



# The History of the Bureau of the Animal Industry Building in Norwood Park

Or ...

How the Zebroid  
Got Its Stripes.



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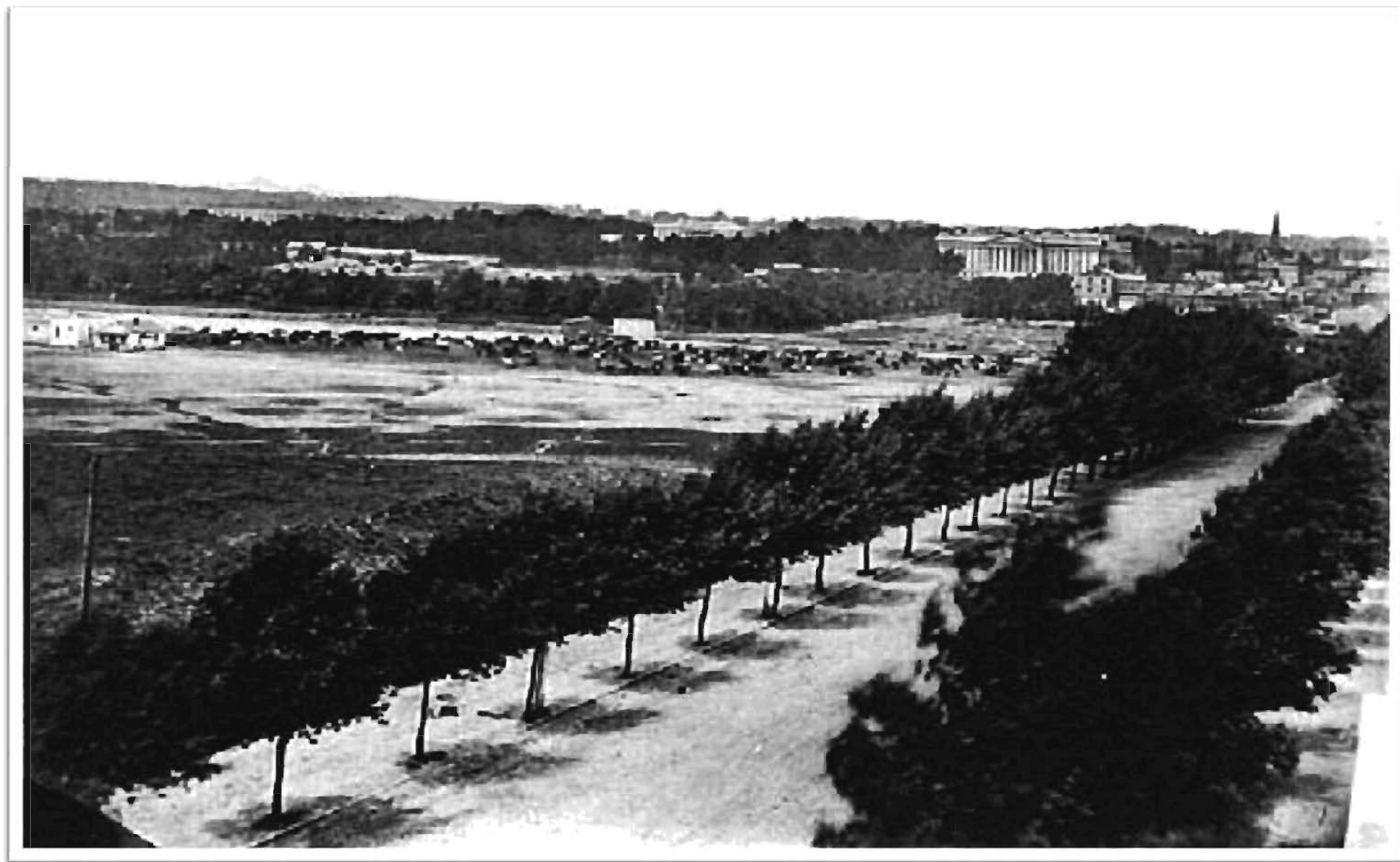


