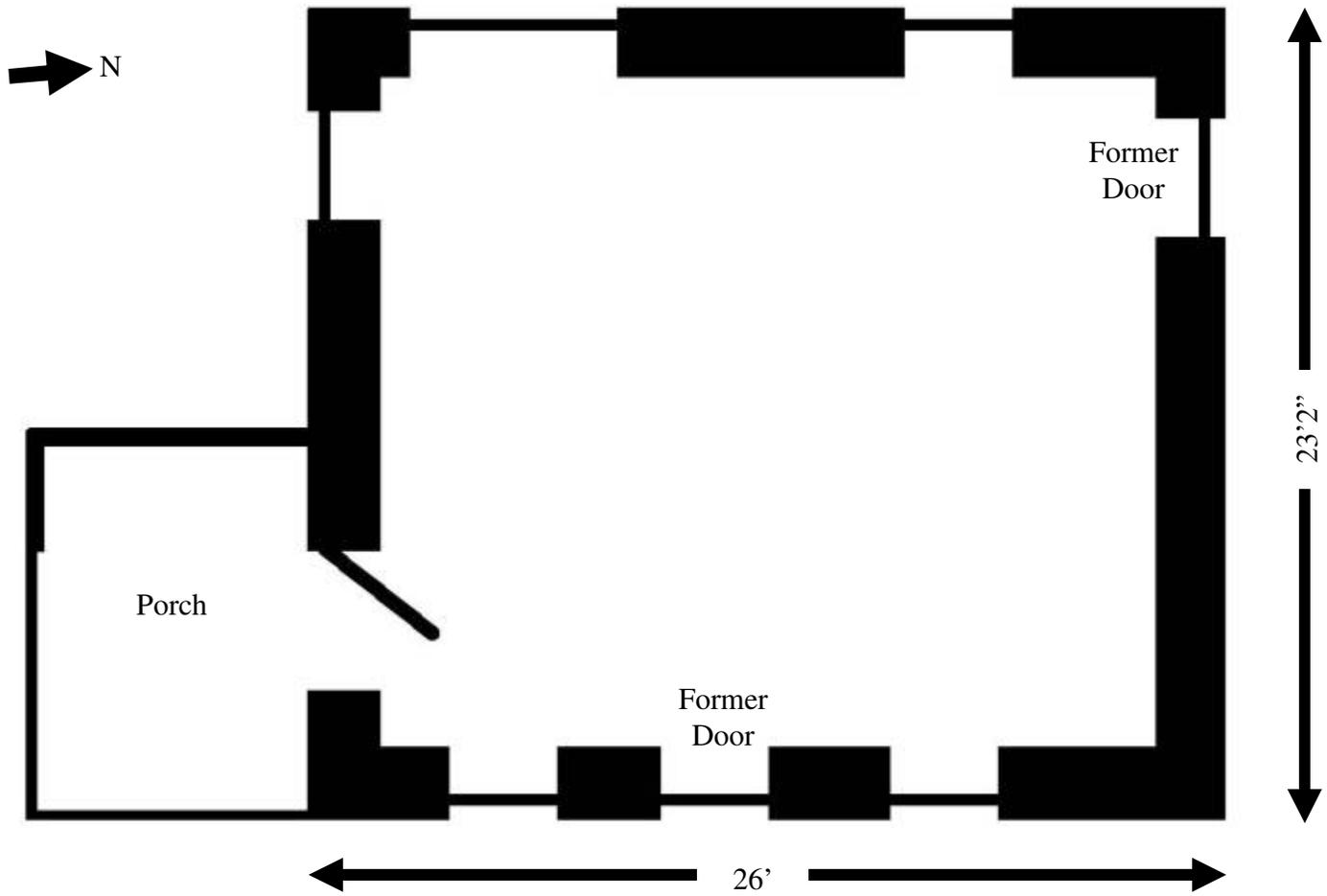
**Measured Drawing of Michael Heller Farmhouse**



