

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Allison-Barrickman House (Boundary Expansion)  
Other names/site number JF563

2. Location

street & number 6909 Wolf Pen Branch Road  
not for publication N/A  
city or town Prospect vicinity X  
state KY code 111 county Jefferson zip code 40059

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant        nationally        statewide X locally.

Signature of certifying official David L. Morgan, SHPO and Executive Director, KHC  
Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office

10-21-09  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official      Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

Signature of Keeper      Date  
of Action

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	structures
		objects
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 2

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

- |          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Cat:     | Sub:                |
| DOMESTIC | Single Dwelling     |
|          | Secondary Structure |

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

- |          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Cat:     | Sub:                |
| DOMESTIC | Single Dwelling     |
|          | Secondary Structure |





11. Form Prepared By

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City or town         LOUISVILLE state KY zip code 40204  
Telephone            502-456-9488

=====Property

Owner

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Name                   Marilyn and Gary Werenskjold  
Street & number      6909 Wolf Pen Branch Road  
City or town         Prospect state KY zip code 40059  
Telephone            502-228-7553

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**DESCRIPTION**

The Allison-Barrickman-Ewing House is located on a two acre parcel of land on the north side of Wolf Pen Branch Road near Harrods Creek. The house once served as the centerpiece of a 400-acre farm in eastern Jefferson County. The property is nearly flat land, with a wooded area behind the house and on adjoining parcels.

The house and a one-quarter acre tract were listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The goal of this nomination amendment is to expand the National Register boundaries to include one and three-quarters additional acres. In fact, the two acre parcel has been historically associated as a house parcel since it was inherited by Elizabeth Ewing from her mother in the 1930s.

The farm historically stretched northward toward Harrods Creek and west to River Road, but is now interrupted by the Jefferson Freeway and US Highway 42. The house is sited approximately fifty feet from the road on level land. The land rises to the north of the main house. The acre clearing for the house is surrounded by an acre of wooded lot.

The Allison-Barrickman House is virtually unchanged since its initial listing in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The current owners have conducted meticulous restoration of the building. It remains a one-and-one-half story, five-bay frame house with a broad gable facade and pilaster corner boards. It is constructed on a slightly-raised stone foundation and is covered with a weatherboard finish. The transomed central entry is flanked by sidelights. Windows are six-over-six double hung sash. A balcony door is flanked by two shorter windows of the same configuration as those on the first floor. A small rear addition was constructed for a bath and porch.

Square-columned, three-bay porches are on the south and west facades. The porch balustrades are plain. The front (south) facade has an Egyptian motif balustered railing of the Carpenter Gothic Period. A sawn bargeboard is of a similar style, which appears to be a later addition. The combination of the two styles contributes to the interest and importance of the site.

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A smokehouse listed in 1983 has been removed and a new frame storage shed built on the site. A rough, frame building has been identified as the only remaining slave house of four slave houses identified by a former resident.<sup>1</sup> The extant, small, frame, front gabled building was used as a storage building for vehicles/garage from the end of the nineteenth century, throughout the twentieth century, and is now vacant. The building sits on piers and is simple frame construction. Its date of construction is unknown but is believed to be contemporary with the main house. The gabled building has been modified on the gable end from a single, pedestrian entrance to an enlarged opening fitted with solid, paired doors. The building is in disrepair, but maintains integrity of site, association, and building materials. In addition, the stone foundation of a conical ice house is being included in this boundary expansion for listing in the National Register.

Several historic resources are in proximity to the nominated area but are not included in this nomination. These include two barns, an equipment shed, a tenant house, water storage tower, farm fields, original road beds, and two extant cemeteries are known as the Allison-Ferry family cemetery and a multi-grave, enslaved/community cemetery. These resources were historically associated with the larger farm owned by Allison, Barrickman and Ewing Families. The buildings, cemeteries and structures are located on adjacent land that is in other private ownership. Modern development pressures include suburbanization, road widening and proposed construction of a bridge to cross the Ohio River in eastern Jefferson County.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Allison-Barrickman House is important as one of the only examples of modified Greek Revival architecture remaining in Jefferson County, and is currently listed with one-quarter acre in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. This nomination proposes the amendment of the original nomination to include adjacent features which place the house into the physical context of a Jefferson County farm.