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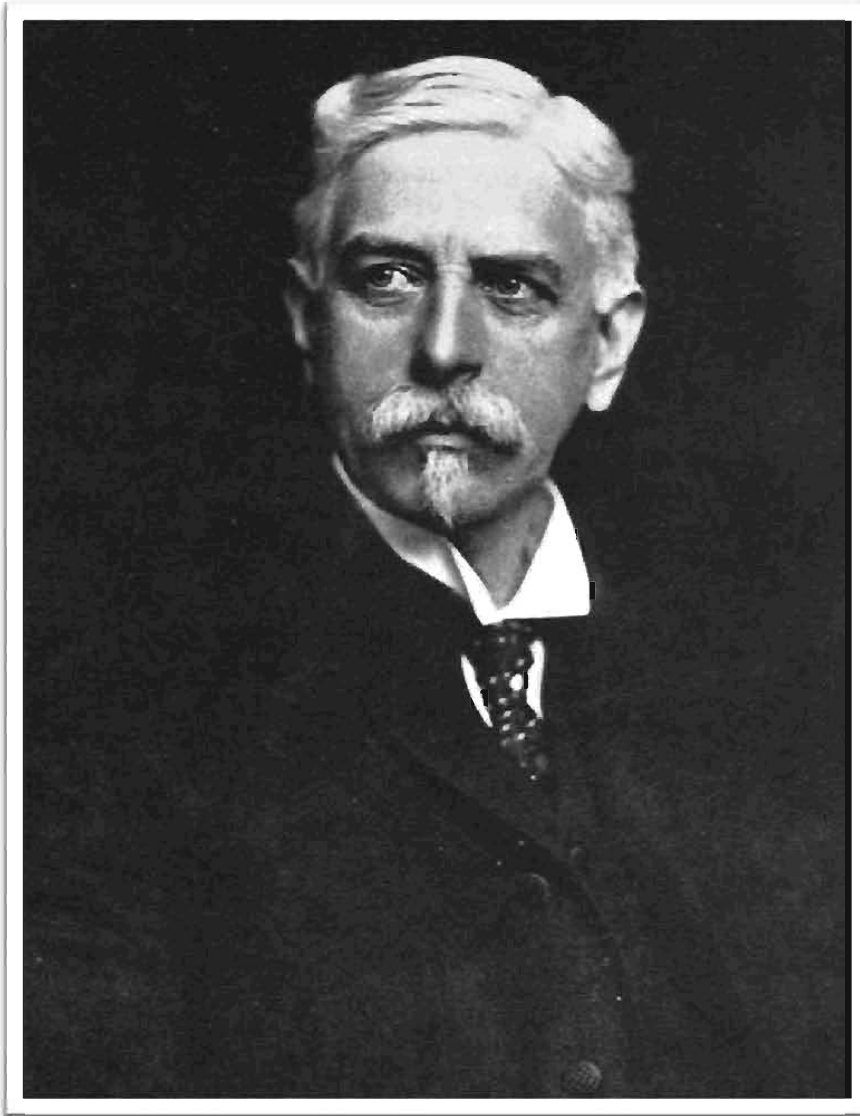
► **U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
Washington, D.C.





▶ Cattle grazing along the Mall in Washington, DC





## **Bureau of Animal Industry Established**

### **Dr. Daniel E. Salmon**

Identified need for guarded experimental farm to study infectious diseases in domestic animals.

