

F-1-149  
Charles A. Walter House  
Doubs vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1913-1930

The Charles A. Walter House of about 1913 is a two-story frame dwelling with a central cross gable, a one-story porch, and a two-story rear wing. The patterned slate roof, bracketed porch, and german siding are original, as are the unusual 6/3 and 9/3 windows. The outbuildings include a deteriorated frame meathouse, possibly built of salvaged materials from a late 19th century schoolhouse demolished in the 1920's, and a deteriorated frame pump house over which is the steel frame of a windmill tower. The original bank barn was burned in 1960, leaving a non-contributing 1952 concrete block dairy barn and milk house. The house is a fair example of the vernacular dwelling of the early 20th century and is virtually indistinguishable from the tradition houses of the period 1850-about 1920. The same L-shaped plans, slate roofs, cross gables, and one-story porches are found throughout the last half of the 19th century and well into the early 20th century. The house was built by Charles A. Walter, possibly by John Carey, who may have been the builder of several other houses in the Doubs-Pleasant View vicinity.

F-1-149  
Charles A. Walter Farmstead  
Doubs vicinity  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Agriculture  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles A. Walter House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 2650A Ballenger Creek Pike  not for publicationcity, town Doubs  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mary E. Walter

street &amp; number 2650A Ballenger Creek Pike telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1116

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 337

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-1-149

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state MD.

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-1-149

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

The Charles A. Walter House is a two-story frame dwelling built in 1913, according to Walter family descendants who still own the property, and two contributing outbuildings, a frame meathouse built between 1913 and 1927 and a frame pump house with a windmill tower built probably in the 1920's. The farmstead also has a non-contributing 1952 concrete block dairy barn and milk house. The original frame bank barn was burned in an arson fire in 1960. The dwelling faces southeast toward Ballenger Creek Pike (Md. 180) about 3/4 mile west of Doubs, Frederick County, Maryland.

The dwelling has a three-bay southeast elevation with a center cross gable and a one-story porch. A two-story rear wing extends from the southwest corner. The exterior is covered with german siding and the roof is patterned slate. Interior chimneys are located at the gable ends and in the center of the rear wing. The windows have an unusual sash with 6/3 on the first story and 9/3 on the second story. The gable in the center of the southeast elevation has a small pointed arched window. The doorway has a plain rectangular transom and narrow sidelights. The door has four panels. The porch has a concrete block base and concrete deck, with turned columns on brick bases, an apparent alteration of the mid-20th century. The columns have scroll-sawn brackets. The rear wing originally had a two-story integral porch which is enclosed on the second story and is partially enclosed on the first story. This section has 1/1 modern sash. The interior of the house has a basically four-room plan with oak floors and plaster walls. The rear wing has two rooms. Trim and finish in the house is plain with corner blocks and the mantelpieces have been removed or replaced.

**Meathouse:** The frame meathouse is deteriorated and leaning severely to one side. It has german siding and a corrugated metal roof over wood shingles. The doorway in the southwest gable elevation is boarded. On the rear gable end of the meathouse are the initials "C.W.", which according to the present owner, Mary E. Walter, are those of Charles Walter. She also said that family tradition held that the materials for the meathouse came from a demolished schoolhouse that stood on Ballenger Creek Pike south of the Walter property and that the meathouse was built prior to 1927.

**Pump house and windmill tower:** The circa 1920 frame pump house is also much deteriorated and has a missing wall on the southwest side. A concrete block base and extension wall was built on the southwest side, probably in the 1930's. The remaining walls are vertical boards and the roof, which is partially missing, is corrugated metal. Above the roof of the building and straddling it is the steel framework of a windmill base. The vanes are also missing.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. F-1-149

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** C. 1913 - C. 1930 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Charles A. Walter House is a fair example of a vernacular early 20th century dwelling. Its architecture is virtually indistinguishable from the late 19th century house, having the L-shaped plan, german siding, patterned slate roof, and one-story porch which were common from about the 1850's to about 1920. According to the current owner, the house was built in 1913 for Charles A. Walter by John Carey. Grove's History of Carrollton Manor (1928) states that a John Carey was an early settler of the Doubs vicinity and owned the land on which the Walter House was later built. The John Carey to whom the house is attributed was probably a descendant and may have been the builder of other houses in the Doubs-Pleasant View vicinity. In comparison with the known works of another turn of the century builder in the Jamstown Region, Newton R. Schaeffer, who was responsible for many of the large elaborate houses in the Buckeystown National Register Historic District (F-1-29), the Walter House is clearly a much simpler design with little of the textural surfaces and projections such as bay windows and turrets which characterize Schaeffer's houses. This type of house was more common to much of Frederick County than the more elaborate designs largely because of the cost of construction.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-149

Land Records of Frederick County  
Walter, Mary E., personal interview, April 15, 1993

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 103, Parcel 37

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May 1993street & number 12 E. Church Streettelephone 696-2958city or town Frederickstate MD. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

