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Oakland/Claggett Farmstead
Petersville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1840-50

Oakland, the Claggett Farmstead, consists of a large 2-story stone and log/frame Classical Revival house with a Tuscan portico and 1-1/2 story wings. Clapboard siding and Palladian windows in the main 2-story section gables and a formal landscape setting are prominent features, along with a log/frame smokehouse, two springhouses in frame and stone, and a frame bank barn. Built possibly in the 1840's at a site further back from the Jefferson Pike, part of the house may have been moved to its present location just before the Civil War. The outbuildings probably date from that period through the late 19th century. One possible builder may have been Dr. Grafton Duvall, a prominent physician in the period 1820-1841. Subsequent Claggett generations have also included at least two more doctors who resided at Oakland.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/mansion
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

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 Oakland; Oakland/Claggett Farmstead (preferred)

and/or common Oakland Farms

2. Location

street & number 1902A Jefferson Pike ___ not for publication

city, town Petersville ___ X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

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

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

name Roland H. and Elizabeth delMar c/o Oakland Farms

street & number 1902A Jefferson Pike telephone no.:

city, town Knoxville state and zip code Md. 21758

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 968

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 46

city, town Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Paul Brinkman Survey #567 or #120

 date 1968 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

repository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move possibly prior to 1861
<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: 5

Oakland, the Claggett Farmstead, is an agricultural/residential grouping centered on a stone two-story dwelling with frame and/or log sections and a two-story portico possibly built about 1830-40 with two springhouses, one frame of about 1875-1900 and the other stone built about 1860, a frame/log smokehouse of about 1860, and a frame bank barn of about 1865-70. The grouping is located on the north side of Jefferson Pike (MD Rt. 180) about 2000 feet east of the intersection of Petersville Road near Petersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling house is located in a formal landscaped setting with a circular drive entering the property through double wood gates flanked by a screen of trees at the edge of the road. The house is set back about 50 yards with the smokehouse immediately behind it and the two springhouses and the barn are located southwest of the house. A non-contributing tenant house is located northeast of the house and a concrete block garage is near the barn.

The house is said to have been relocated prior to the Civil War from a site further to the north. The 1858 Bond map indicates the house in a location further from the road than the 1873 Titus Atlas map, suggesting that the move may have taken place between 1858 and 1873. The reason for the move is not yet known. The interior of the house was not accessible for this survey and interior evidence to support the relocation report is undocumented.

The main part of the house is a three-section design with a two-story, five-bay section in the center with the tetrastyle portico flanked by 1-1/2 story wings with two bays and a single dormer in each. All of the exterior is covered with clapboard siding; information supplied to the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation indicates stone walls are present, but these are not visible on the exterior. The columns of the portico are Tuscan and the full pediment has a clapboard tympanum with dentil molding. The fenestration is 6/9 on the first story and 6/6 on the second story. The dormers have casement windows. Louvred shutters flank the openings. The surrounds at the windows and doorway are plain. The main entrance has a 6-panel door with a transom and sidelights. The roof is composition. In the gable ends of the main section are interior chimneys and Palladian windows near the peak. The rear ell is two stories in height with an addition at the north end in a smaller scale. End chimneys rise from both the original ell and the addition. On the northeast corner of the main section and the ell is a two-story porch with a screen-enclosed first story. Windows in the wing are 6/6.

Outbuildings:

Smokehouse: The square plan smokehouse is located immediately north of the house. It has a clapboard exterior and probably has a log structure. The door in the west elevation is tongue and groove. The pyramidal roof is wood shingles. The smokehouse probably dates from about 1860.

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8. Significance

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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
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<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"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1815; C. 1840-50 **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.

Oakland, the Claggett Farmstead, is significant for the Classical Revival architecture of the main dwelling house. Its Tuscan columned portico and Palladian windows are unusual in country houses of the Middletown Valley. Although its interior has not been documented, thus making more precise dating impossible, the house may have been built about 1840 in another location on the Claggett farm and moved to its present site nearer the Jefferson Pike about 1858-1860. The appearance of the house at its previous location is unclear; the portico may have been moved along with the rest of the house or it could have been added at its present site. The house may have been originally built by Dr. Grafton Duvall (1780-1841), a prominent local physician who retired to Oakland after practicing in Frederick during the 1820's and 1830's. He was a neighbor of Jacob Engelbrecht, the famous 19th century diarist of Frederick County, in whose journals Duvall is frequently mentioned. His death is noted as taking place at Oakland "on the Merryland tract". Oakland was subsequently occupied by several generations of the Claggett family, related to Duvall by marriage.