The additional one and three quarter acres of land proposed for listing features a frame shed documented by a former owner as one of four dwellings for enslaved African Americans who lived on the plantation which once stood near the main house.<sup>2</sup> This building is not currently listed in the National Register. In addition, the stone foundation of an ice house is located in the proposed boundary expansion, in proximity to the frame shed/slave house.

The main house was built circa 1844 by Hendery Allison (1804-1866), who purchased the land in 1830. Allison and his family operated a grist mill on Little Goose Creek until 1852. Brothers James and H.W. Allison divided the land with James Allison choosing the parcel where this house is located. His sons inherited his property. James Allison sold half of his acreage to William Barrickman in 1878.

The combination of Greek Revival details which include the front gable roof with returns, pilaster corner boards, square columns and a dentilled cornice, with Gothic Revival is without exact comparison in the county. Only one similar building has been surveyed, JF209 the Hite-Chenoweth House, built in southeastern Jefferson County circa 1850.

William Barrickman was born in Oldham County, though he lived most of his life in Jefferson County. Barrickman raised short horn cattle and sold beef cattle

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to cattlemen in England. Mr. Barrickman died intestate in 1905, and the land was inherited by his wife Bettie Carpenter Barrickman and their five children. Jack and Mary Barrickman Ewing moved to the farm in 1910 when Mrs. Ewing inherited her share of the farm and bought shares of other relative. They purchased or inherited 200 acres and rented another 100 acres for farming. The Ewings averaged forty to fifty acres of potatoes, 100 acres of wheat, and corn. They also raised cattle and operated a dairy. Mr. Ewing's uncles, David and Ben Ewing, began the Ewing Dairy in Louisville, located at Third and Breckinridge Streets.<sup>3</sup>

Elizabeth Ewing, daughter of Jack and Mary Ewing, inherited the house and two acres being nominated and lived there until her death in 1994. Her brothers Dan and John Ewing owned the adjoining farm land.

The house and two acres are currently owned by Gary and Marilyn Werenskjold. The adjoining historic farm land with the cemeteries and historic resources are in private hands and is under consideration for large scale residential or office development.