White Frame House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

2605A Point of Rocks Road

CITY, TOWN

Doubs

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL     STATE     COUNTY     LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This house is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Point of Rocks Road and Basford Road, west of the town of Doubs in southern Frederick County. The house is set close to Point of Rocks Road, and faces east. It is a two and a half story, gable roofed house composed of a main block and rear ell which form an L-shape plan. The main block which is three bays wide by two deep, has a center gable on its east facade and a one-story wooden porch with ornamental woodwork. The house is probably of frame construction and is now sheathed with white asbestos shingles; this siding appears to be the major exterior alteration.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant architecturally as a good example of a vernacular house type commonly seen throughout Maryland in the latter part of the 19th century and early 20th century. An early 20th century version of the traditional I-house form, this house has the 2½ story height, symmetrical facade, and central doorway seen in this house type, and probably originally had two end chimneys. The frame construction, center gable, and one-story porch (with its original woodwork) of this house are typical of the I-house in this period. The rear ell is also often seen on many houses of this type.

The house is not shown on either the 1862 Bond map of Frederick County, the 1873 Lake atlas of the County, or a 1913 U.S.G.S. map of the County, indicating a post-1913 construction date.

This property is of local significance, and is probably not likely to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, Maryland, 1862.  
 Lake, D.J., Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, 1873.  
 Maryland Geological Survey, Atlas of Frederick County  
 (topographic maps), 1913.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