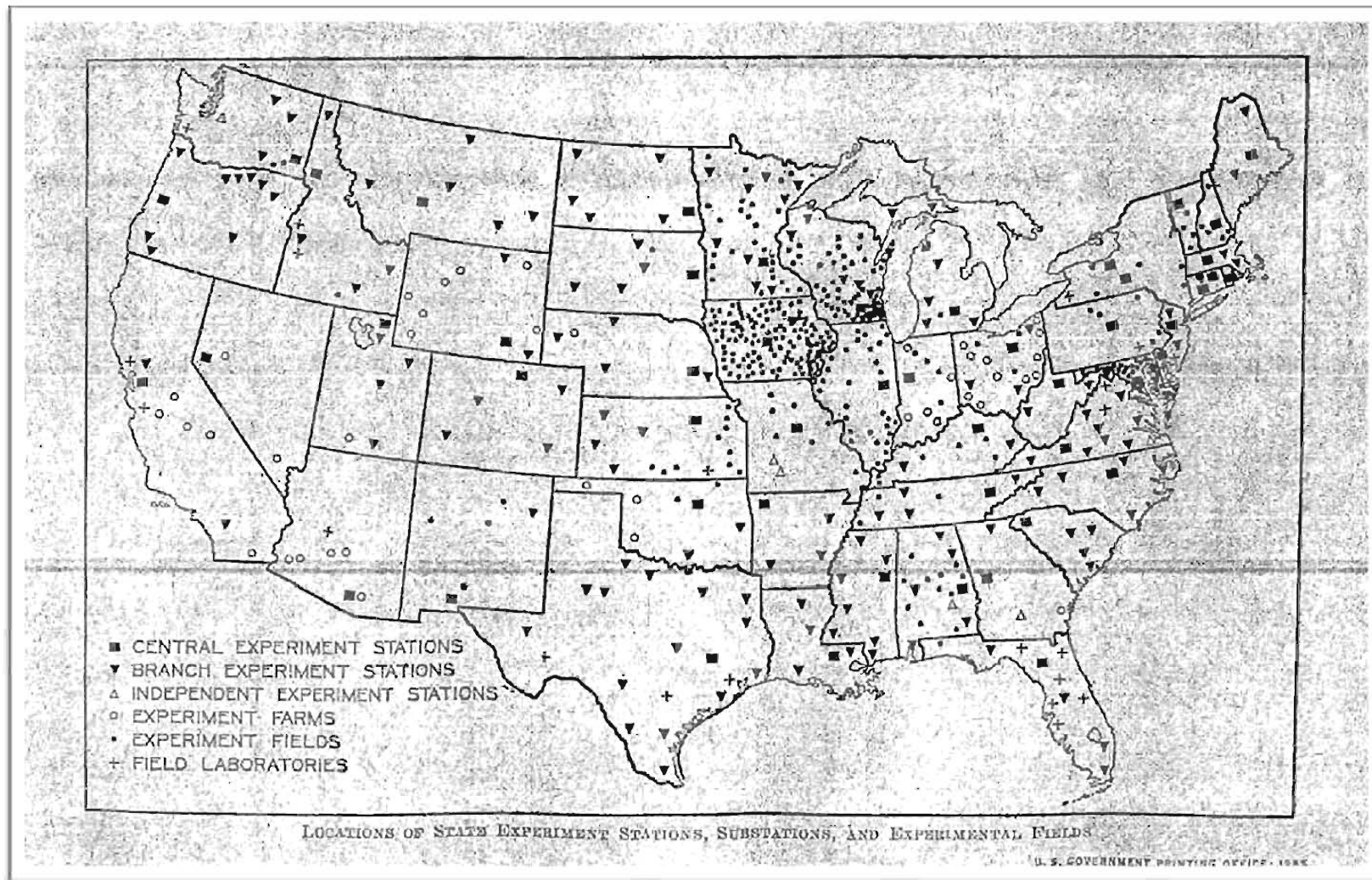
First Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry.





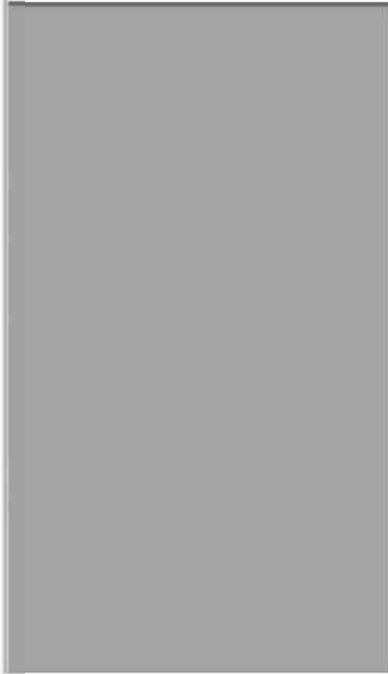
## Bureau of Animal Industry

- Inspect meat and animals for export
- Inspect and quarantine imported animals
- Eradicate animal diseases (whether for farming, export, or consumption purposes)
- Scientifically investigate contagious diseases
- Investigate the breeding and feeding of livestock and poultry
- Conduct work relating to the dairy industry.



