
7. Description

Inventory No. F-4-148

Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

See attached Property Description prepared by Paula S. Reed and Associates in 2001.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates ca. 1850

Architect/Builder

Construction dates ca. 1850

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

See attached Significance statement prepared by Paula S. Reed and Associates in 2001.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 137.37
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name Myersville

Quadrangle scale: 1:2000 ft

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

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Property Description

The Easterday or Ostertag Farm is composed of two parcels; Parcel 30 is 138 acres and Parcel 228 is slightly less than six acres, a total of approximately 144 acres. The farm is set in a quiet valley on the east side of South Mountain. Within Parcel 30, the approximately 15-acre nominated area includes the building complex associated with the farm, bordered by Easterday Road and the Little Catactin Creek on the west. Beyond the eastern and southern boundaries of the nominated area, a 1000-foot ridgeline dominates the east and south vistas. A spring, which serves the farm, feeds into the Little Catactin Creek and a small farm pond, just west of the buildings. The spring and pond are in the nominated area.

The building complex of the Ostertag Farm spans the history of the farm, including a 19th and 20th century farmhouse, barn and several outbuildings; a renovated 18th century log house; a renovated stone house; and the foundation sites of a 19th century log/brick house and its associated barn. Also located within the farm boundary is a remnant of an early wagon road.

The main farmhouse is a two-story log building, c. 1850, with a frame 'ell' addition dating to around 1900. Windows are two over two double-hung sash. The foundation is fieldstone. The full front porch wraps around the west side of the house. This porch was built in 1954 by the current owner. The vinyl siding covers a layer of asbestos siding which covers a layer of composite siding according to the current owner. These various layers of siding probably cover an original layer of wood siding. The house faces north and fronts onto Easterday Road at a sharp east to north curve.

The large bank barn associated with the main house is sited to the southeast of the house. It is a timber frame structure on a stone foundation. An earlier barn was built on the stone foundation c. 1850. This barn is said to have burned and was replaced c. 1910 with the current larger structure. The current barn extends beyond the older foundation westward by one bay. In the 1990s the barn was renovated for an adaptive use. The upper story interior remains open with the timber framing and rafters exposed; it is currently used for social gatherings. Rooms have been built into the end bays and the lower story. The exterior form of the barn is relatively unchanged, with vertical siding, metal roof and vent cupolas. Adjacent to the barn on the east end is the 20th century silo. Immediately south of the barn is a 20th century block loafing shed; it is currently used for storage. Off the northwest corner of the barn is a one-story block milk house.

West of the barn and south of the main house is a one story, three bay block garage/workshop building. The current owner constructed this building in 1954. A one bay block garage is also located to the northeast of the main house.

The farm lane, which runs between the main house and the barn, leads to the earlier complex of farm buildings. This lane is actually part of an old wagon road which ran through the historic farm from the southwest and continued north. The lane is paved with asphalt from the intersection with Easterday Road running south several hundred feet to the 19th century house and barn foundation sites. Here the wagon road trace continues turning southwest and is bordered by a line of trees on both sides. It is kept clear as a walking path by the current owner.

On the west side of the lane, southwest of the main house is a small one story, two bay, gable front log house. The current building is a 1997 renovation of the original log house at this location, which had fallen nearly into ruin. The logs are currently exposed; there is an exterior stone chimney. The building stands on its original stone foundation which encloses a flowing spring. Windows are replacement, but original 18th century architraves with ovalo molding trim the interior windows and door.

Continuing south along the lane, on its east side is a one and a half story stone house. This is a 1998 renovation of the original building of which only a ruin remained. The north end wall was relatively intact and original remnants of exterior stucco have been retained. The roof is new, with two pedimented dormer windows on each side. All windows are replacement. A new exterior wood staircase leads to the upper story room. The spring, which passes to the north of the stone house, has been diverted to the house and operates a small waterwheel on the north elevation.

Southeast of the stone house is the foundation site of a two story brick cased log house which collapsed in 1994. Just east of the house site is the ruin of a stone smokehouse. To the west of the house site, on the west side of the lane is the foundation site of a barn. A modern frame shed stands between the house and barn sites.

Significance

The Ostertag Farm is significant as a relatively intact cultural landscape portraying the development of the family farm in Frederick County, from the late 18th century through the 20th century. Although several of the earliest buildings and the barn have been renovated for adaptive use, the siting of the buildings remains intact, preserving the spatial relationships of the buildings through time. The significance of the farm landscape through time is further enhanced by the continued use of the surrounding land in agricultural production. The Ostertag Farm is significant also for the remnant of the settlement era wagon road preserved on the property. Together the farm landscape and the road trace present a representative visual landscape of Frederick County settlement and agricultural history.

The Ostertag Farm is located primarily on part of the 18th century land patent known as *Caty's Memoradums*. The patent was issued to George Custard in 1792 by the Maryland land office. The survey noted improvements on the property, including 2000 fence rails, and "2 old cabbins [sic]" (Frederick Co. Survey Book H.G.O. 1, page 565).

George Custard appears to have been a land speculator as he patented several other tracts during the 1790s and appears to have quickly subdivided the land. Valentine Lingenfelter patented a nearby tract under the name *We Have Got the Bird in the Cage* in 1791, which he later transferred to George Custard in 1793 (Frederick Co. Land Records).