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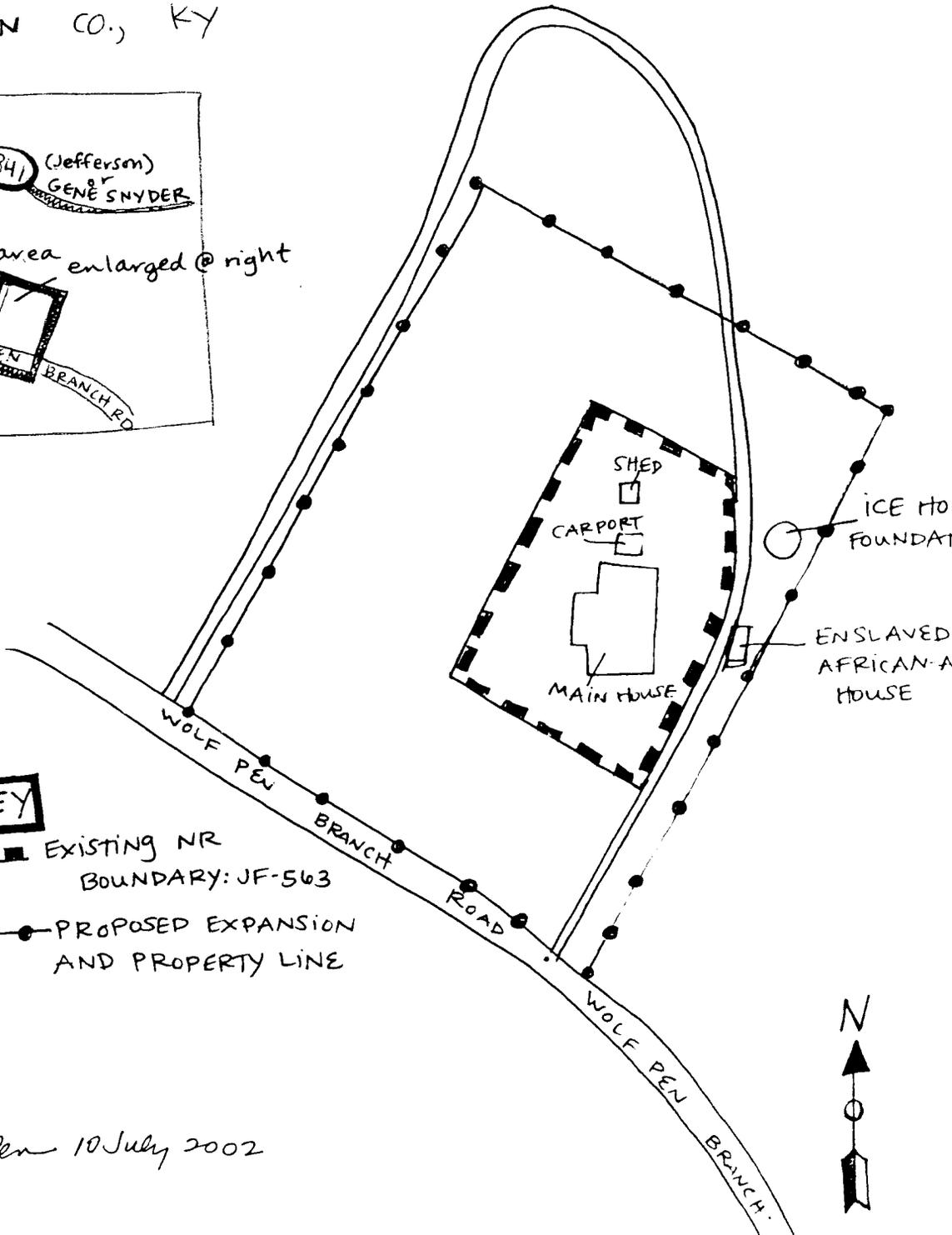
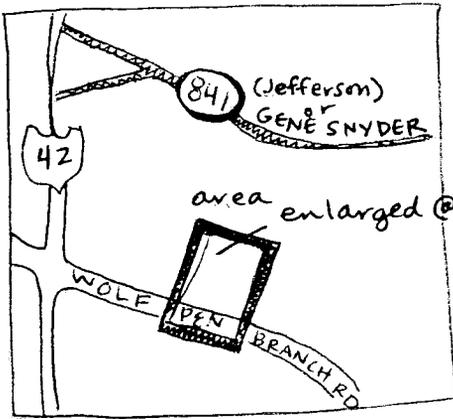
<sup>1</sup>A site map drawn by John Ewing, Jr. identifies the locations of buildings on the farm from 1905 to 1933 when he lived on the farm. The site map is attached to this document.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>Ewing, John Jr.. "Old Homeplace in Jefferson County." Greensburg Record Herald. n.d., n.p.

