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Edward Y. Goldsborough House
Frederick vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850-1890

The Edward Y. Goldsborough House is a 2-1/2 story frame house built about 1890 with a two-story stone rear wing which was built as a dwelling about 1850, based on available information and architectural details. The rear wing is stuccoed and the original entrance has been covered. The frame section has vinyl siding and an extended one-story porch which forms a porte cochere on the west end. Numerous modern additions have been made to the rear wing, especially on the east side. The house is moderately significant for the architecture of the stone section and the 1890's frame section. The outlines of the original entrance with a transom and the original size of an altered window can be discerned in the stucco of the west elevation of the stone section. The simple vernacular style of the 1890's section bears no particular reference to the popular architectural styles of the late 19th century, but the traditional form is clearly expressed, with the then-current features of a hipped roof dormer, the expansive veranda, and a bay window.

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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

Historic Environment: Suburban

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 Edward Y. Goldsborough House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6739 South Clifton Road not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 Robert E. & Betty L. Ramsburg

street & number 6739 So. Clifton Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21702

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 961

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 578

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-3-133

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 Edward Y. Goldsborough House is a 2-1/2 story frame house built about 1890 with a two-story stone rear wing built about 1850 located on the east side of South Clifton Road about 1/4 mile south of Old National Pike (U.S. 40A) near Frederick (City), Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation faces north and the former main elevation of the stone section faced west. A modern one-story addition adjoins the south end of the stone section. The property was once approached by a tree-lined drive from Clifton Road; the current access is along a private lane south of the house. The only contributing outbuilding is a small frame shed which was possibly built as a smokehouse in the 1890's. A non-contributing garage is also on the property. Dates of the structures were estimated by architectural details and land records.

The frame section facing north has a one-story porch which extends across the entire facade and on parts of the east and west elevations, forming a porte cochere on the west side. The porch has chamfered posts and a solid apron covered with siding along the roof edge. The railing has plain square balustrade. The elevation has three bays with a hipped roof dormer with a single 2/2 window over the center bay in the slate roof. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding. The north elevation has three bays with a center entrance featuring a transom and sidelights. The sash is 4/4 with louvred shutters. The two chimneys are located in the center of the slate gable roof. The eaves are slightly extended with visible rafter ends. The east elevation has a polygonal bay with a paneled base on the first story, paired narrow windows on the second story, and a single window on the top floor. The east elevation has two window bays on each floor and a single window at the attic floor. The stone section is covered with stucco and has a standing seam metal gable roof with two pedimented dormers in both the east and west slopes. Interior end chimneys rise at both gable ends, that adjoining the frame section having been raised in height and capped. The west elevation viewed in oblique sunlight reveals the probable original configuration through outlines in the stucco. The ghost of a center door and a rectangular transom is discernible. Two window bays flank the former entrance, the southern one having been reduced in size and recessed to the inner wall plane, revealing the thickness of the stone wall. Plain wood lintels top the original window openings and the outline of the lintel on the altered window is also apparent in the stucco. Louvred shutters flank all the windows except the altered opening. The modern one-story addition has vinyl siding and a composition roof. The east elevation of the stone section shows a variety of modern additions and enclosures which greatly obscure the original building. An integral two-story porch was probably present prior to 1900, with a section of this still visible in the center second story of the east elevation. The interior was inaccessible for this survey. Ms. Ann Lebherz, a local historian who also resides in the vicinity of the Goldsborough House and has mid-20th century family connections with the property, suggests that the stone section may have been built as early as 1800; however, a full analysis of the interior as well as the exterior is needed to confirm this possibility.