In 1808, Abraham Boyd sold 155 acres of *Caty's Memorandums* to John Burnett (Frederick Co. Land Record WR 34/199). John Burnett transferred the property to Daniel Garnand in 1812. Daniel and Hannah Garnand appear to have settled on the farm in the pleasant little valley. They may have constructed the brick encased log house which stood on the farm until 1994. In the 1853 deed in which they sold the farm to their son-in-law, Lawrence Easterday, the Garnand's transferred 138 acres, 150 square perches, "Excepting the Brick House, yard and garden, The Barn nearest to said house, . . . pasture for one Horse, and for two cows, . . . to remain only during the life of the said Daniel Garnand and Hannah his wife." (Frederick Co. Land Record E.S. 5/17) It appears also from this deed text that there may have already been another barn (and probably a house) constructed on the property.

Lawrence Easterday was born in 1817 on his father's farm in Washington County (Williams, *History of Frederick County*, p. 1477). His father, Michael Ostertag (Easterday) was a German immigrant who reportedly fought, possibly as a mercenary soldier, in the Revolutionary War (Williams, p. 1477; *Ostertag/Easterday Association of America*, Vol 17, Apr-June 2000, "Many German Migrations Followed the Same Route.").

According to Williams' *History*, Lawrence Easterday moved to the Garnand farm in the Catoctin District of Frederick County following his marriage to Caroline Gernand (Garnand). Although no date is given for this marriage, it seems likely to have been some time around 1840. The newly-weds probably lived in the old log house while the new house and barn were constructed by young Lawrence. Easterday family lore describes as many as eleven family members living in the small log house at one time.

The 1856 Bond map of Frederick County showed several farms and a sawmill along the Little Catoctin Creek southwest of Wolfsville, however no road was indicated. Certainly the wagon road, which passed through the Daniel Gernand farm (later the Easterday farm) provided access to these remote homesteads and the nearby sawmill. Easterday family lore describes the use of the old road during the 1862 Union march toward the South Mountain battlefield and an encampment in nearby fields. A Civil War

issue "U.S." brass belt buckle found on the Ostertag Farm appears to attest to these troop movements. Unfortunately no Union maps recorded include this section of the county. An 1863 'captured' Confederate map does show this section but again, no road is indicated.

The 1873 Frederick County Atlas map showed the newly laid Easterday Road not present on the 1856 Bond map. The new road followed the meanders of the creek, leading directly to the mill, and making a deliberate turn to the northeast to pass in front of the Easterday farm.

Caroline (Garnand) Easterday died in 1870 and Lawrence married Ellen Herr three years later (Williams, p. 1477). Lawrence and Ellen had four children, including Charles O. Easterday. In 1895, Lawrence Easterday died leaving his real estate to his wife and her three surviving children (Frederick Co. Will Book J.K.W. 1/305). Charles purchased the now 144-acre farm from the other heirs in 1908 (Frederick Co. Land Record 286/565). T.J.C. Williams, writing in 1910, described the farm as it looked in the early 20th century: "This place, which is beautifully situated at the foot of the South Mountain, consists of 144 acres of fertile land, well improved, and furnished with two sets of buildings" (Williams, p. 1478). The 1908 deed indicated that, in addition to the 138 acres from *Caty's Memorandums*, the extra six acres came from two adjoining patents, *We [Have] Got the Bird in the Cage*, and *The Long Race*.

The farm has since passed through two generations of Easterdays; it is now under the ownership of Donald and Wanda Easterday.

