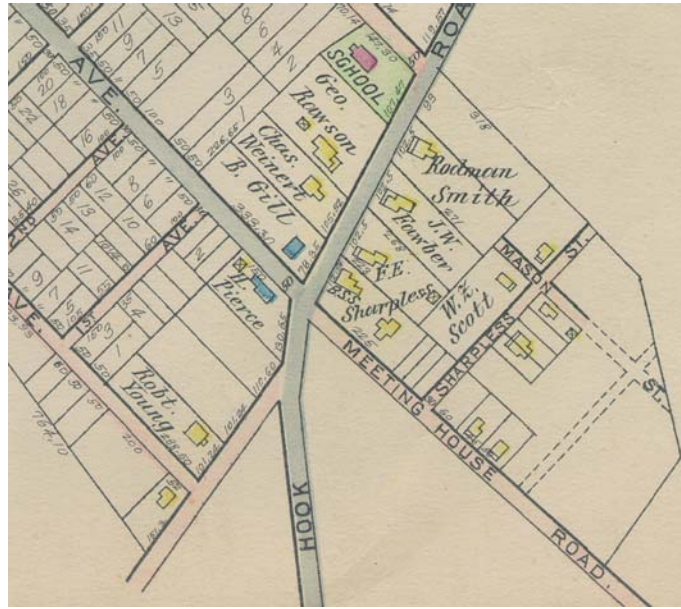


Cross Roads & Osbourne Farm, 1913 – The cross roads of what is now Chichester Avenue and Meetinghouse Road, formally known as McCaysville was the first business district for the area. The below map shows the crossroads as it was in 1913. The Sharpless family, which had a blacksmith shop and later an automotive and gas station, are shown at the corner. The McCay Avenue School is also shown without its addition that was constructed in 1928.



Below is a picture of Norman Sharpless' Auto Accessories where he sold Sunoco Gas.



Opposite McCay's property (Boothwyn Farms) near the crossroads was the Osbourne Farm. The Osbourne family was prominent in Upper Chichester and involved in local politics. Also shown on this section of the 1913 map is the Smith estate. The Smith sisters were well known in the community, one a schoolteacher for fifty years and the other was the first post-mistress of the Boothwyn-Okiola Post Office, which operated right out of the stone house shown. Both the Osbourne and Smith houses are still standing and in very good condition.

