

F-3-117  
Clarence C. Holtz Farmstead  
Frederick vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1915

The Clarence C. Holtz Farmstead consists of a circa 1915 frame Four Square dwelling with a hipped slate roof, a wide veranda on two elevations, and a two-story polygonal bay on a side elevation, with three outbuildings of the same period which include a frame privy, a frame wagon shed/corn crib, and a frame agricultural outbuilding, possibly built as a hog barn, which is now a dog kennel. The farmstead also has several non-contributing concrete block outbuildings, one of which is a dated 1952 dairy barn and adjoining milk house which has decorative window frames with the initials of C. Frank Miller, the owner from 1943 to 1970. The farmstead is moderately significant for the architecture of the Four Square dwelling, which has few exterior changes. The Four Square house type was common in the first 20 years of the 20th century and easily incorporated the vernacular traditions of the 19th century apparent in the Holtz House's materials and simple geometric details.

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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  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/garage  
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary

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 Clarence C. Holtz Farmstead

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 6912 Sunday's Lane  not for publication

city, town Frederick  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 checked="" 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 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 Jeffrey L. and Kimberley Mellon

street & number 6912 Sunday's Lane 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 1658

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 588

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-3-117

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Clarence C. Holtz Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1915 frame Four Square dwelling with a frame privy of about the same date, a frame wagon shed/corn crib of about 1900, and a frame dog kennel which may have been built as a hog barn or calf shed about 1915, along with several non-contributing outbuildings which include a dated 1952 concrete block dairy barn, a machine shed, and two concrete block garages. The farmstead is located on the north side of Sunday's Lane about 1/4 mile east of the intersection of Opossumtown Pike near Charlesville, in the vicinity of Frederick (City), Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation of the house faces south and the outbuildings are located north and northeast of it.

The house has a three-bay south elevation with a veranda across the entire width of the house which extends to the east elevation. The exterior is covered with german siding and the hipped roof is slate, with a single dormer in the center of the south slope. Two interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise above the roof. The entrance is in the center bay and has a multiple light transom and sidelights. The windows are 1/1 with louvred shutters. In the center bay of the second story is a pair of windows. The slate-sided dormer above the cornice has a three-part window with the center sash dominating, a streamlined version of a Palladian window. The porch has Tuscan columns and originally reached to just past the center of the three-bay east elevation. In about the mid-20th century, the porch was extended to meet a screened-in rear porch which encloses the first story of the north elevation. This porch has chamfered posts. The north elevation has irregular bays and a rear entrance in the center. The west elevation has four bays with 1/1 sash and shutters as on the other elevations, and also a modern exterior concrete block chimney. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Privy: The small frame privy is located a few yards northwest of the house. Built about the same time as the house, it has tongue-and-groove siding and a single door of the same material in the east elevation. The extended shed roof is covered with corrugated metal.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib is located north of the house with its drive-through passage on a north-south axis. The exterior is covered with vertical siding with louvred arched vents in the gable. The cribs flanking the opening are raised on stone piers and the side elevations have horizontal siding. Vertical board doors on the south elevation give access to the cribs. The roof is corrugated metal roof. The wagon shed/corn crib appears to have been built about 1900, as compared to other examples of the same date, but may also be of the same date as the house. Material and design changes over time in wagon sheds are small and difficult to categorize.

Kennel: The dog kennel located south of the dairy barn may have been built as a hog barn in the early 20th century. It has german siding and a corrugated metal gable roof. Cross-braced doors are in the south and west elevations and multiple paneled windows are also in the east and west elevations.

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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
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<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. 1915 **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 Clarence C. Holtz Farmstead is moderately significant for the architecture of the Four Square dwelling which is a good, little-altered example of the early 20th century house type. The Four Square style was very common in the early 20th century in Frederick County, but most have been covered with artificial siding or have additions which significantly alter the exterior appearance. The Holtz House is one with few changes apparent, principally in the screened porch on the rear and the exterior concrete block chimney. These additions are minor and do not obscure the essential "squareness" for which the style is most noted. The Holtz House also has a common variation in the type, a polygonal bay on one elevation.

The Holtz Farmstead has been located on the site since at least the mid-19th century. Land records and the 1858 and 1873 historical maps indicate that a Holtz residence was extant. The Holtz family was active in community affairs in the Charlesville area. Albert B. Holtz, the immediate previous owner prior to Clarence Holtz, was a teacher at the Bethel School nearby and Clarence C. Holtz was a member of the building committee which rebuilt the fire-damaged Zion Reformed Church at Charlesville in 1903. The property was sold to his son William H. Holtz in 1916. The house could possibly have been built about this time by Clarence or William. It remained in the Holtz family until 1943 when it was purchased by C. Frank Miller. He was responsible for the concrete block dairy barn in 1952.



