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Charles F. Wenner House
938 Maple Avenue
Brunswick
Private

Ca. 1840

The Charles F. Wenner House is a two-story brick house with a rear brick ell built about 1840, altered about 1878 with a two-story frame addition in the angle between the two brick sections. The three-bay main elevation faces east and has a one-story porch. A brick smokehouse with a pyramidal wood shingle roof is located near the southwest corner of the house. Formerly the center of a farm called Locust Grove, the house became part of Charles M. Wenner's Second Addition to Brunswick with a rectangular lot around the house and the domestic outbuildings, of which only the smokehouse and a non-contributing garage remain. Charles M. Wenner was the son of Charles F. Wenner, whose name appears on the 1873 Titus Atlas as the owner of this farm as well as several others in the Brunswick vicinity. The house is a good example of a typical farm dwelling of the period 1830-1850. The smokehouse is also a good representative of the type.

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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
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Environment: Suburban

Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles F. Wenner House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 938 North Maple Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Brunswick ___ vicinity of 6th congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

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

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

name James H. and Mary R. Bell

street & number 938 N. Maple Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Brunswick state and zip code Maryland 21716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1040

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 93

city, town Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical 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"/> 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: 2

The Charles F. Wenner House is a two-story brick dwelling built about 1840 with a major two-story frame addition built in about 1878, located on the east side of North Maple Avenue about 1/2 mile south of Souder Road in Brunswick, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation faces east and access to the property is from Maple Avenue, leading to the rear or west elevation. The property also includes a brick smokehouse probably dating from the 1840's and a non-contributing garage.

The Wenner House has a one-story porch with turned columns and a dentil cornice extending across the east elevation. The walls are 5:1 American bond and are painted. The entrance is in the center bay and has a transom and sidelights with plain surrounds. The windows are 2/2 with louvred shutters. The arches are gauged brick and the sills are wood. The exterior chimneys are located at each gable end, at the junction of the 1878 addition and the brick ell, and at the west end of the brick ell. The chimney at the junction of the addition and the ell is enclosed. The gable roof is standing seam metal with a box cornice and returns on the gable end walls. The roof of the 1878 addition is almost flat, sloping toward the north. On the south elevation and partially on the west elevation is a concrete porch with an open deck. This is on the exposed basement level on these two elevations. A former door in the south elevation of the brick ell has been filled in and a frame projection with a new entrance is located just west of the junction between the main section and the ell. It has 1/1 windows and modern artificial siding. The 1878 addition completely fills in the angle between the main section and the brick ell. It has two window bays on the west and three on the north, each with shutters and 2/2 sash. The current siding is modern composition material. The interior was not accessible for this survey.

The brick smokehouse, located immediately southwest of the house, is a square plan building with a pyramidal wood shingle roof and a single entrance on the east elevation. The door has flush vertical boards. The smokehouse has varying bond courses, including 6:1 and 5:1. Some repair to the brick has taken place over time, with repointing and replacement of some sections.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1840-50 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

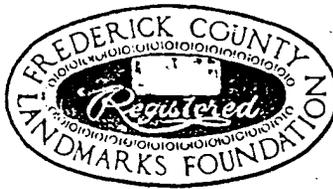
Level of Significance: national state local

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

The Charles F. Wenner House is a good example of the typical vernacular brick farmhouse of the period 1830-1850. It has some modest details of the Greek Revival in the cornice returns and simple door surround. Interior description and documentation may enhance its level of architectural significance. The brick smokehouse associated with the dwelling is also a good, typical example of the resource type. As the two remaining buildings of the Charles F. Wenner farm, part of "C. M. Wenner's Second Addition to Brunswick" in 1891, the property has significance in community planning. The farm was clearly delineated separately from the surrounding lots on a rectangle measuring approximately 500 feet by 320 feet.

The Wenner House is currently almost completely surrounded by modern development and is clearly a remnant of the formerly rural surroundings of Brunswick. This is the northernmost of the surviving outlying houses in the town. South of the Wenner House are scattered groups and single houses dating from the 1890's to the 1940's intermingled with modern buildings. It is set apart by its remaining triangular lot of about 1.7 acres and its access drive from Maple Avenue leading to the rear elevation. The orientation of the house to the east was apparently based on an early farm road as shown on the 1873 map leading to the house from the present Souder Road. This road may have been the "Charles Street" shown on the Wenner's Second Addition plat, a road which has no current counterpart and was probably not completed.