# PROPOSED BOUNDARY EXPANSION of ALLISON-BARRICKMAN HOUSE JF-563

JEFFERSON CO., KY



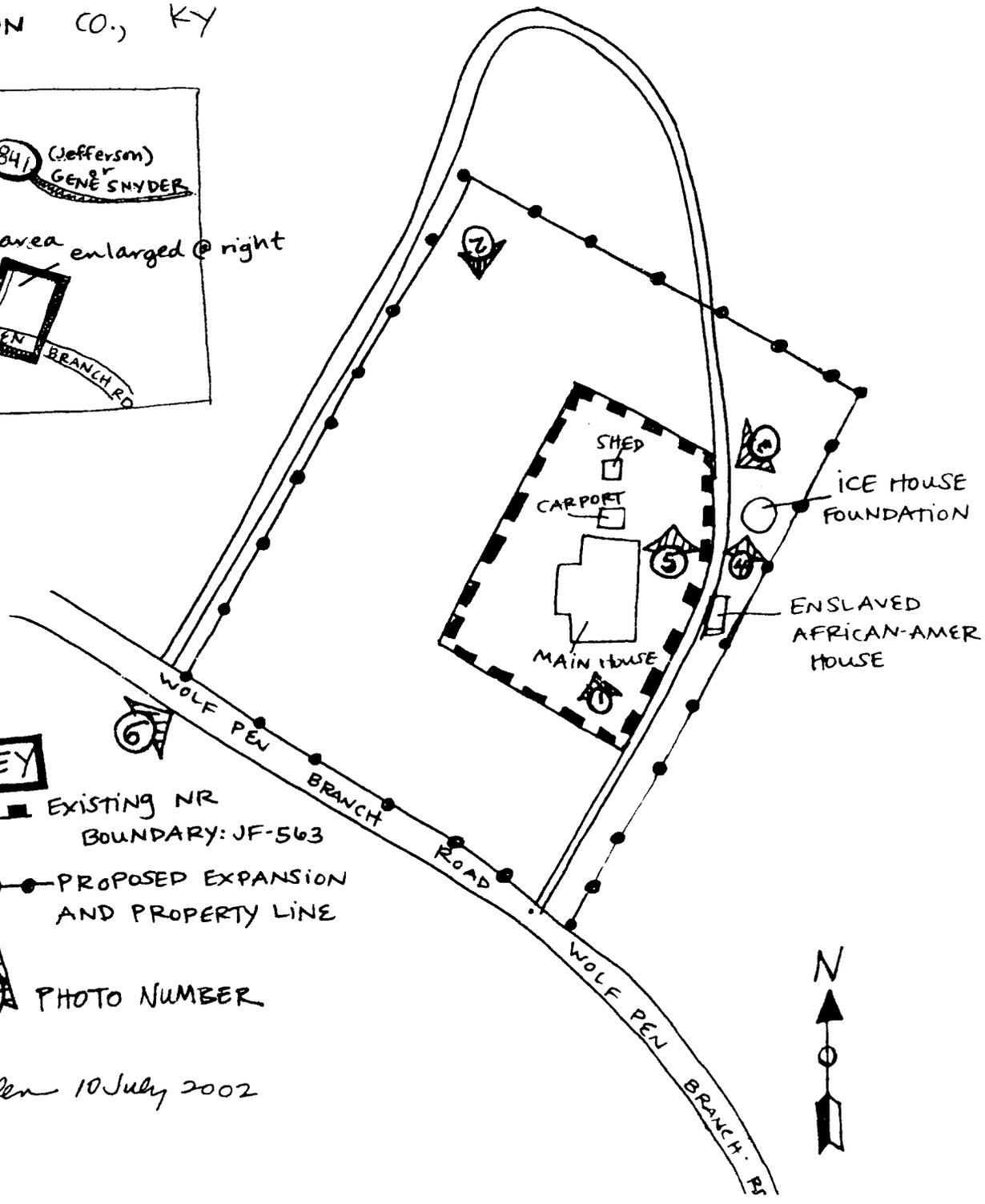
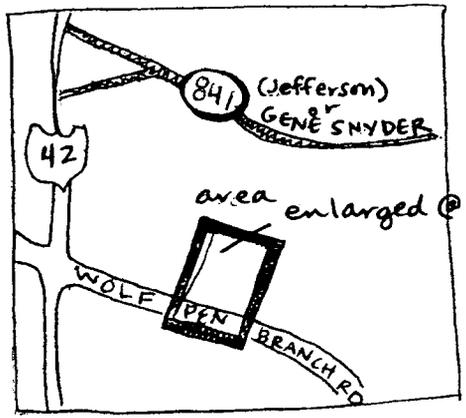
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  -  PROPOSED EXPANSION AND PROPERTY LINE

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ALLISON-BARRICKMAN HOUSE JF-563