Oakland is one of many large estates in the lower Middletown Valley of the period 1840 - 1900. Having possibly been moved from its original location, there is a potential for integrity loss. However, the interior documentation of the house should clarify its date and other information regarding its construction and provide more precise context for the property. In terms of its architectural context, the Classical Revival plan and portico are unusual enough to provide a high level of significance, regardless of the dates of relocation and construction.

The occupants of Oakland are frequently mentioned in Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910), but the dates of their residency are obscure. After Dr. Grafton Duvall's death, it was apparently owned and perhaps occupied by Dr. Horatio Claggett (1793-1858; also spelled Clagett) as shown on both the 1858 and 1873 maps. In the late 1890's, Oakland was the home of Dr. Samuel Claggett (attended University of Maryland 1894-98), another well-known physician who was surgeon for the B&O Railroad in the early 20th century. The possibility exists that the house may have contained a doctor's office during the various periods that the Claggett M.D.'s were in residence. The last descendant of the Claggetts sold the house to the current owner's father in 1935.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cordell, Eugene F. Medical Annals of Maryland, 1799-1899. Baltimore: Medical and Chirurgical Society of Maryland, 1903.
Frederick County Landmarks Foundation Registry File #151
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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5 acres
Quadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md. - Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

B

Zone	Easting			Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the main dwelling house including the gardens, domestic and agricultural outbuildings.

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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

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city or town Frederick state Maryland 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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7.1 Description (Continued)

Frame springhouse: The square frame springhouse is located west of the house over the spring which also feeds the stone springhouse to the west. The frame building has german siding and a pyramidal wood shingle roof with a finial. It appears to date from the period 1875-1900.

Stone springhouse: The stone springhouse has two sections. The southernmost is the springhouse and the spring is visible as it flows from the frame springhouse just to the east through the foundation of the stone building. The north section of the springhouse is now used as a garden storage room, but may have been a summer kitchen originally, as it has an interior end chimney at the north gable end. The exterior of the stone building is painted white. The roof is wood shingles.

Bank barn: The frame bank barn is still in agricultural use. It is located northwest of the stone springhouse. It has tongue and groove siding and an enclosed forebay on the southeast side. The roof is corrugated metal. The barn probably dates from about 1865-75.

