

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-0519**  
**John Bollinger House**  
**20701 Keeney Mill Road**  
**Middletown, Baltimore County**  
**1855**  
**Private**

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0519

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Bollinger House (preferred)

other Hidden Lake Farm

### 2. Location

street and number 20701 Keeney Mill Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Middletown \_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas L. and Laura R. Hudson

street and number 20701 Keeney Mill Road telephone Not Available

city, town Freeland state MD zip code 21053-9636

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6758 folio 503

city, town Towson tax map 6 tax parcel 258 tax ID number 1600007229

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>4</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>1</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>5</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>5</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			<u>1</u>

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The property also features four additional historic resources. At the rear of the house is a circa 1855 masonry kitchen and smokehouse. Constructed of five-course American bond brick, the one story building is capped by a side gable roof with standing seam metal. One interior end brick chimney rises from the east elevation. Openings on the kitchen include three single-leaf, vertical board wood doors and a 6/6 window, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills, and rowlock lintels.

The remains of an earlier building further improve the rural tract. According to oral history, the building once was associated with the Keeney's Mill Worker's House #2 (BA-1198) at 20660 Keeney Mill Road. All that remains of this earlier summer kitchen is a stone and brick chimney. The chimney has a stone hearth, a wood lintel, a random rubble stone foundation, and a brick lintel and flue.

There are two resources from the 1940s: an animal shelter and a barn. The one-story wood frame animal shelter is clad in vertical board and has a single-leaf vertical board door. Set on a poured concrete foundation, the shelter has a side gable roof with corrugated metal cladding. The barn is also set on a poured concrete foundation and is constructed of wood frame with a side gable roof of asphalt shingles. Reclad in the last quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the barn features grooved plywood cladding and a single-leaf cross-braced door.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1855 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1855

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. The dwelling was constructed during the height of development in Middletown. By 1850, Middletown had begun to thrive, as the mid-century county atlas indicates that the town included a tavern and schoolhouse in addition to several residences along Middletown Road between Freeland and Oakland Road.<sup>1</sup> By 1877, a church had been erected and Middletown had grown from a small crossroads community into a rural center. At that time, the town included a physician's office, schoolhouse, Odd Fellows hall, a store and one "shop."<sup>2</sup> Although the community's 1881 population of only forty-nine inhabitants did not appear significant, the town was nevertheless in a strategic location between two crossroads along Middletown Road.<sup>3</sup> Growth in and around Middletown slowed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, leaving it a rural community in northern Baltimore County.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>3</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

<sup>4</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12.12 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The John Bollinger House is located at 20701 Keeney Mill Road near Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 6, Parcel 258 since its construction in 1855.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

1715 OAKLAND AVENUE  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0633  
1415 OAKLAND ROAD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1364  
MT. ZION U.M. CHURCH  
20901 MT. ZION ROAD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1198  
20660 KEENEY MILL RD.  
BA-0519  
20701 KEENEY MILL RD.  
BA-1196  
20600 KEENEY MILL RD.