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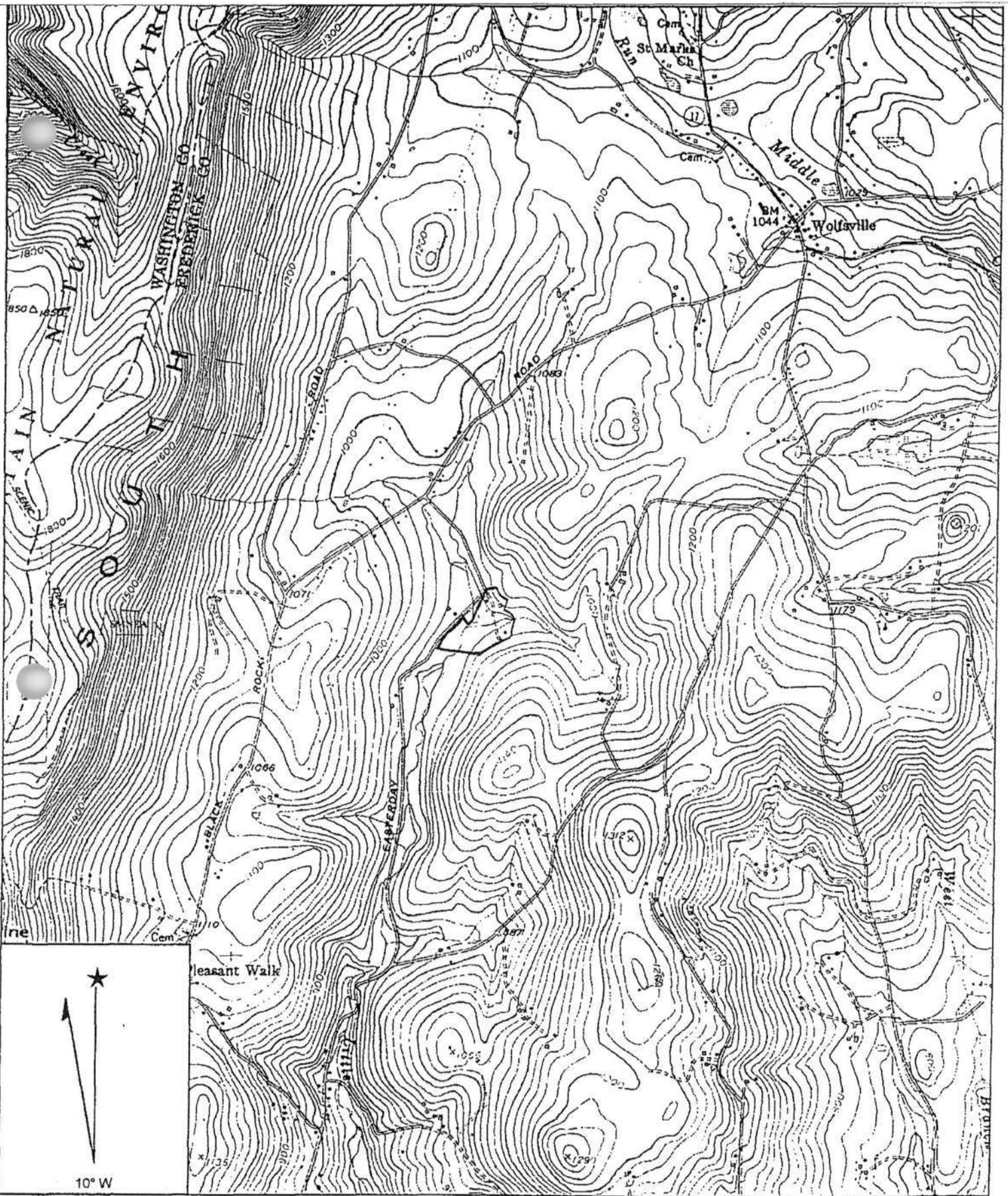
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Williams, T. J. C. *History of Frederick County, Maryland*. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979 (L. R. Titsworth & Co., 1910).

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1863, Map of Maryland and Pennsylvania "Captured from the Rebels."

1873, Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland.



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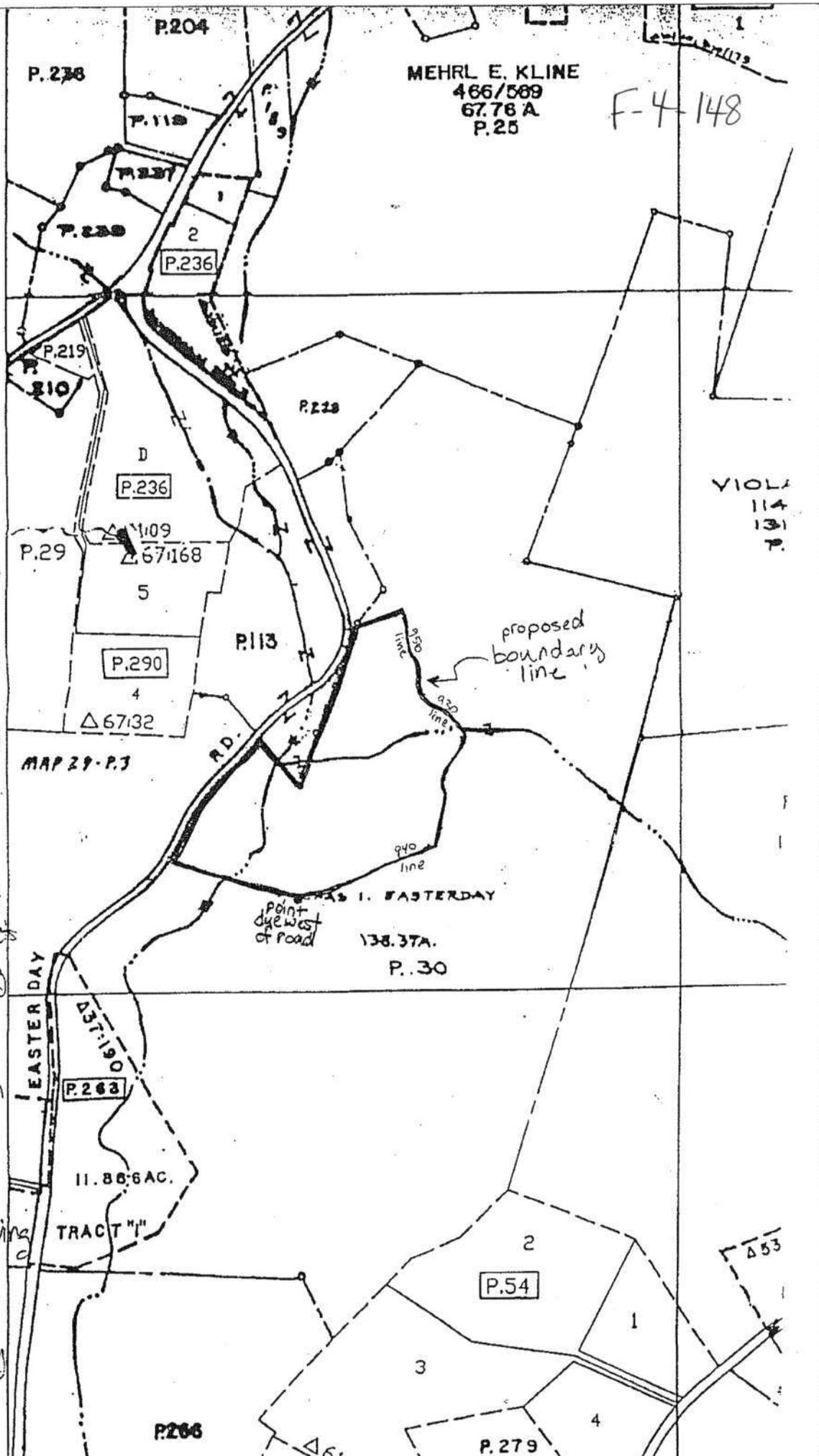
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 Caption: Easterday Farm