Charles F. Wenner (1825-1882) was the owner of several farms in the Brunswick area and the owner of the flour mill in Brunswick. He also served as postmaster for a short period in the mid-1850's and was a member of the House of Delegates in 1868-70. His son Charles M. Wenner laid out two additions to Brunswick, the first in 1890, located on the southern portion of the farm between the present B and E Streets and Petersville Road and the present Second Avenue. The Second Addition extended from F Street to the present Souder Road. This farm was apparently known as Locust Grove.



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PLAQUE APPLICATION

Name of Present Owner: James H. and Mary R. Bell Registry No: 153
Address: 733 N. Maple Avenue, Brunswick Md Phone No: 834-6164
Name of Property: Wenner Farm Directions on how to locate Property: 340 West to Rt 17. Turn left. Continue on Rt 17 and follow Rt 464 one block. Turn right on Maple Avenue. Continue 2 blocks and house is on left.

The criteria for the registration and awarding of the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation Plaques are as follows: Any original architectural structure that is over 100 years old, with either architectural or historic merit, or any structure that has been maintained or returned to its original period is eligible. Alterations to the structure should be architecturally significant or in keeping with the original period. Additions should preserve architectural integrity as part of the progress of the structure.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Type of Structure: brick end frame Date of Construction: 1825-1840
Dates of later additions or modifications: 1878 - L shaped structure filled to square
Description of original structure:

Description of additions or modifications:

Unusual architectural features:

See historical data enclosed w/ original application

Other buildings on property:

Historic significance:

Original owner (s) and builder/architect:



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Date present owner purchased property: 1-78
Present owner's Deed No.: Liber: 1040

If possible, Former owner's Deed No: Liber: Folio: establishing 100 year age of property. This information as well as additional documentation of your property may be obtained from the Clerk of Records, Frederick County Court House. Your deed number, liber and folio numbers also appear on your tax bill.

Restoration: In progress: [checked] Date completed: None:
Present condition:
Present use: Occupied:

APPLICATION FEE IS \$25.00

Check made payable to Frederick County Landmarks Foundation must accompany application. If the application is not approved, the check will be returned. Two photographs showing the exterior of the front of the structure are to be sent with the application. Please send application form, check for \$25.00, and the two photographs to: Plaque Committee, Frederick County Landmarks Foundation Office / 1110 Rosemont Ave. / Frederick, Maryland 21701

ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED MUST BE FURNISHED BEFORE APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED

Signature of Applicant: Mary R. Bell Date: 3-30-79

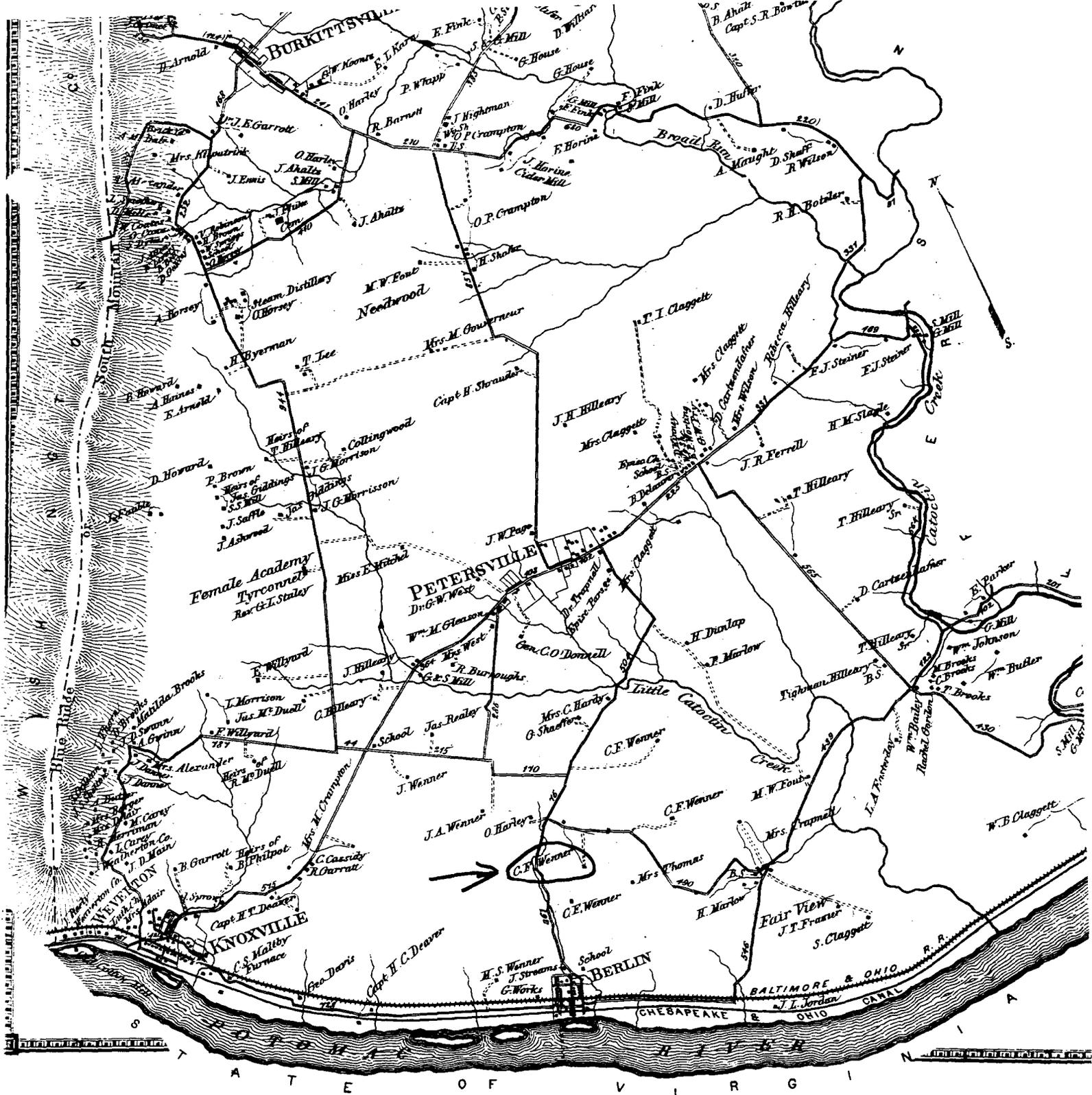
Wenner House 938 N. Maple Ave James H. + Mary R. Bell 938 N. Maple Brunswick 21716
 M200 P 1343-1344

LIBER/FOL.	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1040/93 9 Jan 78	James H. + Mary R. Bell	Raymond J. + Eleanor P. Grizak	2 parcels 1. 202a + .54a.		
996/826 26 Aug 76	Raymond J. + Eleanor P. Grizak	Evelyn W. Wenner, widow	2 parcels		
466/304 1 Nov 47	Charles Malcom + Evelyn W. Wenner	Victor M. Wingate	P.1: part of area marked "Farm Bldgs." on Chas M. Wenner's 2nd add. to Brunswick WIP 13/394 conveyed by 423/231 P.2: 464/78		
P. 1: 101/78 404/75 466/382 1 Nov 47	Victor M. Wingate	Chas. M. + Evelyn W. Wenner			
P. 2: 464/78 4 Aug 45	Chas. M. Wenner	Wm. B. + Eleanor W. Wenner	.54a.		
P. 2: 442/449 21 Nov 35	Wm. B. + Eleanor W. Wenner	Edna B. Wenner, widow	.54a Wenner adds to Brunswick WIP 11/506-507 (copy) WIP 13/394-395 (copy)		362/228 13 Apr 27 + 331/545 14 May 20
P. 1: 423/231 21 Nov 35	Chas. M. Wenner, Jr. (aka Chas. M. Wenner)	Edna B. Wenner, widow	1. 202a. 331/545		
331/545 14 May 20	Edna V. Wenner (see)	Wm. G. Baker			