## ► National System of Agricultural Experimental Stations





## Bethesda Experiment Station

Bethesda, a sleepy rural community dotted with farms.

**LEFT:** Bradley Blvd looking west.

**BELOW:** Dr. Salmon's house in Somerset.

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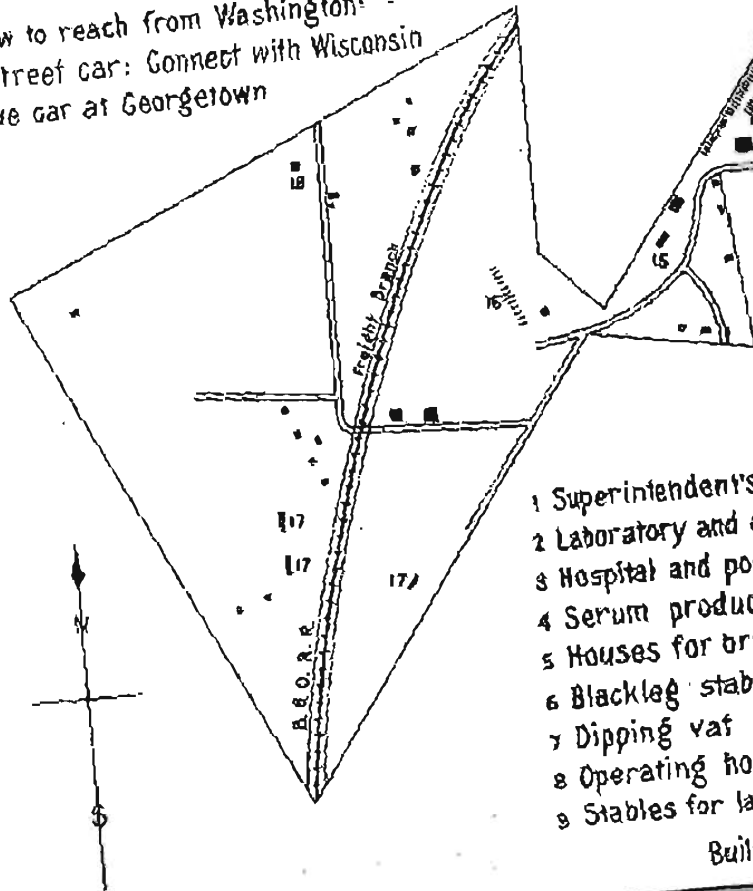


▶ Superintendent's House



# EXPERIMENT STATION, BETHESDA, MD.

How to reach from Washington:  
 By street car: Connect with Wisconsin  
 Avenue car at Georgetown



Total area in diagram, 50 acres. The Station has temporary use of 65 acres of adjoining land in addition

## KEY TO PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS

- 1 Superintendent's residence
- 2 Laboratory and administration building
- 3 Hospital and post-mortem room
- 4 Serum production laboratory
- 5 Houses for breeding small rodents
- 6 Blackleg stable
- 7 Dipping vat
- 8 Operating house
- 9 Stables for large animals

- 10 House for small animals
- 11 Wagon and tool house
- 12 Breeding house for small animals
- 13 Feed storage house
- 14 Pens for hogs
- 15 Incinerator for burning diseased carcasses
- 16 Quarantine hog pens
- 17 Dog kennels, some for quarantine
- 18 Anthrax stable