June 1982

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

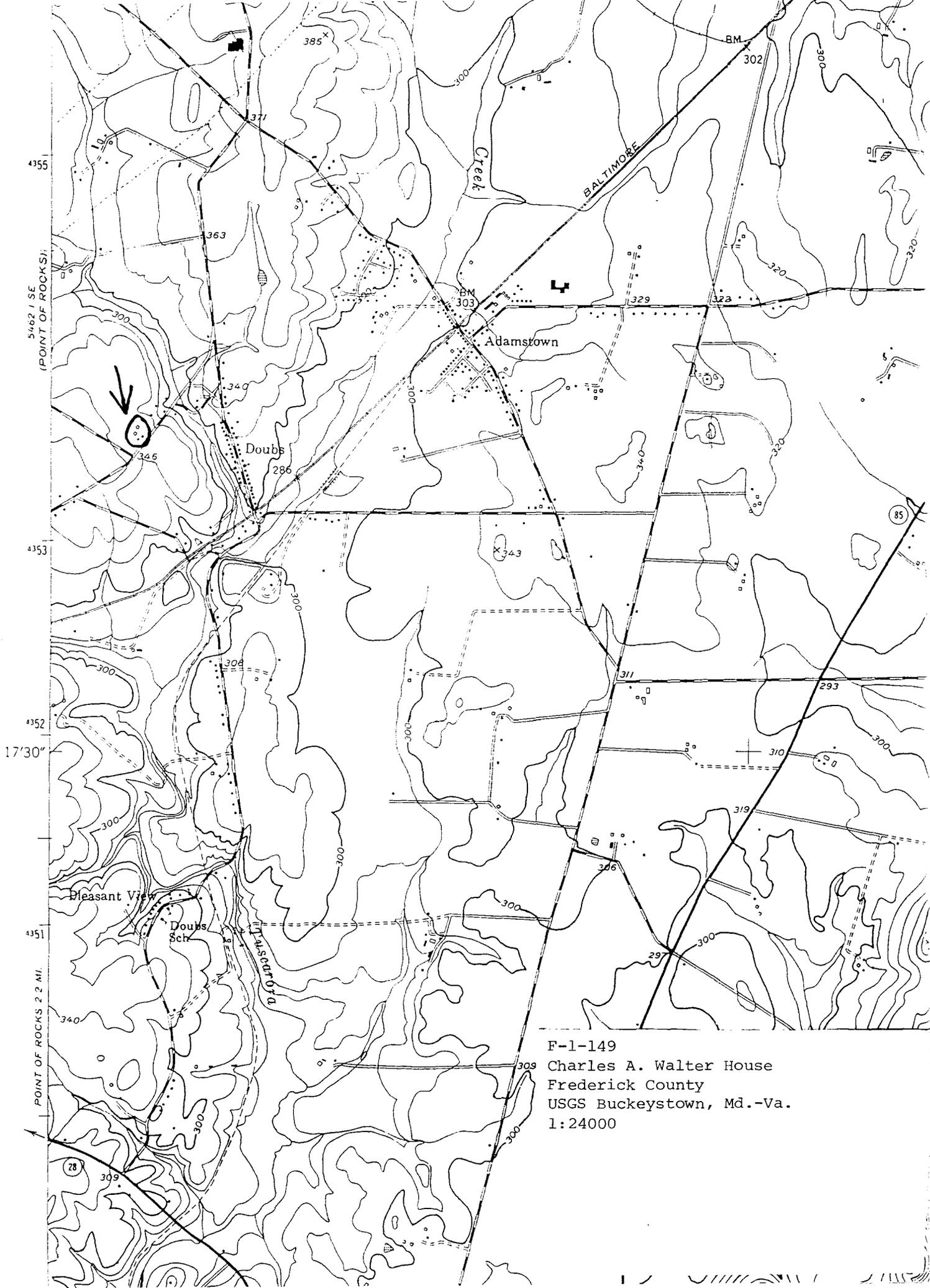
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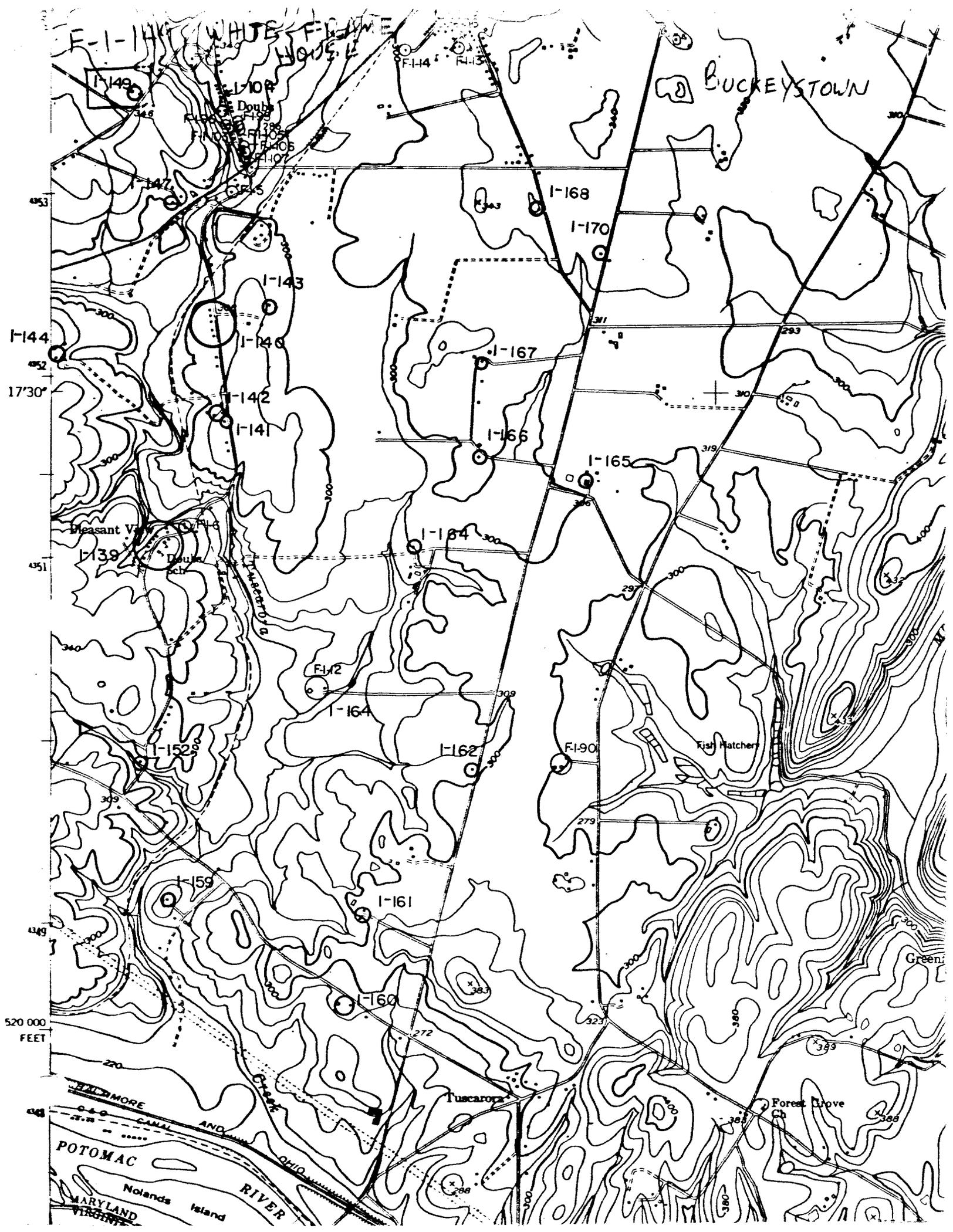
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Frederick County  
USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.  
1:24000



F-1-149 WHITE F-1-149

BUCKEYSTOWN

17°30'

520 000  
FEET

POTOMAC RIVER  
Nolands Island  
MARYLAND VIRGINIA

Tuscarora

Fish Hatchery

Forest Grove



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Charles A. Walter House

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

April 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Southeast elevation

1/5



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Charles A. Walter House

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Northwest corner view

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Meathouse, south elevation

3/5



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windmill tower and pump house/dairy, view from  
south

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Charles A. Walter House

Frederick County

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Dairy barn and milk house, view from north

5/5



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White Frame House

Southeast elevation

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