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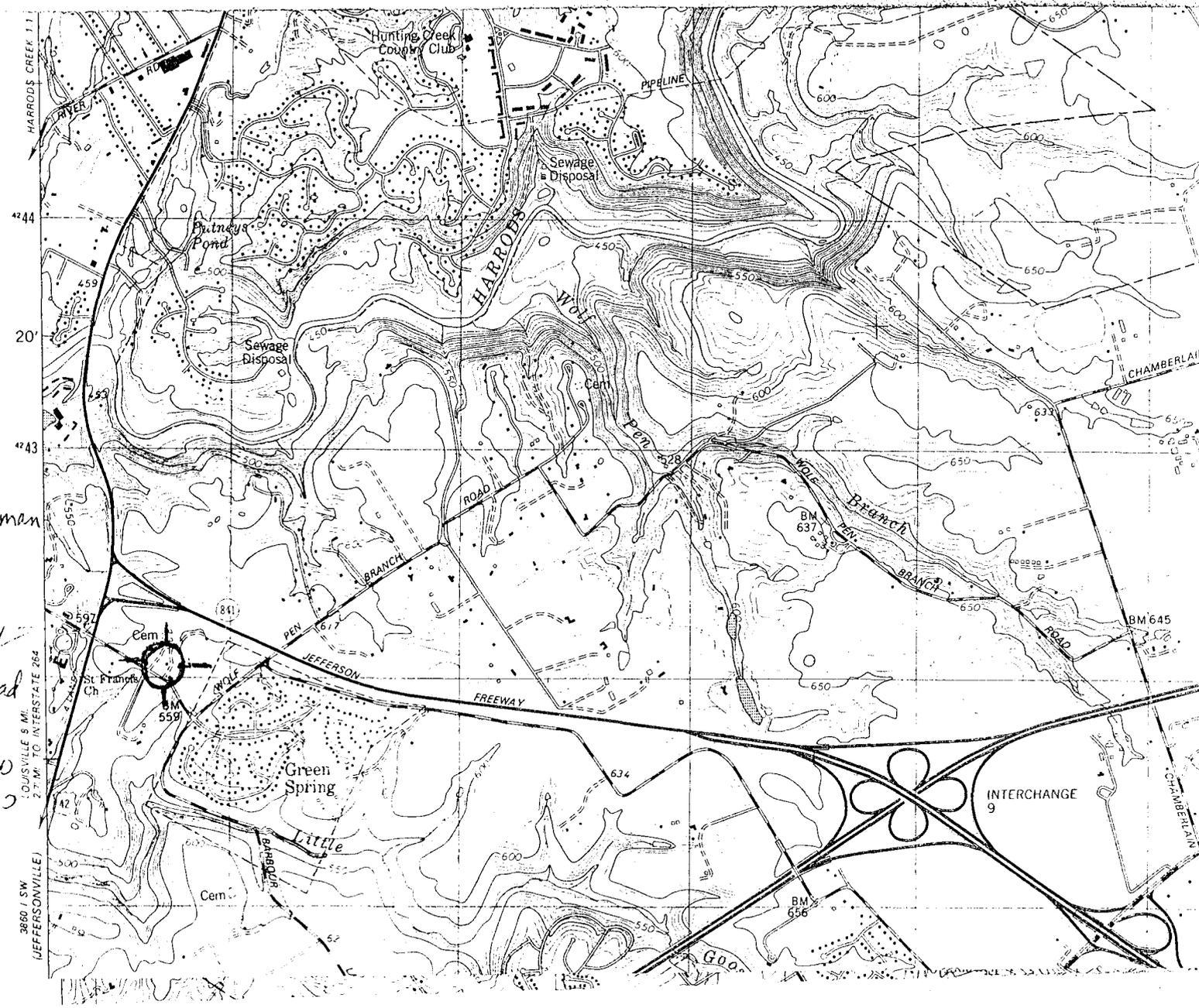
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Allison-Barrickman  
House [Boundary  
Enlargement]  
Jefferson Co. Ky.  
Anchorage Quad  
Zone 16  
Easting 6207W  
Northing 4242063



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(JEFFERSONVILLE)  
0.5 MI. TO INTERSTATE 264  
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