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Miller-Schlosser Farmstead
Lewistown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1848-1900

The Miller-Schlosser Farmstead consists of a two-story log dwelling built about 1848-1852 which now has pressboard siding and an incorporated summer kitchen attached to its rear wing and a two-story stone springhouse/smokehouse combination as the principal structures. The farmstead also includes a frame hog barn, now a garage, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib, both dating from about 1875-1900. The other farm buildings are non-contributing dairy barns and small equipment buildings, built about 1946. The significance of the farmstead is based principally on the architecture and technology of the stone springhouse, a fine example of mid-19th century stonework in the brownstone material commonly available in the Monocacy Valley. The house, although a log structure, retains the general interior plan but has been much altered since 1946.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Miller-Schlosser Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11533 Hessong Bridge Road not for publicationcity, town Lewistown 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	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 Addie R. Firor

street & number 11533 Hessong Bridge Road telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code MD 21788

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1696

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 528

city, town Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-69

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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: 4

The Miller-Schlosser Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex, now principally a private residence, centered on a circa 1848-1852 two-story log dwelling and a two-story stone springhouse/smokehouse combination and the remaining contributing agricultural outbuildings, a frame hog barn and a frame wagon shed/corn crib of about 1870. The farmstead was dated by land records research and an interior log inscribed 1852 which, although removed from its original location, has been retained by the present owner, Mrs. Firor. The farmstead is located on the east side of Hessong Bridge Road about 1-1/4 miles north of Lewistown, Frederick County, Maryland. The buildings are on generally level ground about 200 yards east of the road and just north of Sandy Run, which follows an east-west course through the property.

The dwelling has two stories and a three-bay south elevation. The exterior is covered with pressboard siding, which replaces the former exterior cladding of german siding. A one-story porch extends across the south elevation. The windows are 1/1 replacement sash. The standing seam roof has interior end chimneys. A two-story brick rear wing extends from the northwest corner of the log section. Incorporated with the rear wing as part of a modern remodeling is a summer kitchen adjoining the northeast corner and an originally open side porch on the wing. The summer kitchen has a composition roof. The interior of the house retains the basic two-room first floor plan in the log section, but the fireplace in the west room has been replaced with a brick surround and the mantel in the east room is a refinished late 19th century pine design with geometric panels. The corner stairway in the northwest corner has been retained. The rear wing has been the most altered, containing a modern kitchen and the enclosed side porch and summer kitchen, which has no spatial definition, the former exterior walls having been demolished to create a single space with the porch.

Springhouse/smokehouse: The stone, two-level springhouse is located south of the dwelling. Built about the same time as the dwelling, it is a rectangular building with the spring running through the lower level toward the east. The brownstone walls have been whitewashed. The roof is standing seam metal. Vertical board doors are located in both levels on the north elevation and a modern wood stair and porch provide access to the upper level. A third door is located in the east elevation near the northeast corner. The windows are 6/6. The upper level has two rooms, the western of which served as the smokehouse.

Hog barn: The frame hog barn was built about 1870 and is located on the farm lane as it runs northward from the domestic group. It is currently used as a garage. The exterior is vertical board siding and the roof is standing seam metal. Sliding doors are located on the east elevation.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib is located at the north end of the farm lane just south of the non-contributing 1946 dairy barn. Built about 1870-1900, it has vertical board siding and a standing seam gable roof. Just west of the wagon shed is a concrete block barn built in 1946 on the stone foundation of the original bank barn.

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
<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"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1848-1852; 1875-

Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: ¹⁹⁰⁰ 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.