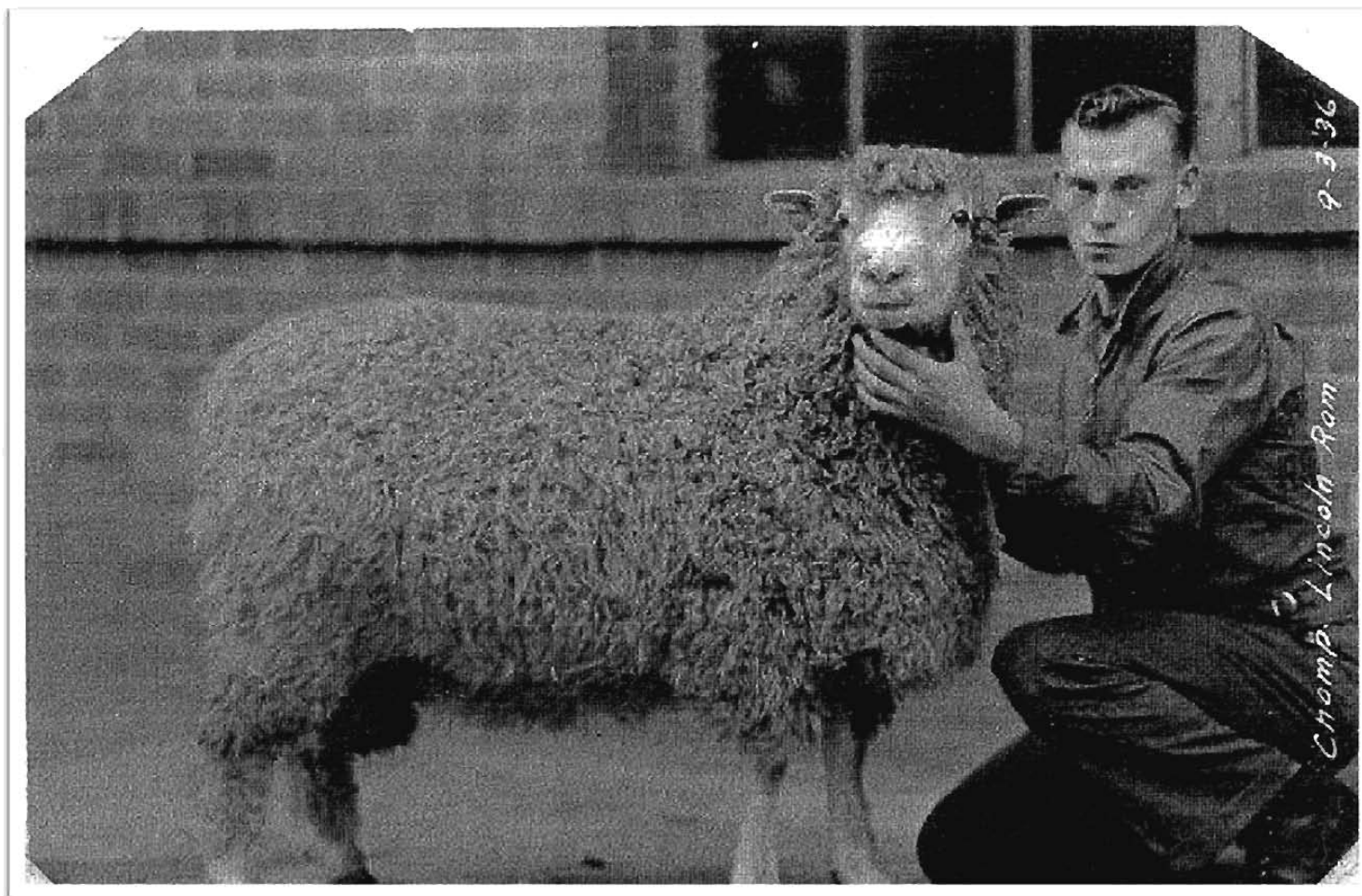
Buildings not numbered are used for miscellaneous purposes