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Ostertag Farm
 Proposed Boundary
 Frederick Co. Tax Map
 # 30

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Beginning at a point in Easterday Rd. on the subject property boundary line; at the intersect of the farm lane; then NE to the 950' contour line; following said line S to a point near the NE corner of the barn; then leaving said contour line and running S to a point on the 930' contour line; then following said line to the point where said line intersects the spring; then leaving said line and running S to a point on the 940' contour line; then following said line SE to a point due W of the property line on Easterday Rd. and leaving said contour line and running due E to said point on Easterday Rd. then following the property boundary to place of beginning.



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MAP 29-P.3

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AS I. EASTERDAY
 138.37A.
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proposed boundary line

Point due west of road

940 line

950 line

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M S M or S M M—Merchant Mill, S M—Saw Mill,
 G M—Grind Saw Mill, and G S M or S
 P E—Private Entertainment, P O—Post Office, T Yd—Tan
 Yard.

The names of Voting places are printed in small capitals.
 DISTANCES, in miles, between the intersections of roads, are
 indicated by figures placed near the roads.

MILE-STONES, along turnpikes, &c., are marked by short
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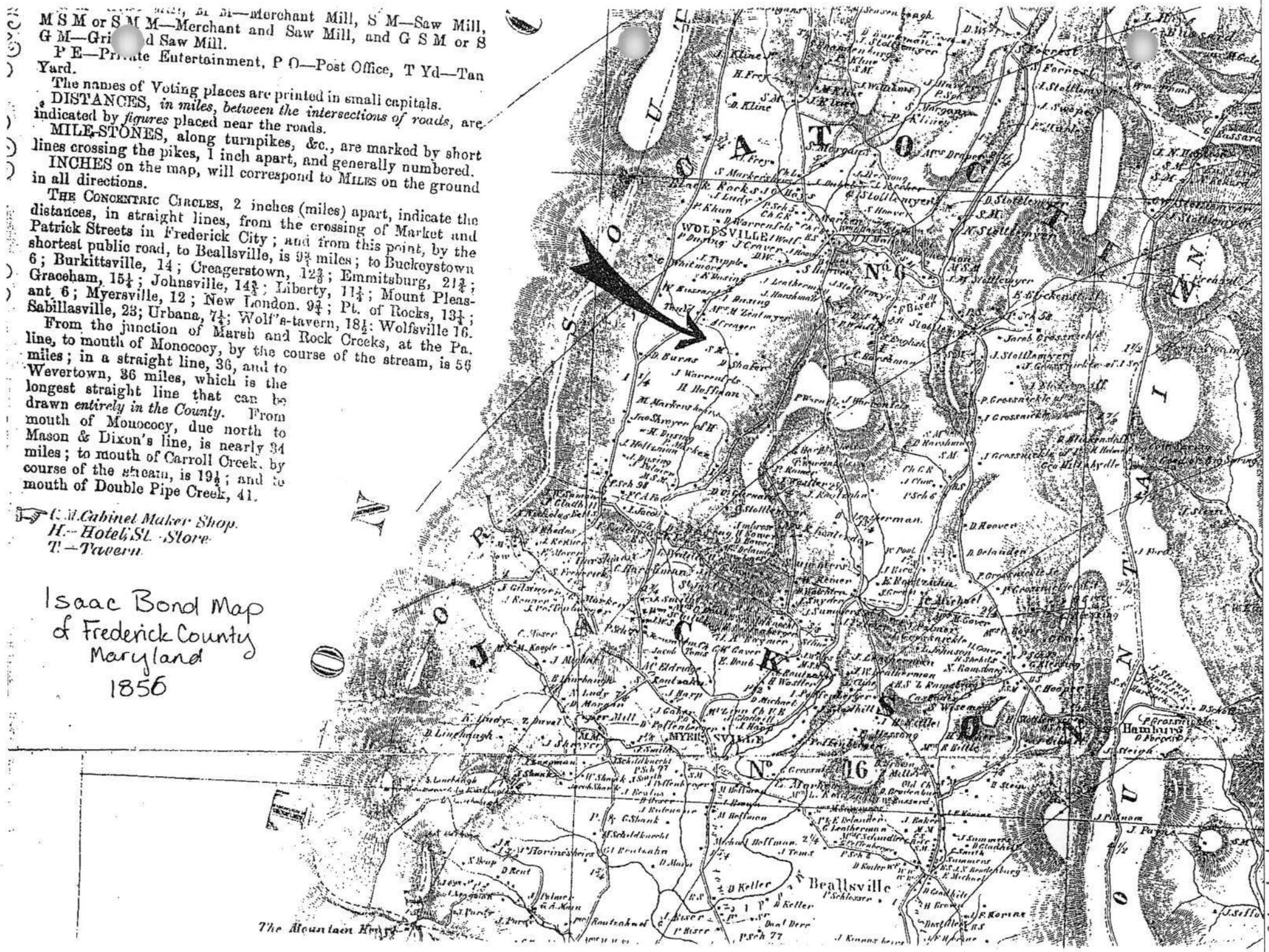
THE CONCENTRIC CIRCLES, 2 inches (miles) apart, indicate the
 distances, in straight lines, from the crossing of Market and
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 6; Burkittsville, 14; Creagerstown, 12 3/4; Emmitsburg, 21 3/4;
 Graceham, 15 1/4; Johnsville, 14 3/4; Liberty, 11 1/4; Mount Pleas-
 ant 6; Myersville, 12; New London, 9 1/4; Pt. of Rocks, 13 1/4;
 Sabillasville, 23; Urbana, 7 1/4; Wolf's-tavern, 18 1/2; Wolfsville 16.