SECTION 8: Significance:

The Miller-Schlosser Farmstead is principally important for the architecture of the stone springhouse/smokehouse. This is a substantial building with well-crafted stonemasonry in the common brownstone of the Monocacy Valley. The dwelling has been altered considerably since the late 1940's and is minimally significant for the remaining plan and log structure. The farmstead was probably built by David Miller, the owner from 1848 to 1850, or George Schlosser, the purchaser of Miller's farm at a sheriff's sale due to debt in 1850. The dated log 1852 found in the structure and the 1858 Bond map confirm that the building was in existence by the early 1850's. In 1864, the farm was one of the first land purchases of Alexander Ramsburg, who became one of the largest landowners in the Lewistown election district and was one of the promoters and the vice-president of the Washington, Frederick and Gettysburg Railroad in about 1908. The WF&G steam line ran along the western boundary of the farm. The WF&G Railroad was incorporated in 1909 into the eventual Hagerstown & Frederick Electric Railway and the steam line was converted to electrification. The right of way is still marked by the line of power poles which cross Hessong Bridge Road near the entrance to the Miller-Schlosser Farm.

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Lewistown

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:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

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/smokehouse

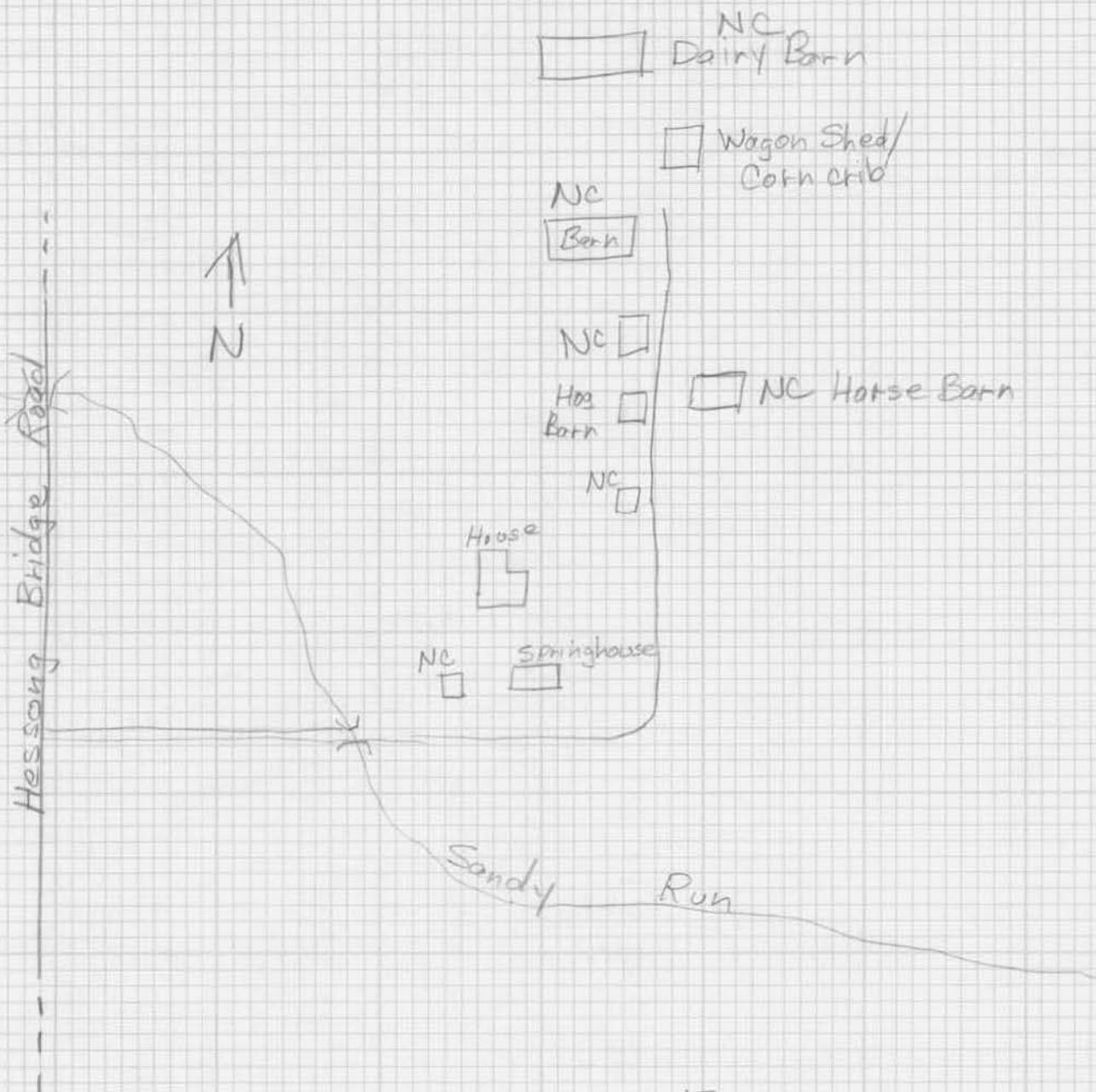
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