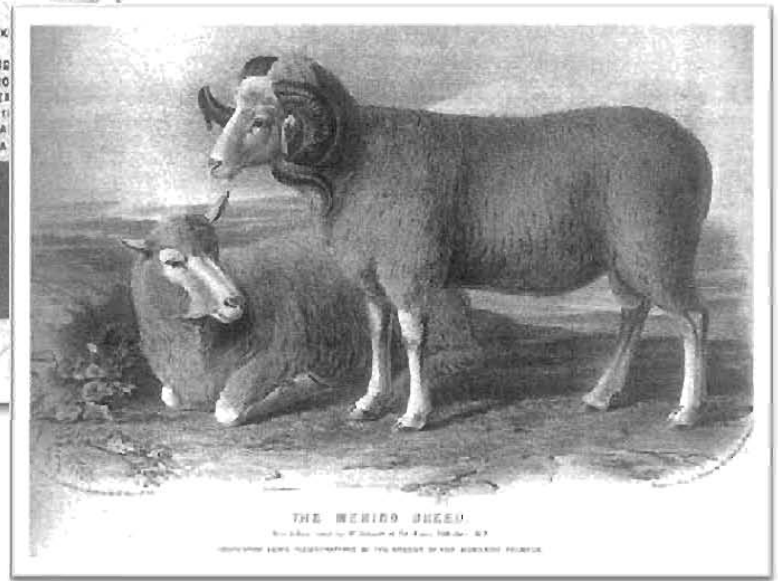
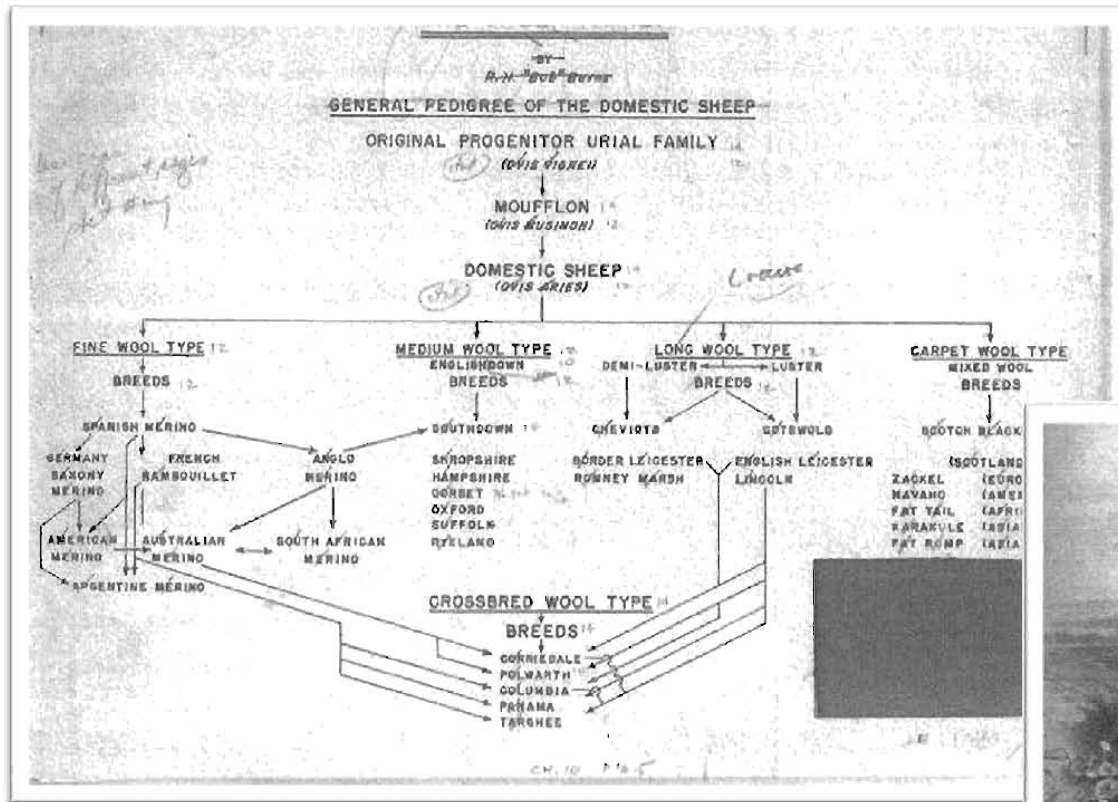
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▶“The Department seems determined to find all there is in the old breeds of Europe, Asia and Africa, whether sheep, horses or cattle, and if possible to found American types that may prove better than any others known.”

