

Post Office Department,

TOPOGRAPHER'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1884.

Sir:

To enable the Topographer of this Department to determine, with as much accuracy as possible, the relative positions of Post Offices, so that they may be correctly delineated on its maps, the Postmaster General requests you to fill up the spaces below, and the diagram on fourth page, returning the same, verified by your signature and dated, under cover to this Office.

Respectfully, &c.,

*Choeser Jr*  
Topographer P. O. Dept.

To POSTMASTER AT *Dora*  
*Belmont Co*  
*Ohio* P.O. June 28<sup>rd</sup>

The (P. O. Dept.) name of my Office is *Dora*  
\* Its local name is *Whitesmills*  
It is situated in the *South West* quarter of Section No. *31*, in Township *7* (north or south), Range *5*, (east or west), County of *Belmont*, State of *Ohio*

The name of the most prominent river near it is *Ohio*  
The name of the nearest creek is *Saptinga*  
This Office is *20* miles from said river, on the *West* side of it, and is *1 1/2* miles from said nearest creek, on the *North* side of it.  
The name of the nearest Office on route No. *21559* is *Hunter*, and its distance is *4* miles, by the traveled road, in a *South East* direction from this my Office.  
The name of the nearest Office, on the same route, on the other side, is \_\_\_\_\_ and its distance is \_\_\_\_\_ miles in a \_\_\_\_\_ direction from this my Office.

The name of the nearest Office off the route is \_\_\_\_\_, and its distance by the most direct road is \_\_\_\_\_ miles in a \_\_\_\_\_ direction from this my Office.

This office is at a distance of *3* miles from the *nearest* Station of the *B & O* Railroad, on the *South* side of the railroad.

State, under this, the names of other Offices near your Office, in different directions from it, and their distances from it by the most direct roads. *Rilshes P.O. South (mils) Sumner P.O. South west 7 mils*  
*Alm P.O. North west 5 miles* *Centerville (East 8 miles)*

\* If the town, village, or site of the Post Office be known by another name than that of the Post Office, state that other name here, that it may be identified on the map of the State (or Territory). *Whitesmills*

A diagram of the township and sections (or, where the land is not so divided, a sketch map), showing the precise location of your Office, together with the adjoining Post Offices, towns, or villages, the roads, railroads, and larger streams or creeks, in addition to the above, will be useful, and is desired.—(See diagram blank accompanying this, to be filled up.)