11533 Messong Bridge Rd.					
LIBER/FC. O	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1696/528 8 Mar 91	Addie R. Fisor	Addie R. Fisor, Pers. Rep. of estate of George M. Fisor dec.			
991/316 28 Jun 76	George M. Fisor	George M. ^{Fisor} & Anna Ruth Fisor Putman, pers. reps. of estate of Bessie V. Fisor, dec.	P. 2 of 3: 161 A. 5	\$15,000	
308/316: 28 Mar 14	Zachariah V. & Bessie V. Fisor	Daisie C. Ramsburg, Mattie S. Ramsburg, Dano F. Ramsburg	161 A.		
STH 286/57 29 Sept 08	Daisie C. Ramsburg et al daughters of Alexander & Hannah	Alexander & Hannah S. Ramsburg	P. 1: 117 A. JLJ 16/122 P. 2: 171 A. JWLC 1/235	\$12,000	5158 A. deeded to W F & G Rader 30 June 8 HWB 290/141 7 Dec 09
P. 1: JLJ 16/122 1 Apr 1897	Alexander & Hannah S. Ramsburg	Ida M. Toloming, exec. of Charles E. Wachter	317 A. adjoining lands of Alexander Ramsburg and George W. Staub	\$6,700	
P. 2: JWLC 1/235 14 Mar 1864	Alexander Ramsburg	Samuel & Keyia H. Keefer	Part of "Springfield", "Resurvey on Hess Choice", "Eldest Son", "Resurvey on Den of Molasses"	\$9,500	
P. 1: JLJ 1/364 5 Apr 1892	Charles E. Wachter	Fredrickstown Savings Institution	319 A.	\$6,700	
P. 1: JLJ 1/81 6 Jan 1892	Fredrickstown Savings Inst.	Charles W. Ross & Clayton O. Keedy, trustee in Equity #5807		\$5,663.77	

