

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

RE-TELLING OUR HISTORY

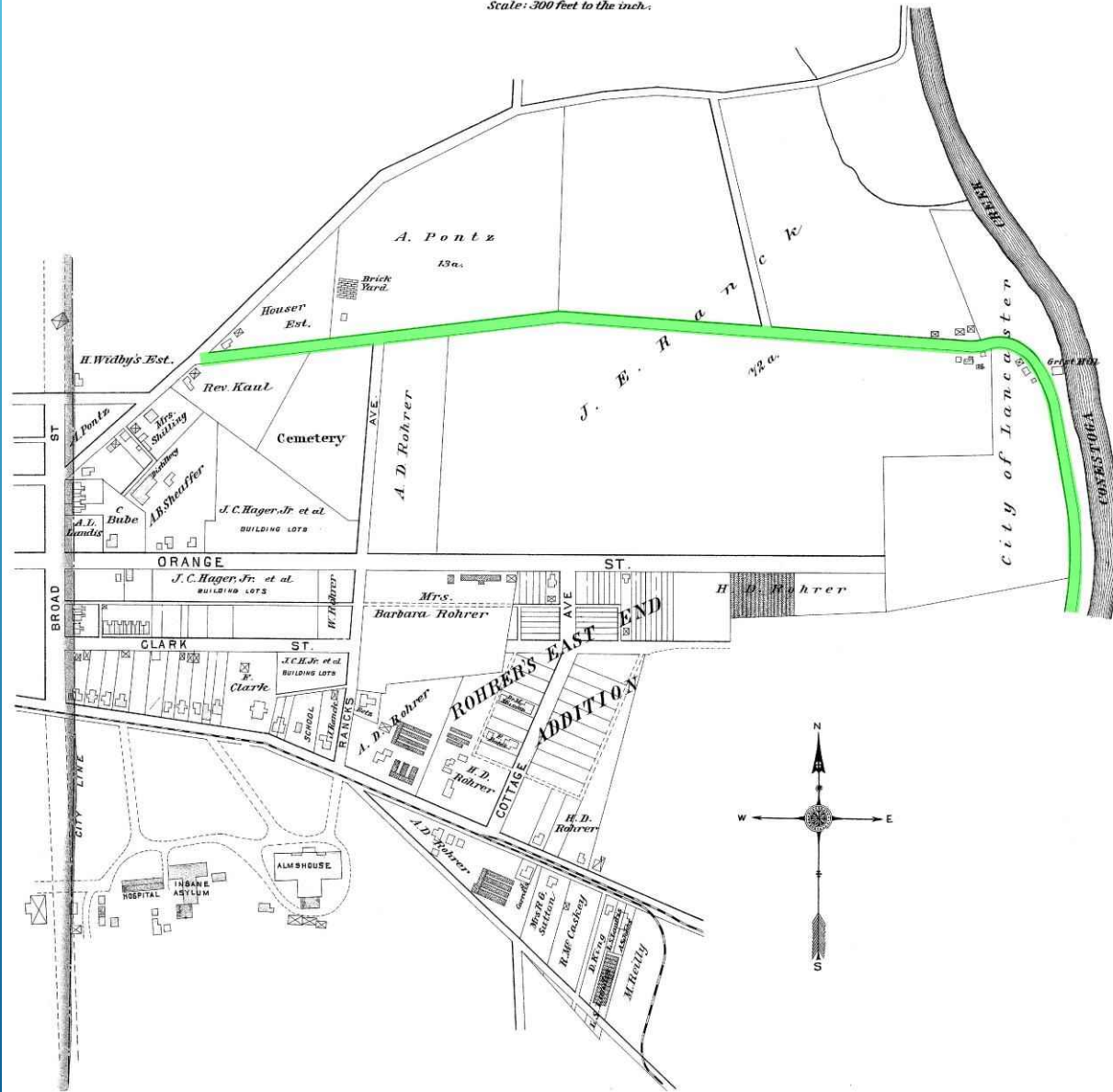
Ranck's Mill

December 13, 2021

SUB PLAN
EAST OF LANCASTER CITY

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP.

Scale: 300 feet to the inch.



You know the road
in the east side of
Lancaster Township,

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but there
was an
actual
mill...!



By creating a dam across the Conestoga, the millworks would turn.



The power was so plentiful that a second mill was built on the other side.



Ranck's Mill and Dam, Conestoga River.

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To Domestic Manufacturers and Millers.

THE subscribing proprietors give notice, that they will offer at public sale, on the third day of March next, at the house of Abraham Witmer, Jun. Conestogoe Bridge, all their

Mills, Machinery, and about 83 Acres of Superior Land,

Twenty of which are first rate timber land, situate on the Conestogoe Creek, one mile from the borough of Lancaster, which is universally admitted to be the most populous inland town, as well as surrounded by the richest county in the United States.

About 50 acres of the above are situate on the east and the remainder on the west (or Lancaster) side of the creek, which is here 220 feet wide and contains an immensely powerful body of water.

The improvements on the western side of the creek are a complete two story Merchant and Grist Mill, with four pair of stones (two of which are burrs)—the whole, mill and works in complete order, a large two story stone House (late the residence of Andrew Graff, Esq.) having four rooms on a floor, an extensive kitchen, a never-failing well with a pump, also a stone wash-house, smoke-house, wood-shed and a large barn and stabling in good order.