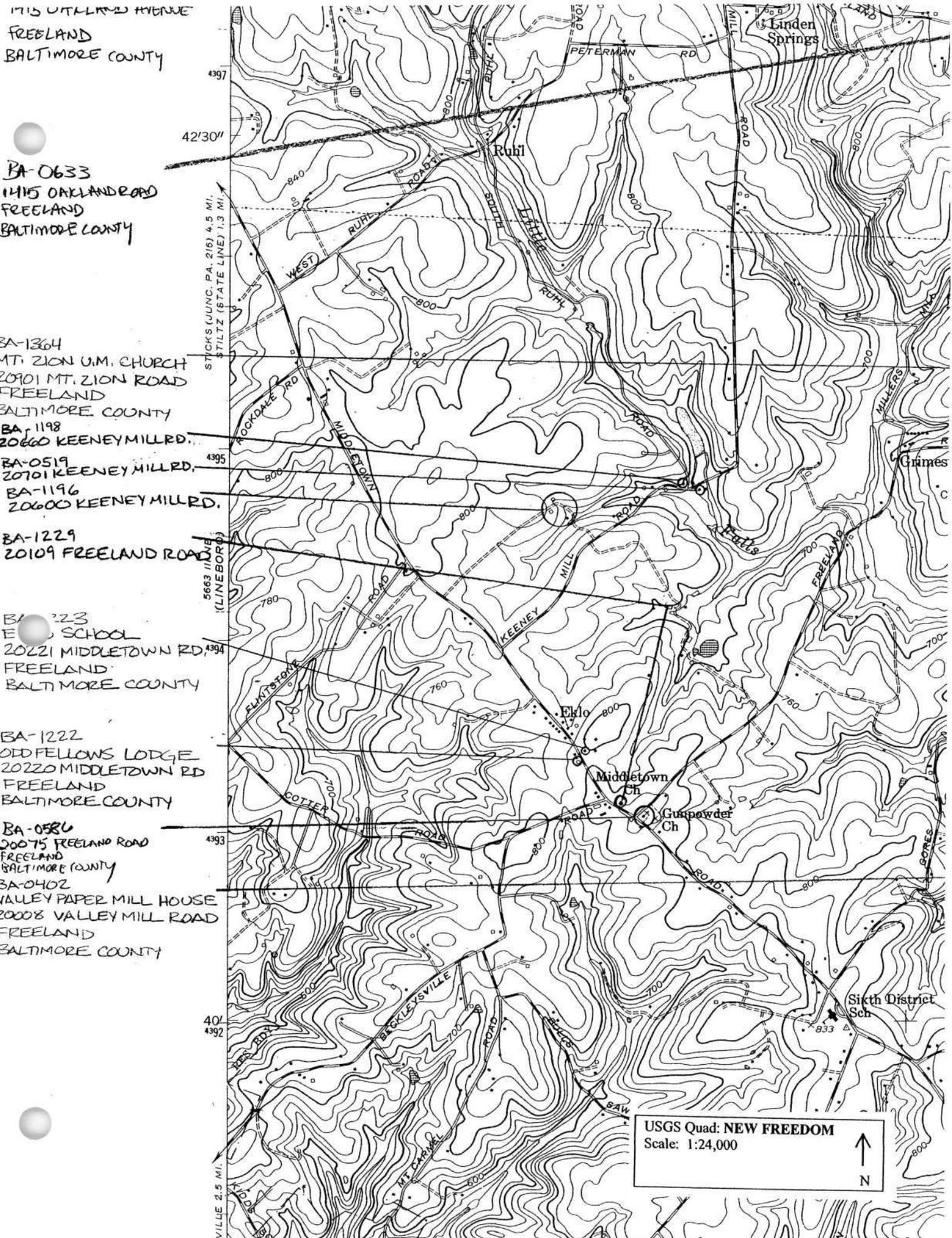
BA-1229  
20109 FREELAND ROAD

BA-1223  
E. SCHOOL  
20221 MIDDLETOWN RD.  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1222  
OLD FELLOWS LODGE  
20220 MIDDLETOWN RD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0586  
20075 FREELAND ROAD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0402  
VALLEY PAPER MILL HOUSE  
20008 VALLEY MILL ROAD  
FREELAND  
BALTIMORE COUNTY



STICKS (JUNC. PA. 216) 4.5 MI.  
STILTZ (STATE LINE) 1.3 MI.

5663 II LINE  
(LINEBORO)

YSVILLE 2.5 MI.

USGS Quad: NEW FREEDOM  
Scale: 1:24,000  
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20701 KEENEY MILL ROAD

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TRAILERES

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OUTBUILDINGS

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**HIDDEN LAKE FARM** - 1855 - South side of Keeney Mill Road; marked at "J. K. Bollinger 1855" on a stone in the gable end. Victorian, cross-gabled brick house, which was residence for owner of Bollinger, or Keeney Mill across the road.