(Signature of Postmaster.) *Josephus Franman*

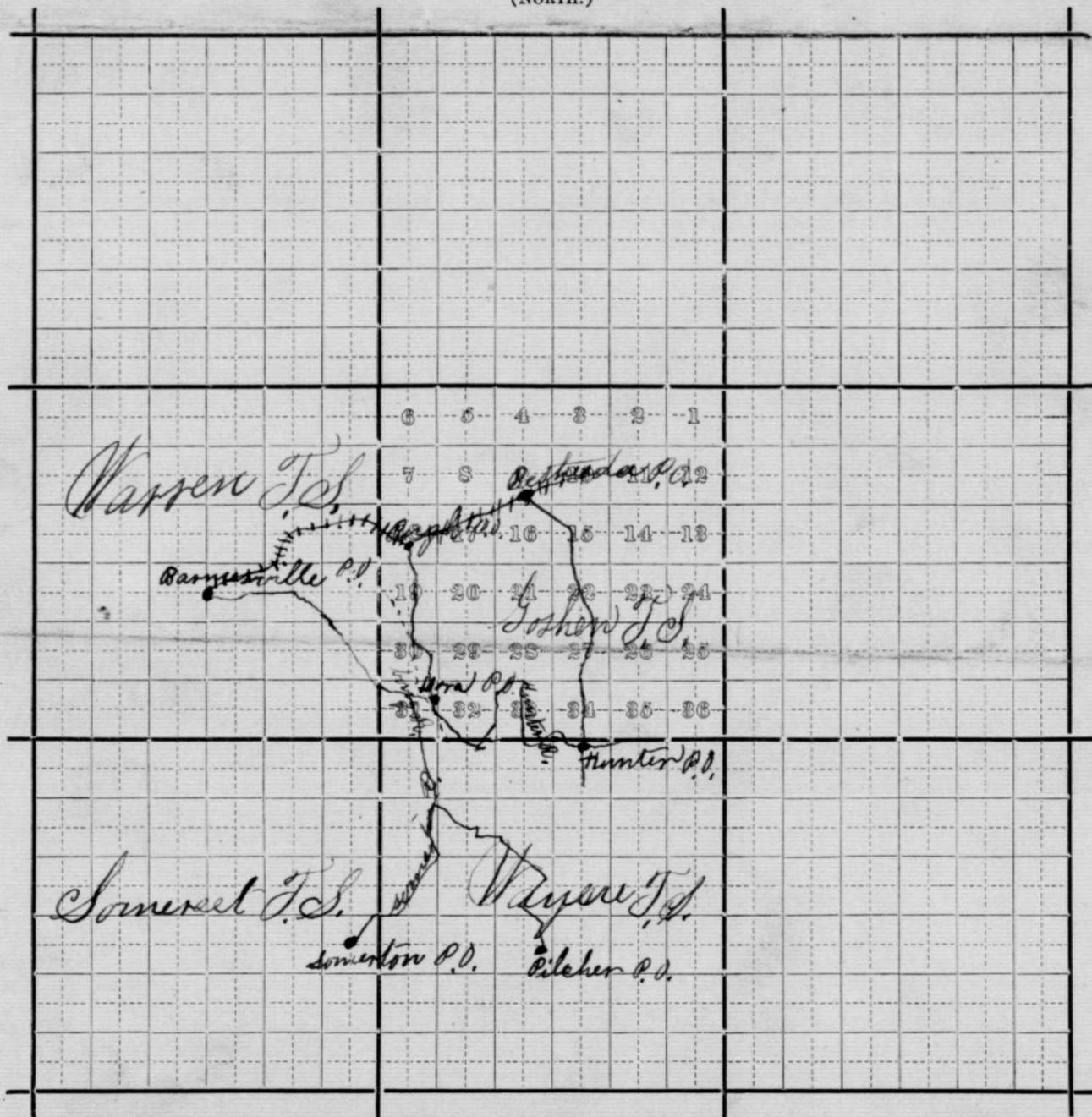
(Date.) *July 18<sup>th</sup> / 1884*

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Diagram showing the site of the Lora Post Office  
 in Township 7 Range 5 of Principal  
Meridian, County of Belmont, State  
 of Ohio, with the adjacent Townships and Post  
 Offices.

It is requested that the exact site of the proposed, or existing Post Office, as also the roads to the adjoining Offices, and the larger streams or rivers, be marked on this diagram, to be returned as soon as possible to the Post Office Department. If on, or near a railroad, mark the railroad and adjacent Station accurately.

(NORTH.)



Scale  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to the mile.

(SOUTH.)

Post Office Department,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, Feb 2nd, 1877.

SIR:

Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new post office at Philip's Store, County of Belmont, State of Ohio at which you are recommended for postmaster, he requires that the blanks in the following statement be filled, and the questions carefully and correctly answered, verified by your signature, certified by a neighboring postmaster, and returned to this Department, addressed to me. The contractor should be informed of this application; and if the site of the proposed office be off the mail route, you will forward his certificate as to the practicability of supplying it, and also as to the increase of distance. If the proposed office is not on any route now under contract, it can only be established as a "Special Office," to be supplied without expense to Department other than net proceeds.

Be careful to designate the post offices by their true official names; and answer the subjoined queries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES W. MARSHALL, First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. Omer Phillips Care of the Postmaster of Barnesville, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office will be called DOTA

[The name of the candidate for postmaster should not be applied as the name of a post office. It is preferable to have some LOCAL or PERMANENT name, which must not be the name of any other office in the State; and you should aim to select a name not appropriated to any office in the United States.]

It will be situated in the S.E. quarter of Section Thirty one, Township Seven Range Five, in the County of Belmont, State of Ohio

It will be on or near route No. Special Route, being the route from Bethesda to Hunter on which the mail is now carried Three times per week.

The contractor's name is Michem Moore

Will it be directly on this route? - Ans. No

If not, how far from and on which side of it? - Ans. Four miles West Side

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip? - Ans. Five miles

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office? - Ans. Bethesda

Where intersect the route again? - Ans. One and one half miles north of Hunter

What post office will be left out by this change? - Ans. None

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is Hunter its distance is Four miles, in a East direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is Barnesville its distance is five miles, in a West direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, is Pughy distance by the most direct road is 3 1/2 miles, in a North direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is None

The name of the nearest creek is Long Run, a very small one

The proposed office will be miles from said river, on the side of it, and will be No miles from said nearest creek, on the East side of it.

If near a railroad, state on which side the office will be located, how far from, and the name of the station or depot. - Ans. South Side, 3/4 miles, Burtons Station

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants. - Ans. No village

Also, the population to be supplied by proposed office. - Ans. Three hundred

A diagram, or sketch from a map, showing the position of the proposed new office, with neighboring river or creek, roads, and other post offices, towns, or villages near it, will be useful, and is therefore desired.