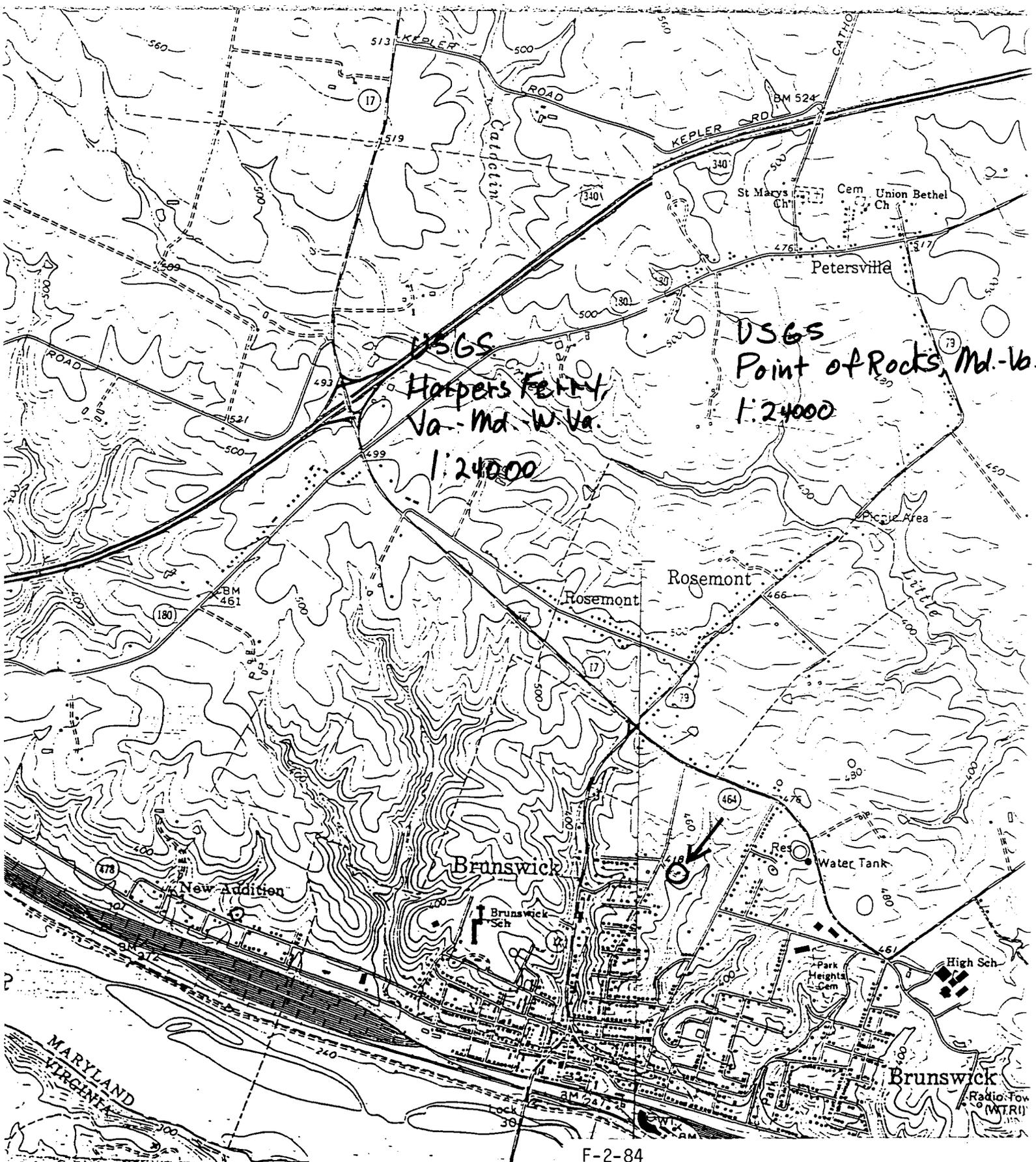
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LIBER/FOL. J	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
HWB 300/109 2 Mar/2	Wm S. Baker	Charles M. & Edna V. Wenner & Luina C. Wenner	171 a.		
CM 2/27 22 May 1868	Charles F. Wenner	John G. Phillips	M1 a. 2 Parcels P.1: BGF 4/566 1890. P.2: JWLC 3/655 820.	\$12,000	
P.1: BGF 4/566 9 Sept. 1859	John G. Phillips	Oscar P. & Shos A. Crompton Equity case. Oscar & Shos vs. Benjamin P. Crompton; sold to John Graham 1856; Phillips substituted as purchaser	mentions school lot at s. w. cor also road w/ gates & driveway + Ben passing through farm Benjamin Crompton at John + "Purdie" tract on ground to Cellin Rd.		
HS 2/281 23 Apr 1836	Shos. Crompton	Otho & Harriet Thomas	Haukins Merry Peep O'Day Lots 19 & 20 of Resurvey on Maryland		(possibly Maple Ave.)
30 Dec 1820	Otho Thomas	Solias Bell, trustee of Jeremiah Bell	Haukins Merry Peep O'Day Lots 19 & 20 of Resurvey on Maryland		

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



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Harper's Ferry
Va.-Md.-W.Va.
1:24000

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