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Middletown
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Leonard Storm House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side Picnic Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

Middletown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 3 M64; P229

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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Richard and Susan Boyd

Telephone #: 423-5585

STREET & NUMBER

6838 Picnic Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

Middletown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21769

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

The Frederick Courthouse

Liber #: 1010

Folio #: 618

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Leonard Storm House is a three story ell shaped brick residence laid in common bond which faces east from the west side of Picnic Woods Road.

The principal facade is five bays wide. The main entrance is twin three panel doors with ogee molding which have been nailed together as a single door with replaced hardware. The door is set into a colonnaded recessed paneled entrance with eight light transom and radiating voussoirs.

Directly over the main entrance on the second level is a double hung 6/6 window flanked on either side by a four pane side light separated by round molding with symmetrical circular corner blocks at the top of the molding. Located in the remaining bays on the first and second levels are double hung 6/6 windows with jack arches flanked by louvered shutters. Two 3/3 windows with louvered shutters, which have been added, are located on either side of the porch set into the foundation.

A large one story frame porch supported by six fluted columns and hipped roof extends between the first and fifth bay. Bordering the roofline is a low wood paneled railing with square block posts decorated with acorn finials.

Three rounded gables with fluted columns extend from the roof on the front facade. Arched double hung 9/6 windows are set into each gable.

A three story original brick addition extends to the rear of the main block of the building four bays deep. The existence of a three story rear addition is an unusual architectural feature in Frederick County but is an indication of the large proportions throughout this house.

Each bay on the south wall of the building is occupied by a double hung 6/6 window with jack arches and louvered shutters.

The rear west wall of the building accommodates a steeply slanting shed roof which falls to a two story level on the north side of the addition with one 6/6 window on each level in the northwest corner of the building.

The east side of the rear addition is two stories high and four bays wide. Each level alternates six panel door entrances with transoms and round molding with double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters. Three light transoms are located over each door on the first level and four light transoms are located on the second level. A two story frame open porch extends along the east side of the building supported by eight replaced boxed columns with plain railings.

The rear of the main block is three bays wide. Double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters and jack arches are located in the first two bays on both levels.

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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
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 **Leonard Storm**

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Christianna and Jacob Grove lived on the farm until 1835 when Jacob died leaving the property to his nine children. On May 11, 1835, these heirs sold the property to Robert McDuel(1) for \$6,941.25.³

McDuel and his wife, Juliann, owned the property until 1850 when it was purchased by Hanson T. Rudy for \$10,354.00.⁴ According to Williams' History of Frederick County, "the Rudy family is of English descent and was early settled in Frederick County."⁵

In 1884 the property was transferred through the heirs of Hanson T. Rudy to his son, Thomas C. Rudy, for \$12,580.00.⁶ Thomas C. Rudy, a prominent Middletown merchant, head of T. C. Rudy & Son, a dry goods business lived in the house until his death in 1903.

In 1911 Rudy's heirs sold the farm for \$16,000.00 to George Arnold, who in turn sold it to Singleton and Pearl Ward in 1926.⁷ The Ward's lived in the house until the 1960's when it was sold and subdivided from the original 154½ acres.

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¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber HS 6; Folio 535.

²Frederick County Probate Records, Liber HS 2; Folio 270.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T.J.C., History of Frederick County Maryland, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, Maryland, 1967, Reprint of 1906, p. 1316.

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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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

clh

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

5/14/80

STREET & NUMBER

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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.

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

Leonard Storm House

A rear entrance is located in the third bay on the first level and a window at the inside stair landing is located on the second level.

The entire building is constructed on a low stone foundation which is coursed on the front of the building and random laid on the remaining elevations.

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Underwindow paneling, chair railing and ceiling medallions were recently added by the owner. The third floor of the building has received substantial changes for modernization.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Leonard Storm House

Footnotes (continued)

