

F-2-45
Minnick Log House
Jefferson, Maryland
Private

Ca, 1850; c. 1900; c. 1935

The Minnick Log House is a two-story exposed log house composed of three distinct sections: a circa 1850 one-story log section which was the original structure on the site and which is now the west wing; a two-story central section, a circa 1850-60 log house which was moved from Burkittsville Road to the present location about 1890-1900; and a one-story frame section built about 1935. The central section is currently the only part in which the log walls are useable. The house is a good example of German-influenced log construction in Frederick County.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period, A.D. 1930 - Present

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/Single dwelling/residence

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 Minnick Log House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3430 Roy Shafer Road not for publicationcity, town Jefferson 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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John G. Minnick

street & number 3430 Roy Shafer Road telephone no.:

city, town Middletown state and zip code Md. 21769

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-2-45

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move c, 1890-1900
<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: 1

The Minnick Log House is a two-story exposed log house built about 1850 which was relocated in about 1890-1900 from an unknown site on Burkittsville Road to the north side of Roy Shafer Road between Paul Rudy Road and Old Middletown Road north of Jefferson, Frederick County, Maryland. The two-story section was joined to an existing one-story log house of about 1860 which is the west wing of the present structure and is now covered with weatherboards. The house also has a second one-story wing on the east built about 1935. The principal section has a one-story screen-enclosed porch and a corrugated metal gable roof.

The Log House south elevation has three bays on the first story and two on the second story. The sash is 2/2. The west wing has weatherboard siding installed by the present owner in the 1930's. Two window bays on this section facing south contain 6/6 sash, as does the east wing. An interior brick chimney rises from the junction of the main section and the west wing. Several small frame and concrete block outbuildings and sheds are located north and east of the dwelling; all appear to be post-1945 in date.

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
<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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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. 1850; c. 1900; **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ^{C 1935} 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 Minnick Log House is a fair example of a small log dwelling of the period 1850-1875, with alterations from the second quarter of the 20th century. The log house in Frederick County is common, but exposed log structures are relatively few. The Minnick House illustrates the building techniques of the German settlers who dominated the western and northern sections of Frederick County in the first half of the 19th century. Their building methods were carried on by descendants long after the initial settlement period of the late 18th century. The Minnick House, although moved in part from another location, is also notable for its continued ownership by descendants of Jacob Minnick, who moved the central log section about 1885 to join it to the small existing log structure on the present site.

Although log structures are common, those with exposed logs are usually small outbuildings. As appreciation and interest in log buildings has grown, more existing dwellings of logs are being rehabilitated by removing exterior siding to show some or all of the structure. The Minnick Log House is somewhat unusual in that the owner John Minnick says the central section was never covered with exterior siding. He applied the weatherboards over the original log section in the 1930's due to weathering problems. Mr. Minnick is the son of Jacob D. E. Minnick, who assembled the two log houses into the present dwelling. The west wing, the original structure on the site, appears on the 1873 Titus Atlas of Frederick County as "J. Routzahn", probably Jonathan Routzahn, the owner of record in 1853.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-45

Land Records of Frederick County
Minnick, John, G., interview of August 27, 1991
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Middletown, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 75, Parcel 64

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 Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August, 1991

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city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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3430 Roy Shafer Rd. #120

M75 P64 John D. Minnick Middleboro 21769

LIBER/FOL. J

GRANTEE

GRANTOR

ORIGINAL TRACTS

COST

DATE

1139/776
25 Feb-81John D. Minnick
Geneva V. Minnick
Leonard J. Minnick

John D. Minnick

3 A.

449/392
24 Jul 45

John D. Minnick

Sadie W. Young
& Herman H. Young
& Effie Hoffston (widow)
(sister & bro-in-law of
John D.)Parcel 1
3 A.WIP1/45
28 Dec 1885

Jacob D. E. Minnick

John R. Shafer
& Catherine Shafer, wf.