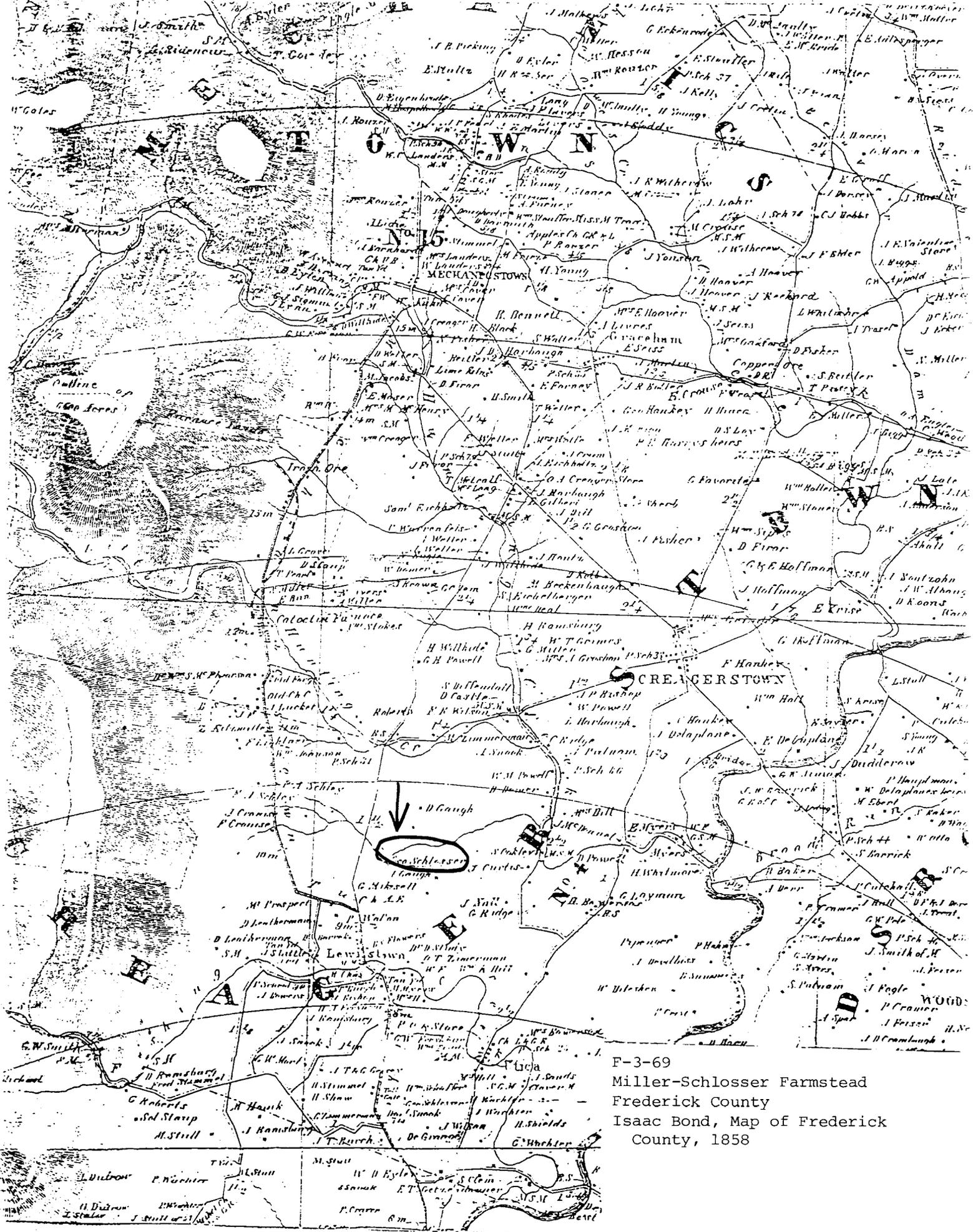
LIBER/FC 0	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
P. 2: BGF 553 7/553 21 June 1862	Samuel Keefer	Peter G. Schlosser exec. under will of Peter George Schlosser	2 parcels, part of "Spring Fields", Resurvey on Henss Chase Elderst son, Resurvey on Den of Valuet 156A. + 218A.	\$9000	
P. 2: WBT 13/56 11 Oct 1850	George Schlosser	M. B. Harding, Sheriff of Frederick Co. in case of debtor David Miller, Jr.	37.5 A. tracts as above		
P. 2: WBT 11/58 28 Feb-1850	David Miller Jr.	David Miller & Sarah Miller	tracts as above WBT 8/316 25 Jul 1848	\$6100	
P. 2: WBT 8/316 25 July 1848	David Miller	Philip Baltzell et al	tracts as above mentions Philip + Thomas Baltzell as owners, Thos. released & mortgage to John Baltzell		
P. 2: H S 16/213 25 Mar 1842 mortgage	John Baltzell, Physician	Philip & Thomas Baltzell			
P. 2: 85 34/297 17 Jan 1830					