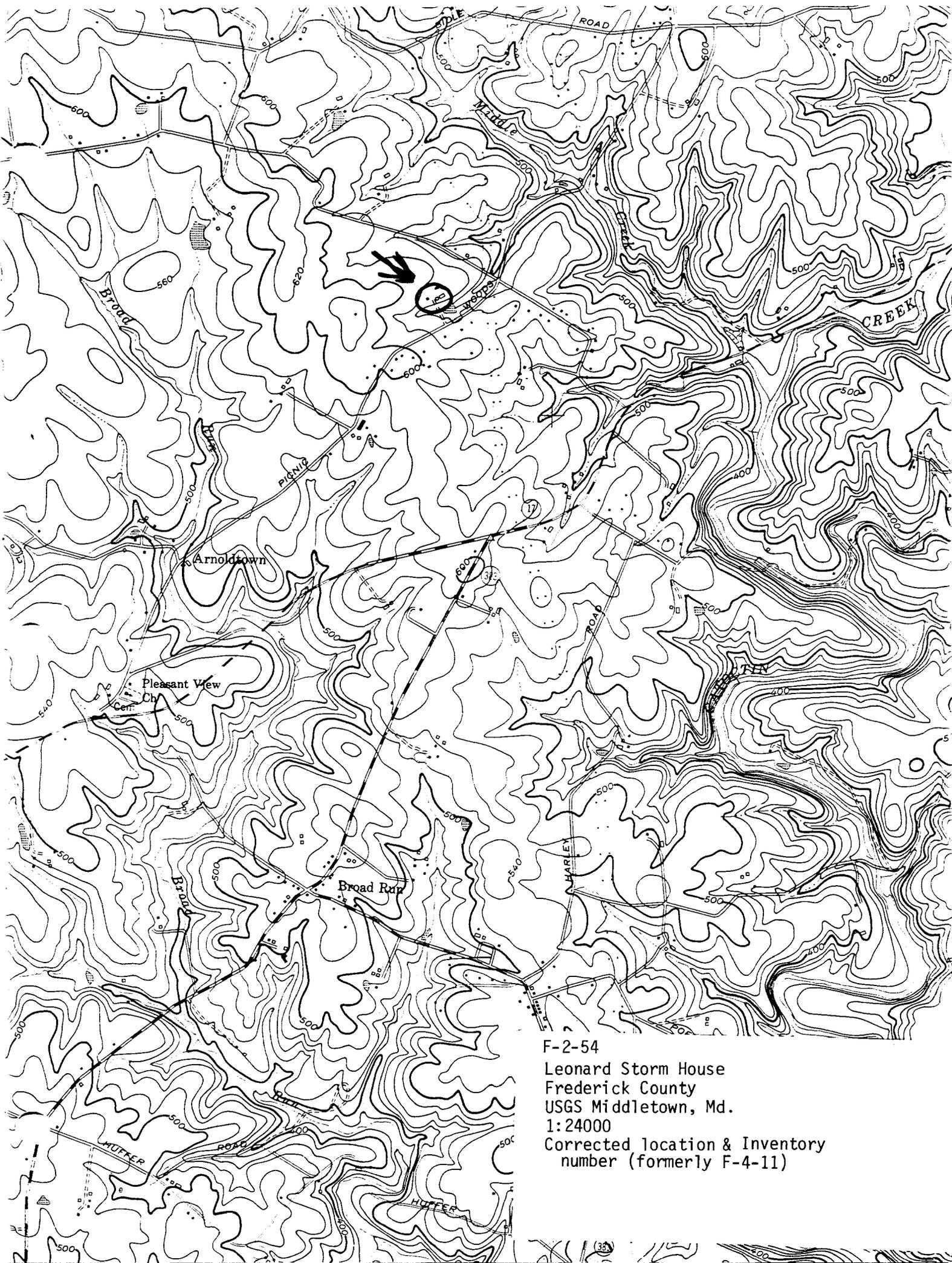
³Frederick County Land Records, Liber HS 6; Folio 535.

⁴Ibid., Liber WBT 12; Folio 34.

⁵T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, Maryland, 1967, Reprint of 1906, p. 1316.

⁶Frederick County Land Records, Liber AF 9; Folio 95.

⁷Ibid., Liber 296; Folio 396.



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USGS Middletown, Md.
1:24000
Corrected location & Inventory
number (formerly F-4-11)



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RD

MIDDLETOWN
NORTHEAST
ELEVATION

CREW 2/80



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W/S PICNIC WOODS RD
MIDDLETOWN

NORTH WEST
ELEVATION

CREW 2/80



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Leonard Stom HSE
w/s Picnic Woods RD
MIDDLETOWN

~~SOUTH~~ ELEVATION
WEST

CEW 2/80



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LEONARD STORM HSE

W/S PICNIC WOODS RD

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