From the junction of Marsh and Rock Creeks, at the Pa.
 line, to mouth of Monococy, by the course of the stream, is 5 1/2
 miles; in a straight line, 36, and to
 Wevertown, 36 miles, which is the
 longest straight line that can be
 drawn entirely in the County. From
 mouth of Monococy, due north to
 Mason & Dixon's line, is nearly 34
 miles; to mouth of Carroll Creek, by
 course of the stream, is 19 1/2; and to
 mouth of Double Pipe Creek, 41.

C. M. Cabinet Maker Shop.
 H. — Hotel; S L — Store
 T. — Tavern.

Isaac Bond Map
 of Frederick County
 Maryland
 1856

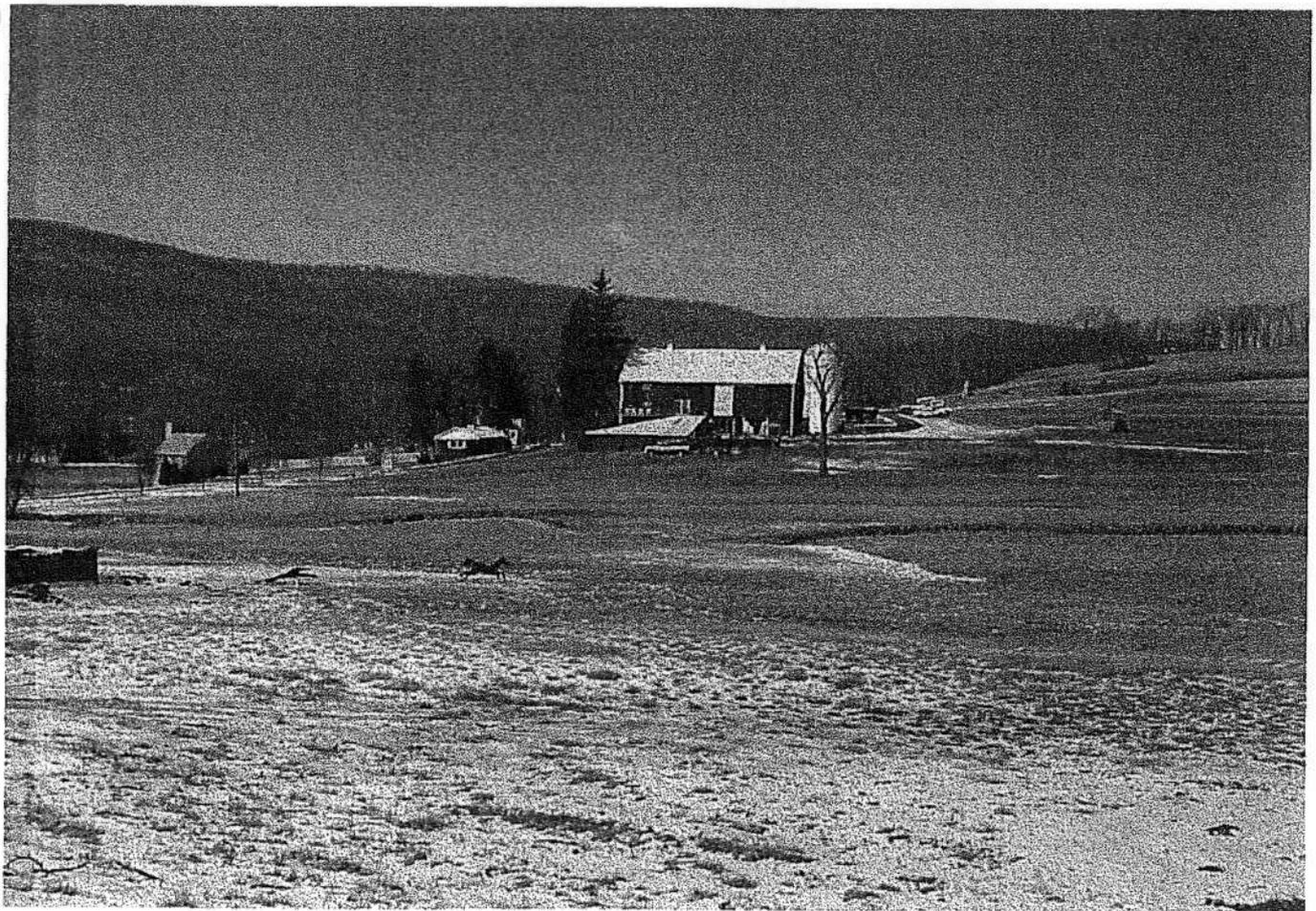
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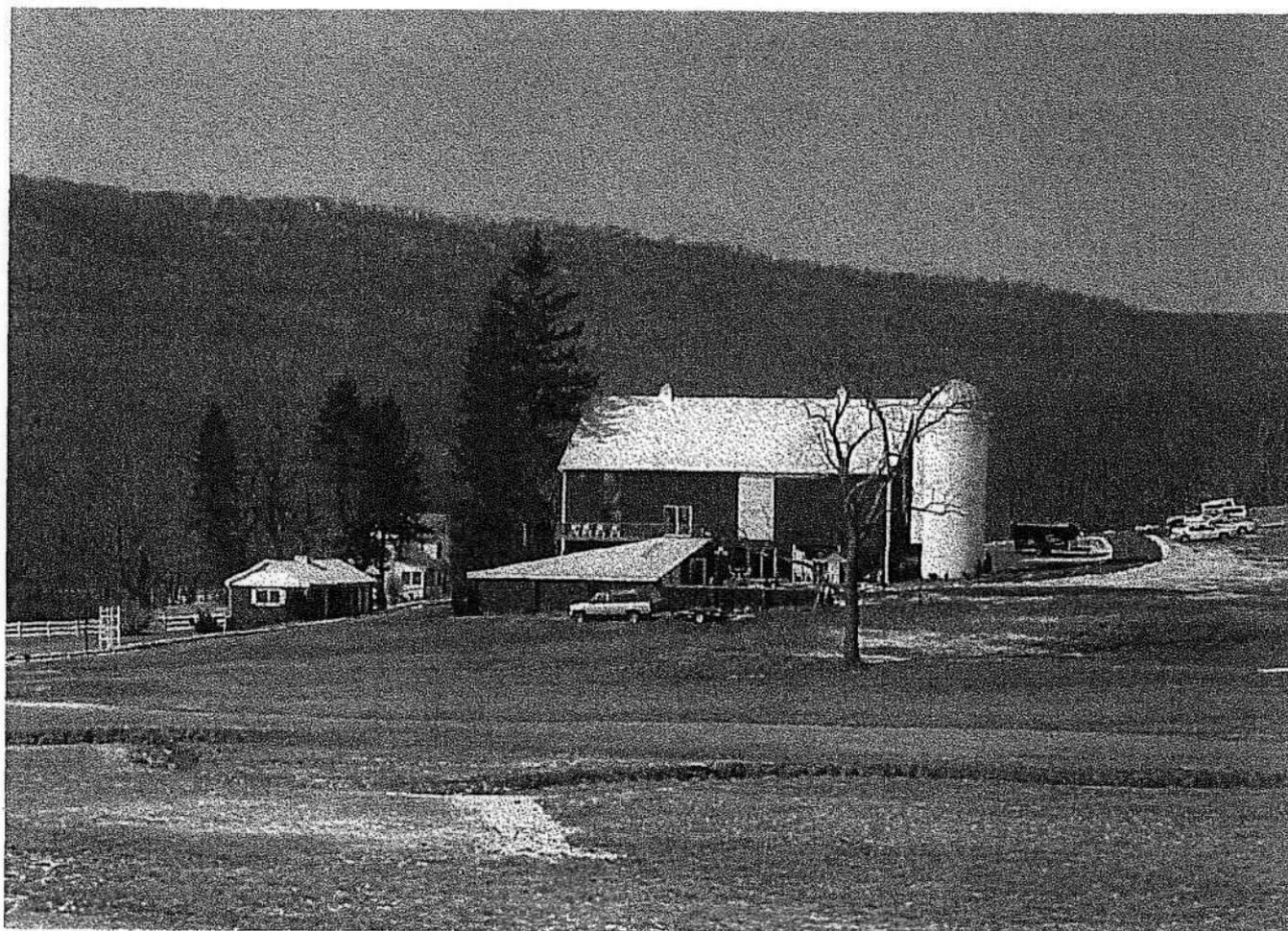
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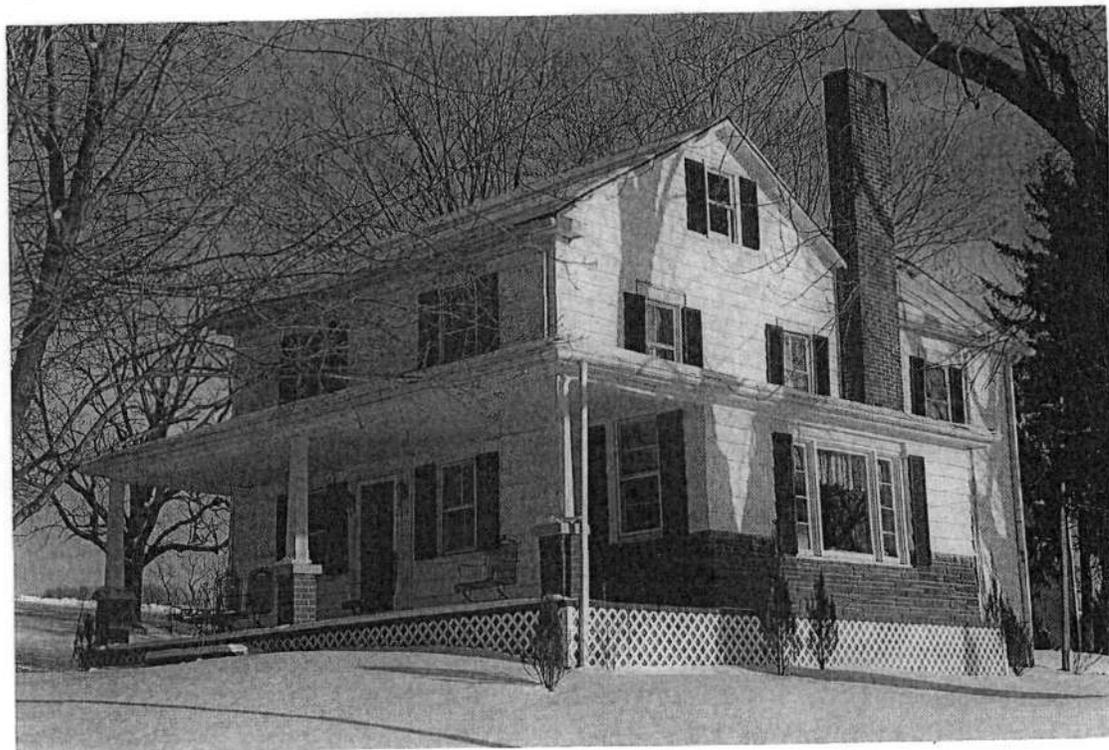