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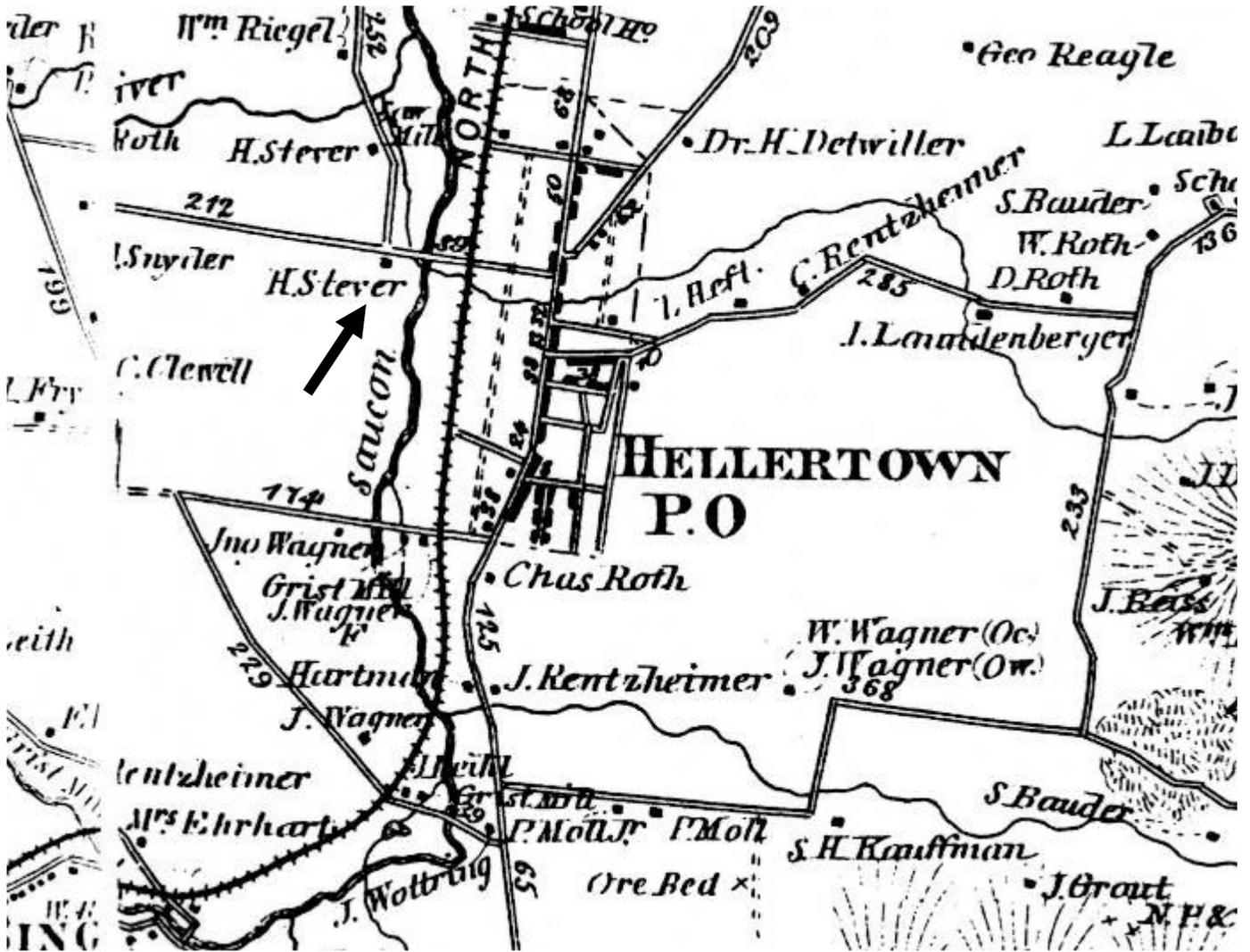
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**HISTORIC MAP**

Detail of Lower Saucon Township, D. G. Beers, *Atlas of Northampton County, Pennsylvania* (A. Pomeroy & Co., 1874)