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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"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1850-1890 **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 Edward Y. Goldsborough House is moderately significant for the architecture of the stone rear section possibly built about 1850 and the late 19th century vernacular frame main section added during the ownership of Edward Goldsborough (1839-1915), a prominent Frederick attorney. The stone section, although altered, may reveal further information on the construction of stone houses in the mid-19th century with additional observation and documentation of the interior. A more accurate estimate of the date of the stone section may also be made. The northern frame section is restrained in decoration and details, with no strong orientation to the historical styles popular in the late 19th century, but with roots in the German building tradition of Frederick and neighboring counties clearly expressed in the general form. The hipped roof dormer, extended porch and porte cochere, and the bay window are typical features of domestic architecture of the 1890's to about 1920. Goldsborough had family links to some of the oldest names in Frederick County and was himself a descendant of an Eastern Shore family who first arrived in Maryland in the late 1660's. He served briefly in the Maryland Infantry of the U. S. Army in 1862-1863, but was mustered out due to illness. Still, he was volunteer on General E. B. Tyler's staff during the Battle of the Monocacy in 1864, for which he earned the rank of Major. Beginning in 1869, he served as a United States Marshal for the district of Maryland, and he is often referred to by either "Major" or "Marshal" in historical accounts. He was known as a fine lecturer on the Civil War and his foreign travels and as an active Agricultural Society member. He was an admirer of horses and probably raised them on the Clifton Road property, but no trace of the agricultural use remains apparent.

Edward Y. Goldsborough's son E. Ralston Goldsborough (1880-1949) inherited the farm upon his death. Ralston Goldsborough was trained as a civil engineer, but his pleasure was in archeology and later in genealogical research. Much of his collected writings and correspondence is in the files of the Frederick County Historical Society, for whom he answered inquiries during the 1930's and 1940's. The younger Goldsborough apparently did not occupy the farm from the early 20th century until he sold it in 1930. During this time, the house was rented as a summer residence by wealthy Fredericktonians and others attracted to the vicinity of nearby Braddock Heights, the mountaintop village developed by the Hagerstown & Frederick Railway along with its amusement park. According to Anne Hooper's Braddock Heights: A Glance Backward, the Goldsborough House

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7.1 Description (Continued)

Smokehouse: The small rectangular frame building is located west of the stone section of the rear wing, suggesting that it was built at the time the stone house became the secondary part of the house with the construction of the frame section in the 1890's. It has a standing seam metal roof with a patch indicating a possible chimney or smoke hole location. The exterior is covered with german siding and a single vertical board door is located at the northeast corner. A 2/2 window is located in the south elevation. The building is currently a storage shed.

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8.1 Significance (Continued)

during this period was an unofficial "Frederick Country Club", with prestigious social events and parties.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