On the eastern tract is a new built Carding House with one pair of chopping stones, all the necessary Machinery for carding Wool and Cotton and sufficient accommodation for five looms in the carding-house, a good log dwelling house and an extensive barn and stabling, all in good order.

The dam is in complete repair and forms an angle with the current, inclining down the western side of the creek, commanding water in abundance for an extensive Manufactory or Mill, in addition and without injury to the present establishment. The scite for the additional buildings is immediately below the merchant mill, on the Lancaster side.

There is a good fording, over which a public road passes immediately below the mill and carding-house, which are only half a mile above *Witmer's Bridge*, on the great turnpike road leading from Lancaster to Philadelphia.

To persons possessing capital, this in an important situation, having every thing necessary for the most extensive operations requiring water power.

The sale to commence at 2 o'clock, when attendance will be given and the terms made known by

ABRAHAM WITMER,
JOHN GRAFF.

Feb. 4. 38-4nq.

N. B. Persons wishing to see the property, may apply to John Graff, on the premises, or to Abraham Witmer, at the Bridge.

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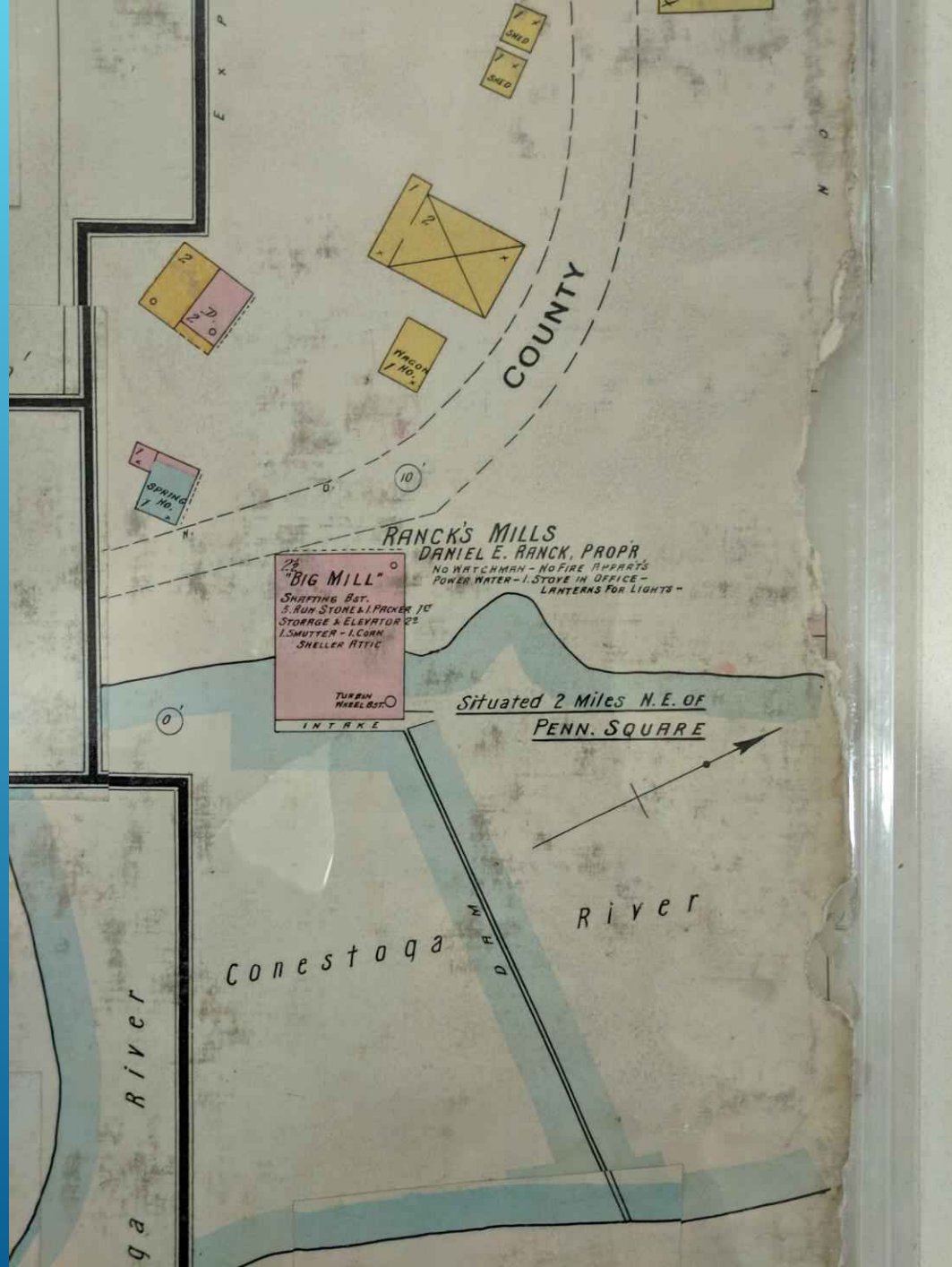


1842:
LABELLED
“DEMUTH”
AND
“LANDIS”



THE MILLER'S
HOUSE STILL
STANDS TODAY

1200 RANCK MILL ROAD



Other than the miller's house, only a few stone and concrete remnants are visible.