7.1 Description (Continued)

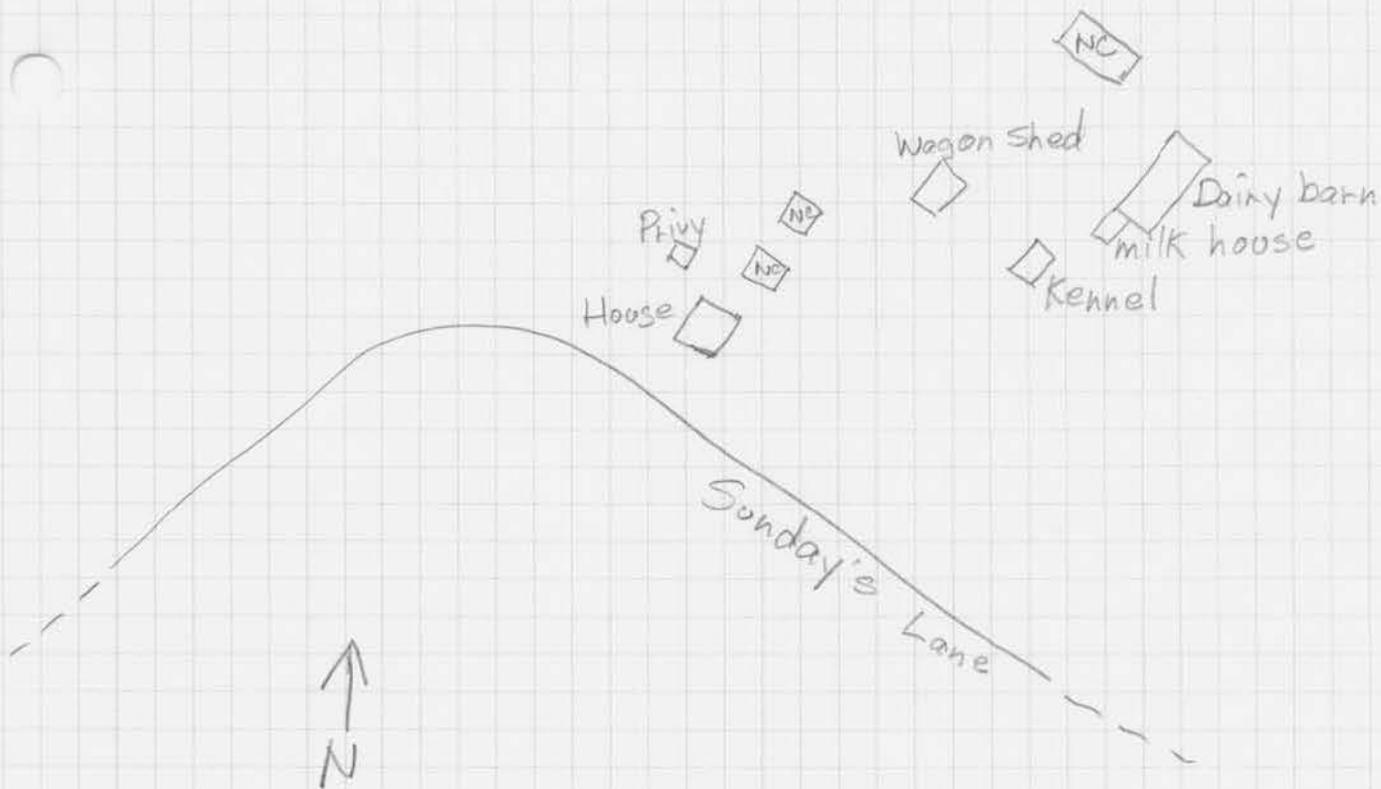
Dairy barn: Although non-contributing because of its 1952 date, the dairy barn is interesting in its design and combination of 19th century and modern details and materials. It has concrete block walls with 9 bays of pivoting metal sash. The roof has a "wishbone" arched profile and is covered with standing seam sheet metal and topped by two metal ventilators. The attached milk house is a lower-height extension of the barn at the southwest corner with the same roofline. The end gables are covered in german siding and, on the south elevation, the gable has three 6/6 windows with dentil-trimmed, arched surrounds with scroll-sawn consoles. The center window in the gable peak has in the frame the initials of C. Frank Miller and the date 1952. Miller and his wife owned the farm from 1943 to 1970.

6912 Sundays Lane

Lot Size, Description,  
Other Information,  
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1658/588 13 Jul 90	Jeffrey & Kimberley Mellon	Charles R. & Carol H. Zimmerman	P. 1: 10.426 a. P. 2: 5 a. P. 3: "not a bldg. lot."		
960/170 8 May 75	Charles R. & Carol H. Zimmerman	John W. & Mary L. Rippeon			
P. 142: 860/484 15 Oct 71	John W. & Mary L. Rippeon	John P. Bichby			
838/400 20 Nov 70	John P. & Madeline W. Bichby	Skyline Realty Co.			
821/547 2 Apr 70	Skyline Realty Co.	Wm. H. Humm Committee for Vallietta H. Miller,	divorced, incompetent in Equity 22041	\$146,000	
439/17 30 Jun 43	C. Frank Miller & Vallietta H. Miller	Bridie Holtz, ex. Wm. H. Holtz of LW & T of Wm. H. Holtz, dec.	Farm	\$10,000	
316/375 1 Apr 16	Wm. H. & Annie C. Holtz	Clarence C. & Carrie C. Holtz	1st tract of 117.5 a.	\$9,000	
DHH 7/173 9 Aug 1900	Clarence C. Holtz	Glen H. Mathington atty for heirs of D. B. Holtz, dec.	tract of 118 a. & 27 1/2 a. of mountainland	\$6,600	