A correct map of the locality might be furnished by the county surveyor, but this must be without expense to the Post Office Department.

ALL WHICH I CERTIFY to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, this eighth day of February, 1877

Omer F. Phillips

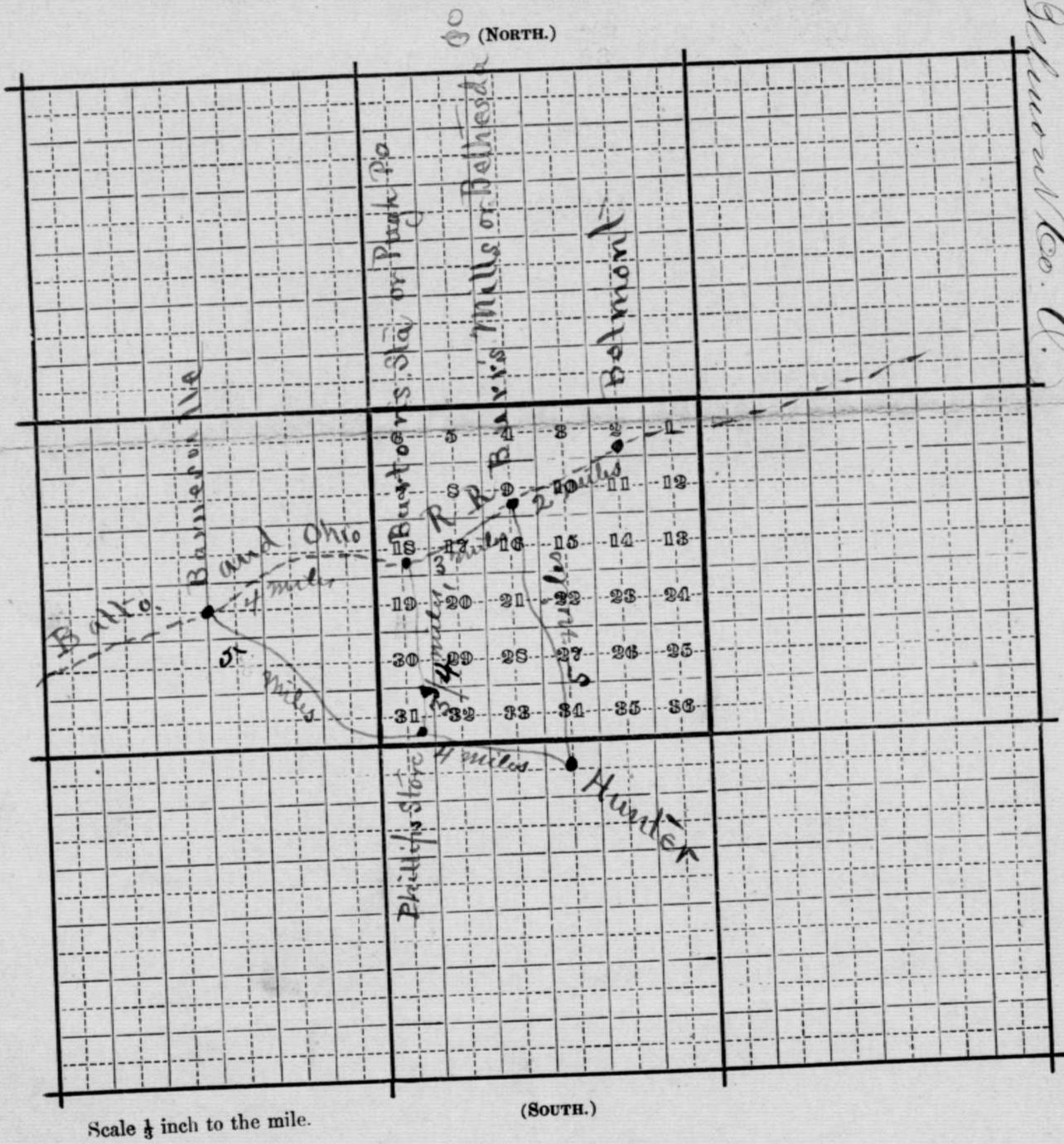
I CERTIFY that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. B. Piper

Postmaster of Barnesville Belmont Co Ohio

Diagram showing the site of the Gora Post Office  
 in Township Seven Range Five of Belmont Principal  
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Gora,  
 Belmont Co. O.  
 Dec 10. 16. 1847.