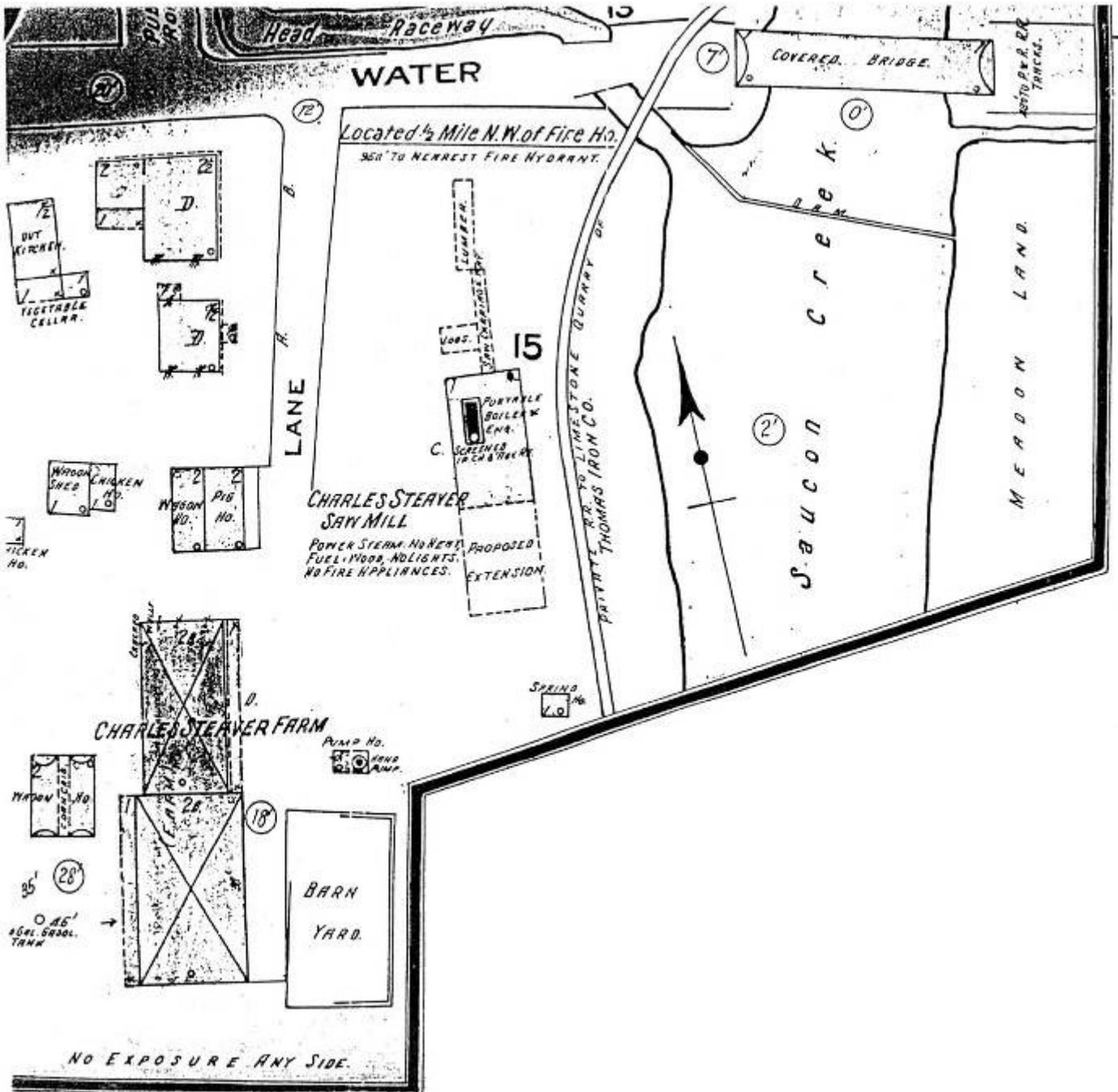
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Detail of Sanborn Atlas of Hellertown (1933 revision).



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**HISTORIC MAP**

Detail of "Site Plan" produced c. 1990 for the K. Hovnanian development of the surrounding property.