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Ostertog Farm
main house
view E
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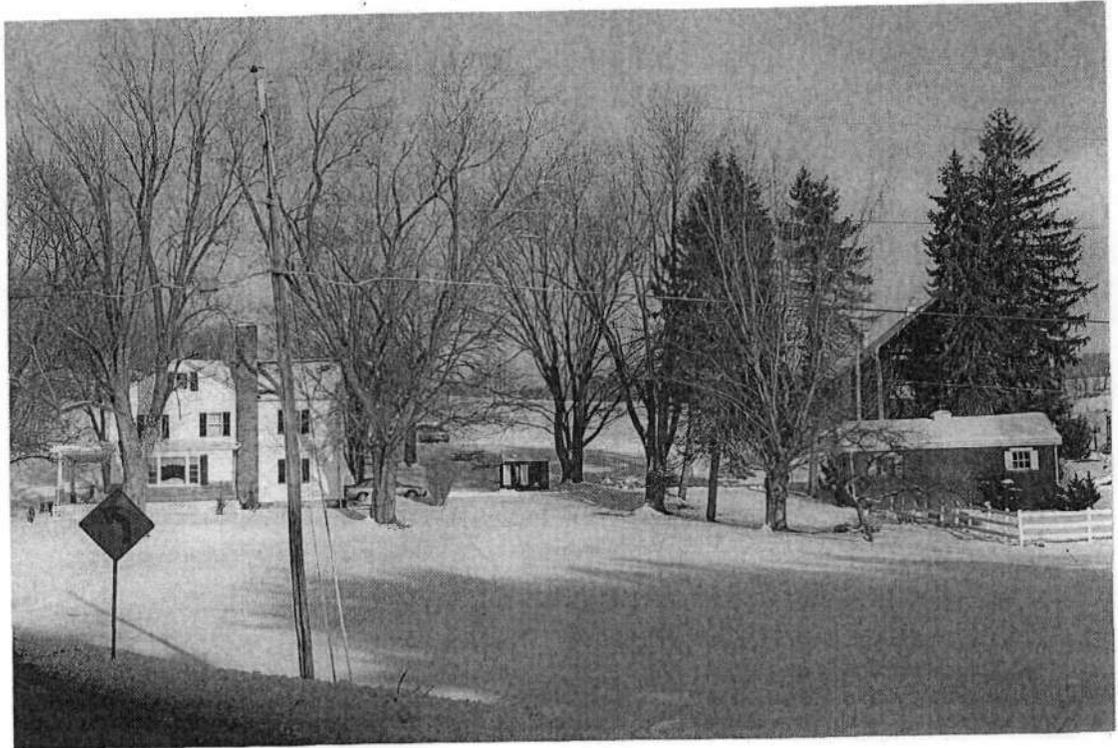
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Ostertog Farm
main house
view E
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Ostertag Farm
main house and barn
view SE