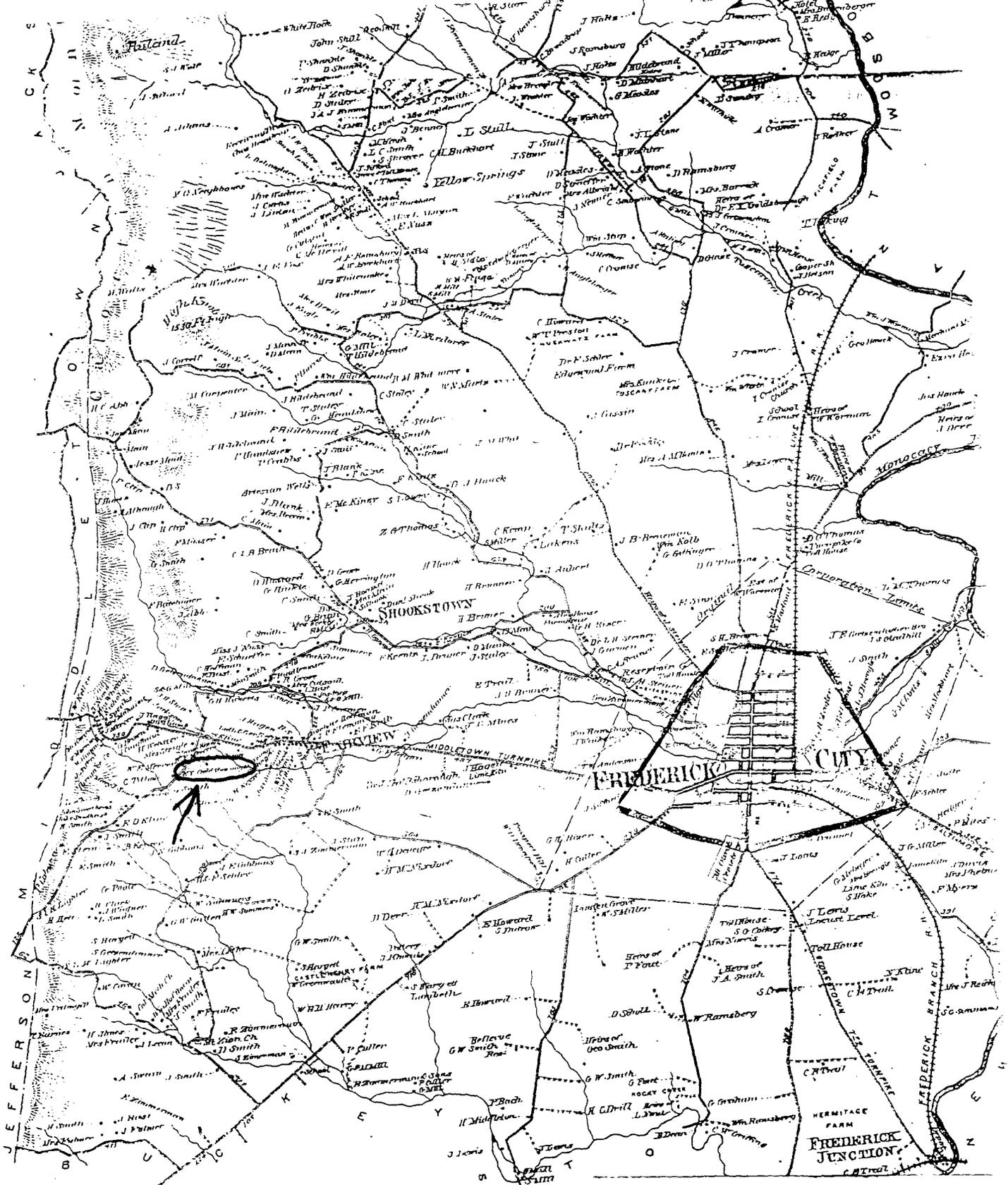
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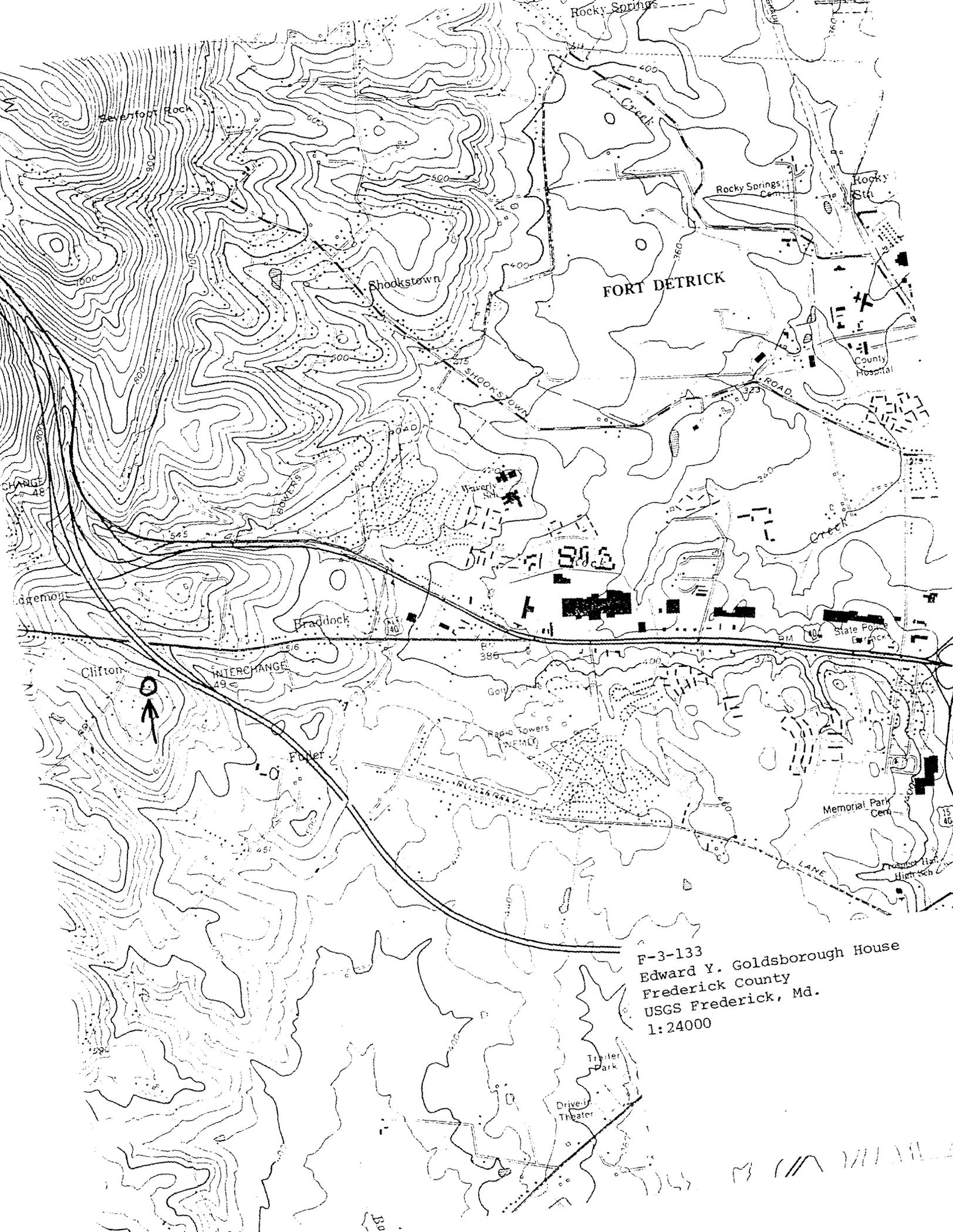
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Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
961/578 28 May 75	Robert E. + Betty L. Ramsburg	Janet H. Lull	7.56 a.		
756/316 30 Sept 66	Janet H. Lull	Potomac Edison Co.	plat attached		
708/374 6 Jul 64	Janet H. Lull	Robert W. Leb- berg et al	11.624 a.		
434/224 12 May 42	R. W. Lebberg et ux	S. S. Rolison et al	17.85 a., 2 parcels		
382/336 4 Apr 32	Mary L. Rolison	J. Thomas Miles et ux	17.85 a.		
376/169 15 Oct 30	J. Thomas Miles et ux	Edward S. Delaplaine	1. JWLC 2/124 = 18 1/4 a. 2. CM 1/253, 2.5 a.		
376/168	Edward S. Delaplaine	Frances L. + E. Rolison	Holdsborough		
372/136 14 Sept 29	Frances L. Holdsborough	H. Kieffer Delanter	20 3/4 a.		
372/136	H. Kieffer Delanter	Frances + E. Rolison	Holdsborough		
364/19 19 Aug 27	E. Rolison + Frances L. Holdsborough	H. Kieffer Delanter			
364/18 19 Aug 27	H. Kieffer Delanter	E. Rolison + Frances L. Holdsborough	1. part of "Fieldview Manor" and "Salisbury Plains Helped" = 18 1/4 a. by JWLC 2/123 2. part of "Salisbury Plains Helped" = 2.5 a. by CM 1/253		
1. JWLC 2/123 11 Oct 1864	Edward W. Holdsborough	Lewis M. Riv- erfort	part of "Fieldview Manor" and "Salisbury Plains Helped" 18.75 a.	\$300	



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



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USGS Frederick, Md.
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Trailer
Park
Drive-In
Theater

Memorial Park
Cem
High Sch

State Police

County
Hospital

FORT DETRICK

Shookstown

Deerfoot Rock

Clifton

Braddock

Fuber

INTERCHANGE

Radio Towers

LANE

ROAD

Rocky Springs
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CHANGE
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North elevation

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East elevation

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West elevation, tear wing

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Smokehouse, east elevation

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