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Janet Davis

January 4, 1993

Not to Scale

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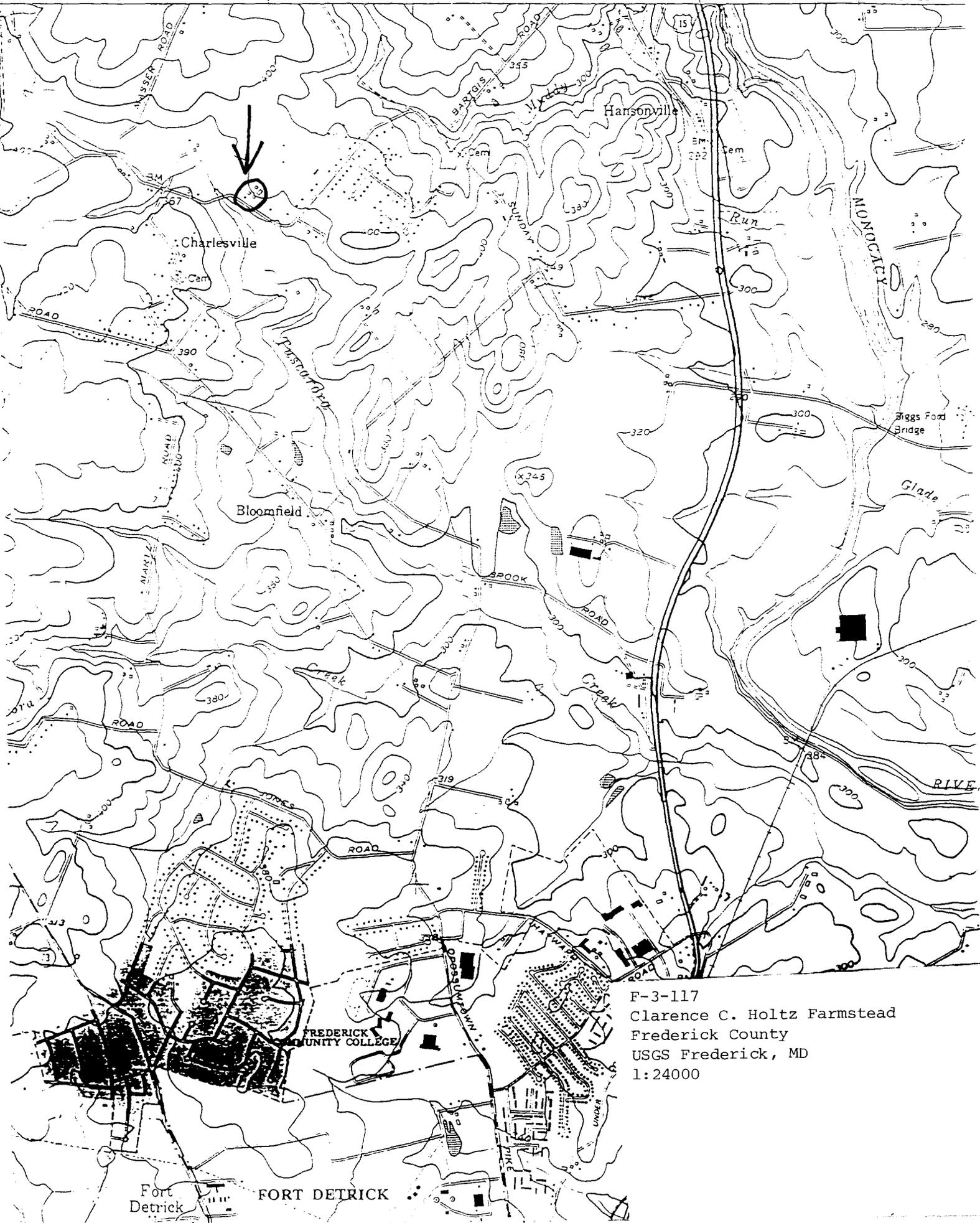
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 Frederick County  
 USGS Frederick, MD  
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Fort Detrick  
 FORT DETRICK



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Clarence C. Holtz Farmstead

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Photo: Janet Davis

January 1997

Neg. loc.: Md. SHFD, Crownsville, 1997

Southeast corner view

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Clarence C. Holtz Farmstead

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January 1993

Near loc.: W. d. S. 150. Crownline rd

Northeast corner view

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Clarence O. Hall's Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Lewis

January 1973

Neg. loc.: Md. State. Crownsville, Md

Photo, east elevation

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Clarence C. Holtz Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

January 1992

Neg. loc. 1113, HIPO, Crownsville Md

Wagon shed/corn crib, south elevation

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Clarence P. Holtz Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

January 1990

Near loc. 111d (111e) Cromwellville

1952 Lantz house and milk house, south-  
west corner view

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