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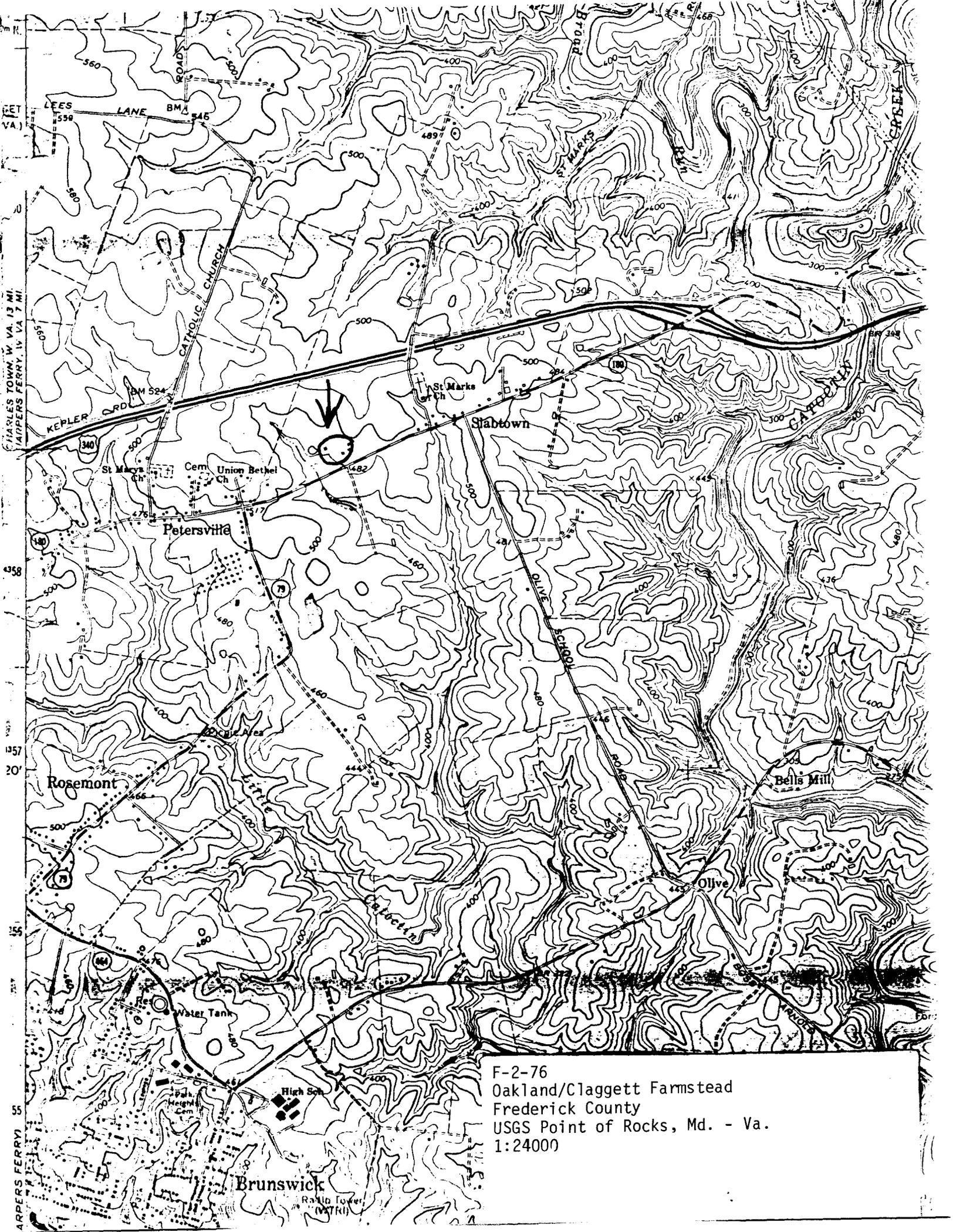
#100 1902A LIBER/F. 10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
968/46 26 Aug 75	Roland H. delMar & Elizabeth A. delMar	Roland H. delMar (deviser of will of Charles Delmar, 1963)	76a farm called "Oakland" "Hawkins Merry Peep O' Day"		1902A 468/46 21758
399/43 20 May 35	Charles Delmar	Wm. J. Dunning & John Fraser Claggett, serving trustees under will of Joan Fraser Claggett, dec.	76a.		
Reg. of Wills MFS 1/139 30 Sept 29	Wm. J. Dunning & John Fraser Claggett	Joan Fraser Claggett			
324/159 9 Feb 18	Joan Fraser Claggett, wife of John H. M. Claggett	John H. M. Claggett			
JLJ 14/55 24 Apr 1844	John H. M. Claggett	Samuel Claggett & Samuel Maugh, trustees	farm called Oakland 76a.	\$ 5331.81	
E 57/464 26 Apr 1856	Horatio Claggett	Samuel Maught	169 1/8 a. Juliana, Siceloa, Resurvey on Hawkins Merry Peep O' Day	\$10,993.12	Brokers Good Will
WBT 2/347 1 Apr 1845	Horatio Claggett	Mortimer M. McShany	74 1/2 a. + 8a.	\$4935	
H 512/145 16 Sept 1810 (8a parcel) on s. side of Jeff Pike					F-276



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 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858.

SURFACE, SOIL, &c.

Districts Nos. 10 and 8, and the northwest parts of 2, 4, 5 & 11, are mountainous, producing little but timber, except in the rich and fertile Harbaugh and Eyler Valleys, about Wolfsville and Wolfsville, and in a few other spots. Nos. 16, 3, 12 and 14, form the hilly but productive and pastureland.



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