3 A.

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T67/544
10 May 1877

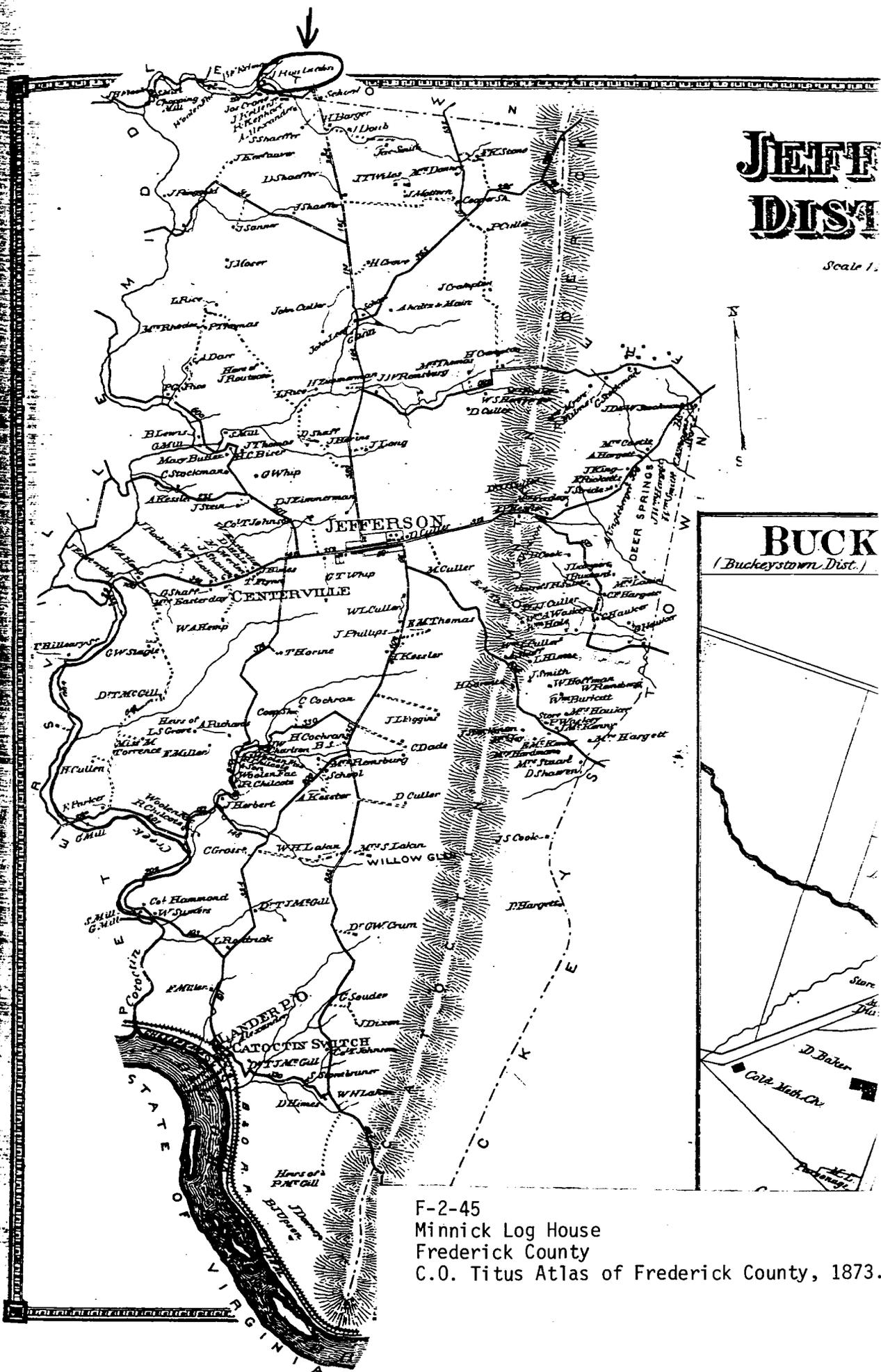
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Jonathan Rautzahn