1862

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## **Bureau of Animal Industry**

**Administration Building and Laboratory**

**The building was equipped for:**

The study of infectious diseases in animals.

Storage of supplies and the experiment records of the BAI and other scientific divisions





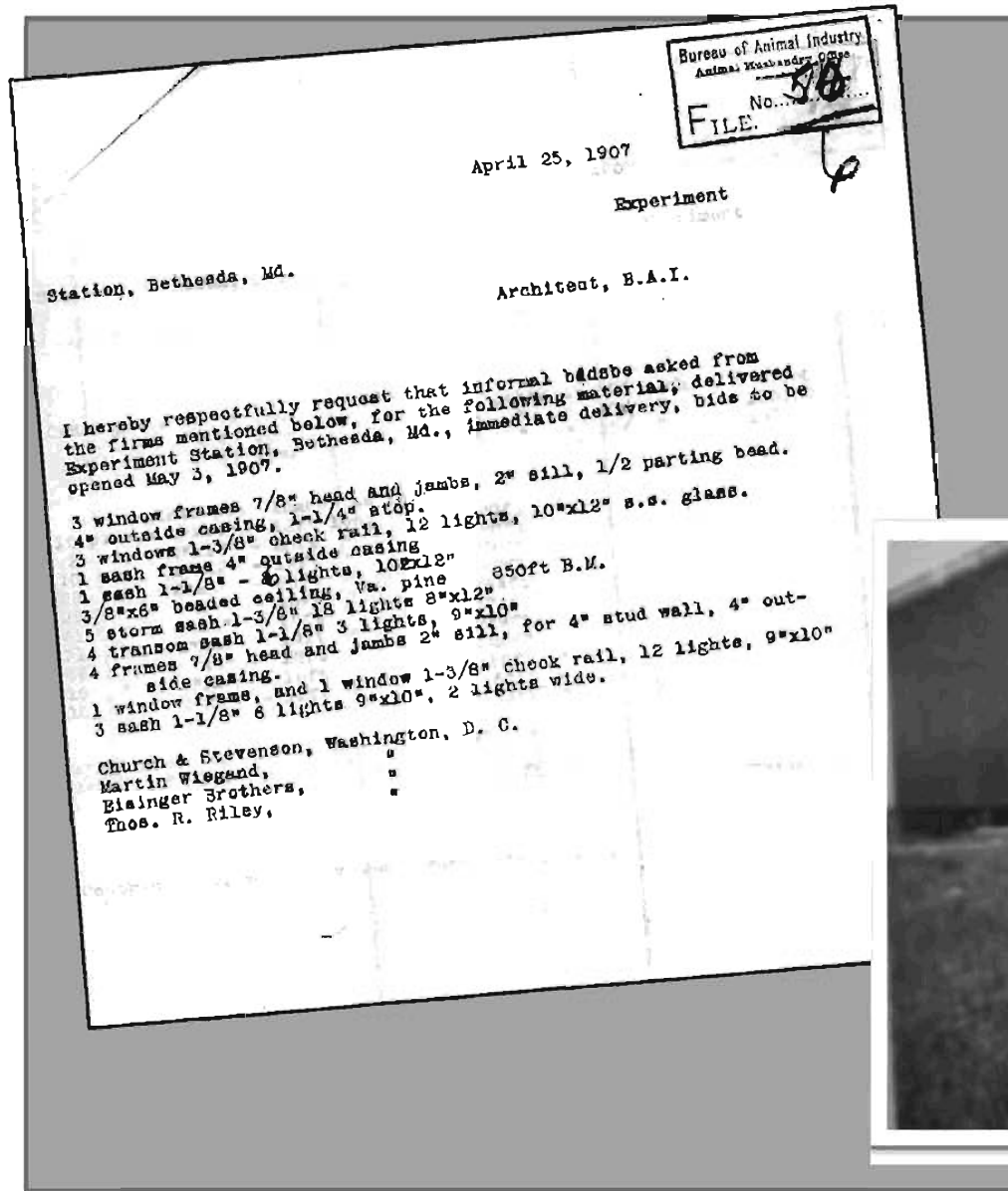
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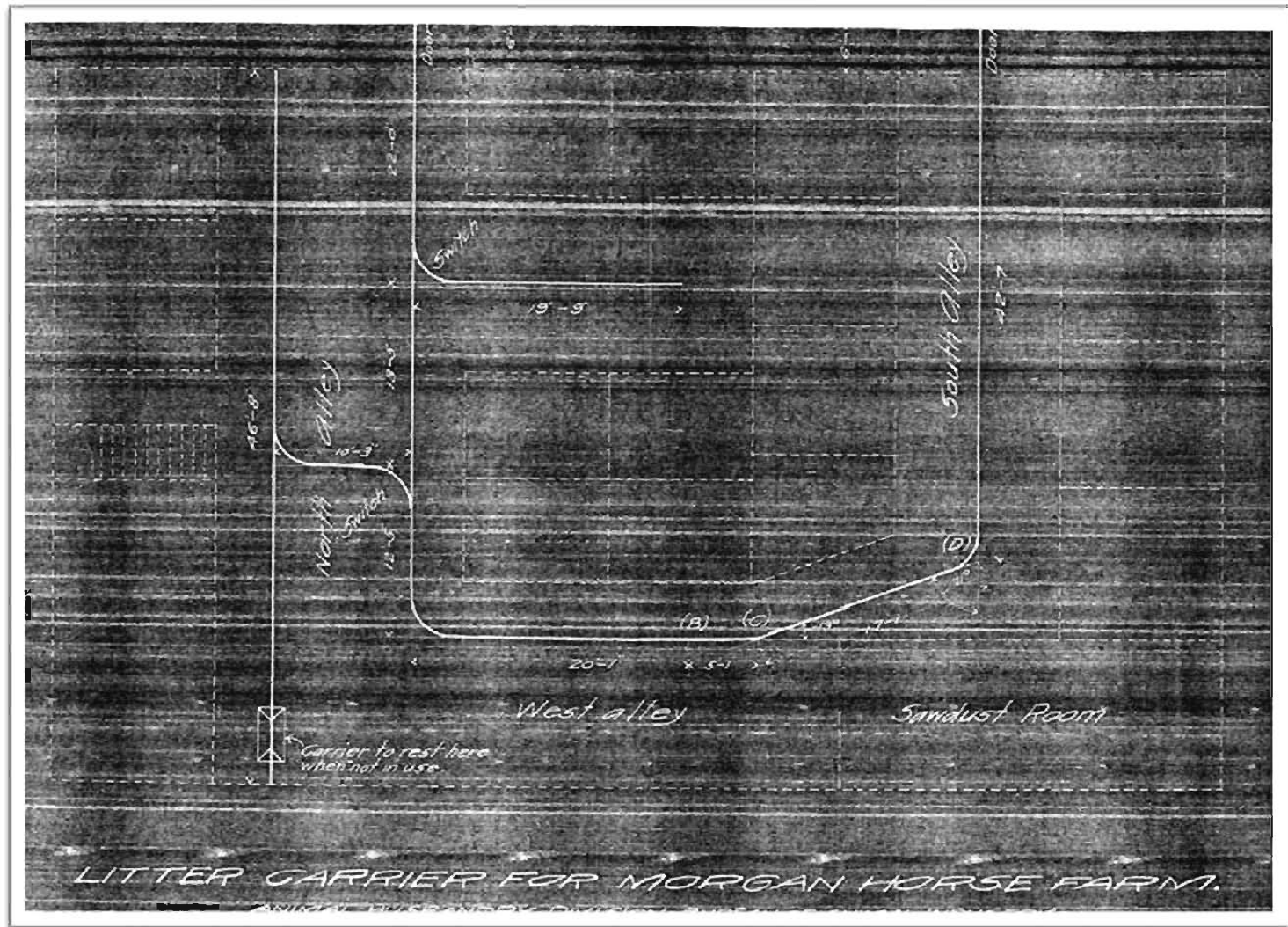
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► Renaissance Revival



► Construction at the farm

1862      1907-1908      1957      2007



► Bureau of Animal Industry Blueprint