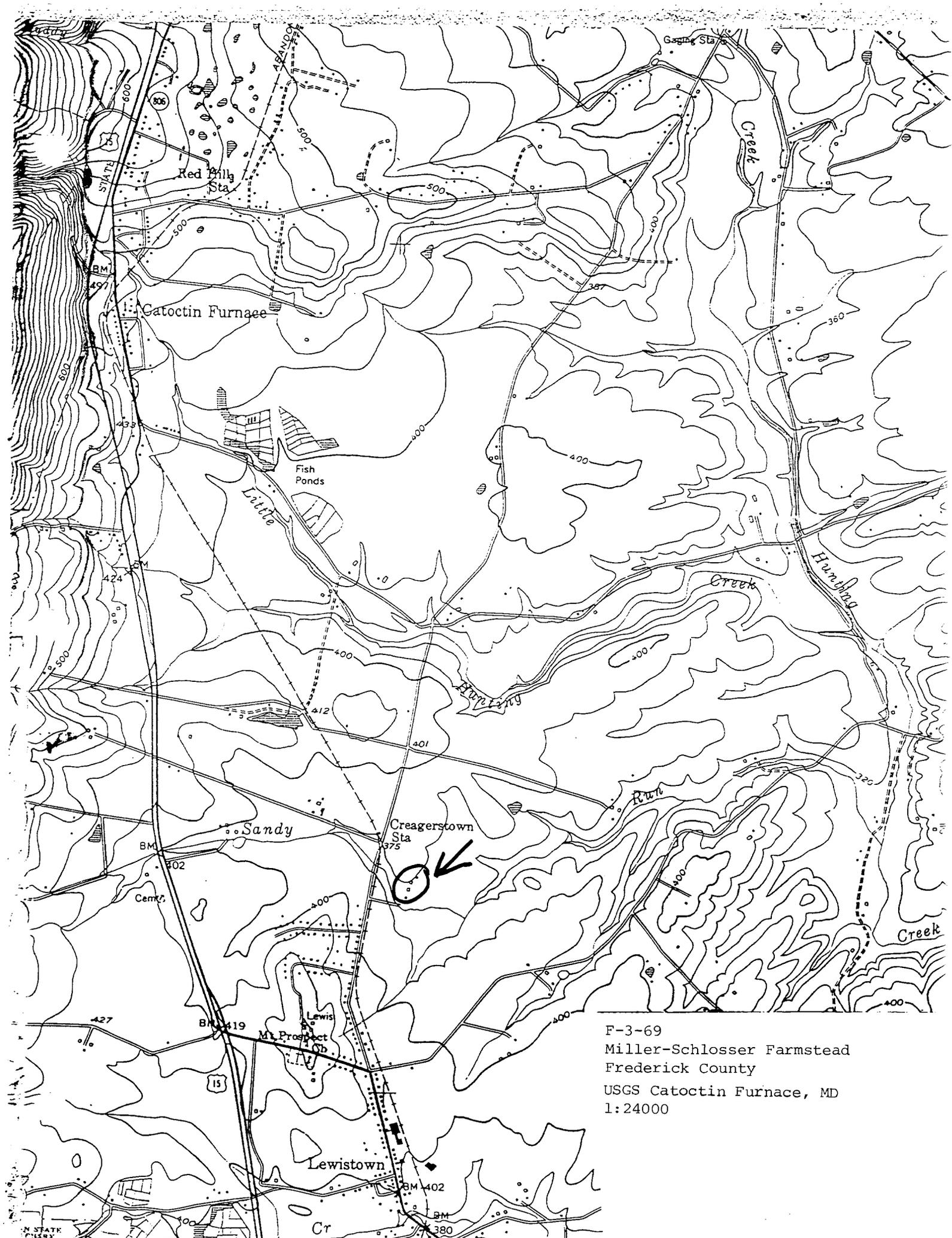
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Janet Davis
 August 24, 1992

Not to Scale



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 Miller-Schlosser Farmstead
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 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
 County, 1858



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USGS Catoctin Furnace, MD
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South east corner view

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Springhouse, northeast corner view

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Springhouse, South elevation

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Agricultural outbuildings, view from south

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