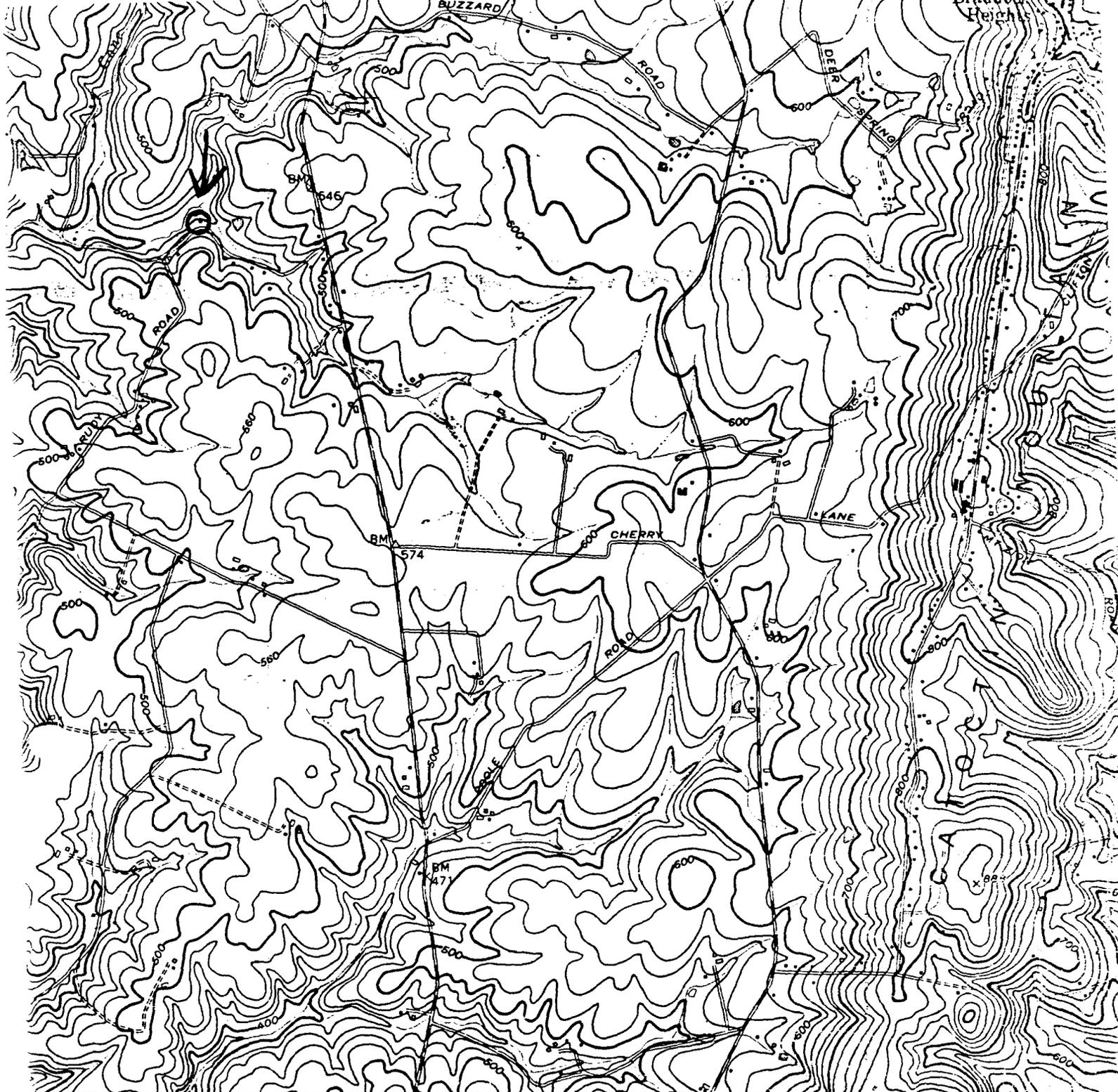


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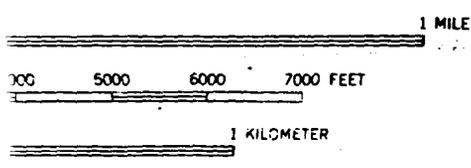
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C.O. Titus Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.



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QUADRANGLE

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 USGS Middletown, Maryland
 1:24000

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