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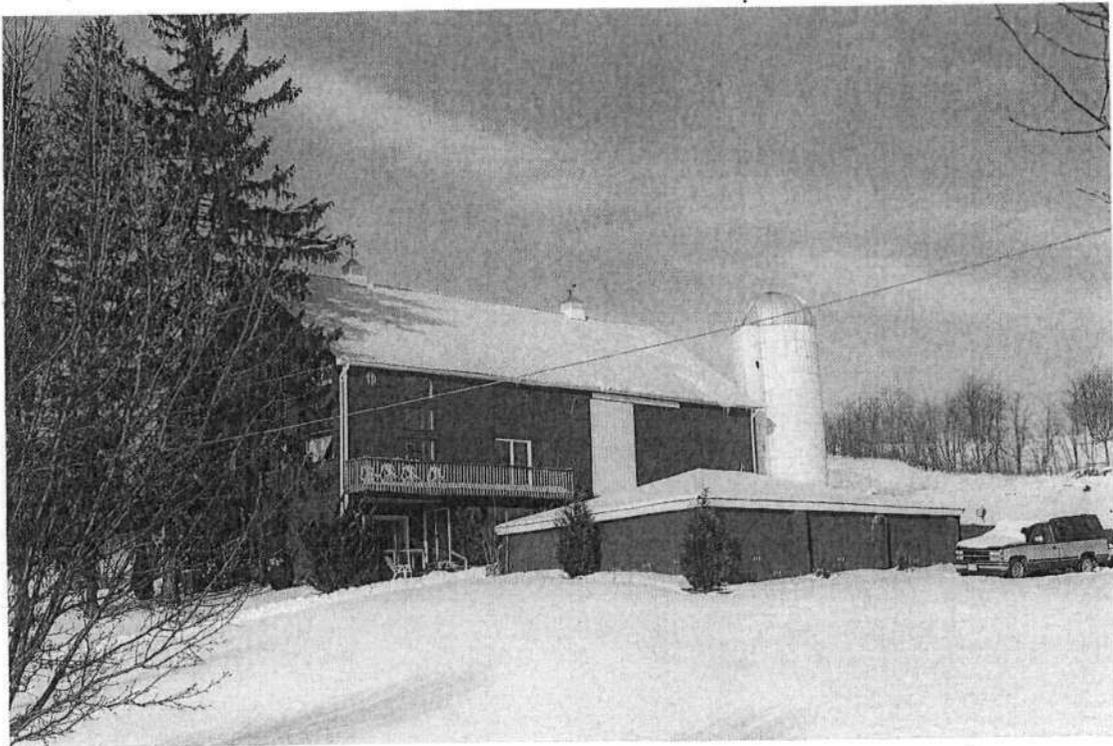
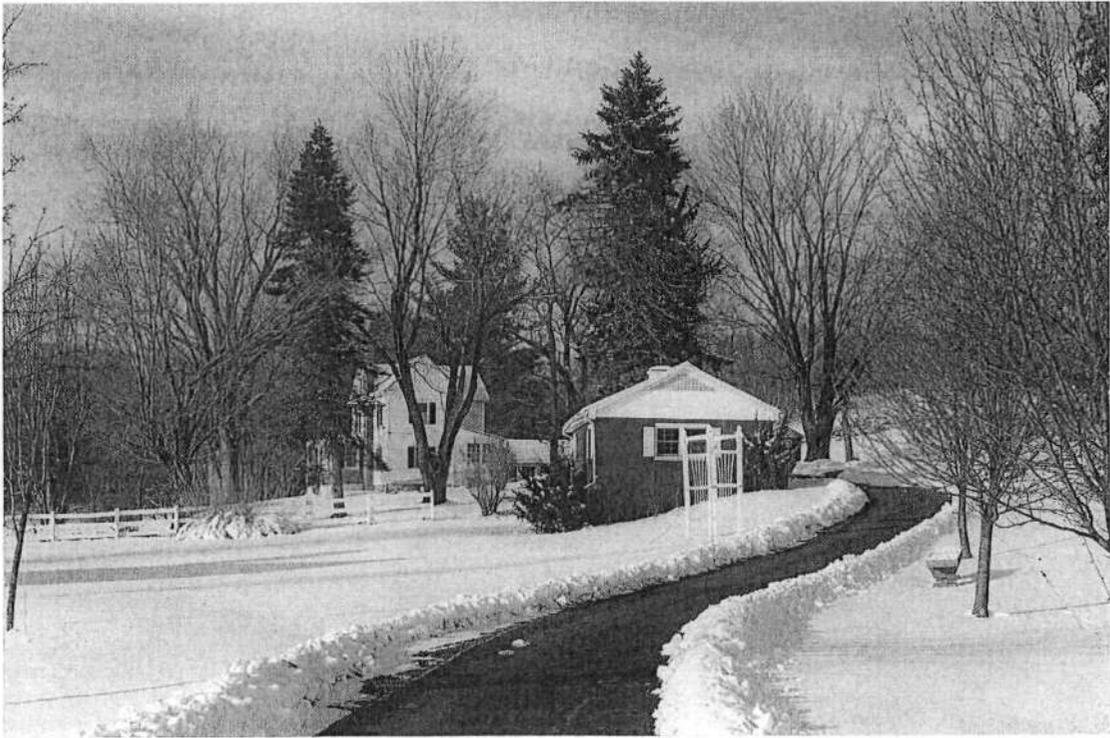
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Ostertag Farm
main house + barn
view NE
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Ostertag Farm
main house + workshop/garage; farm lane

view N

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Ostertag Farm
barn + loafing shed

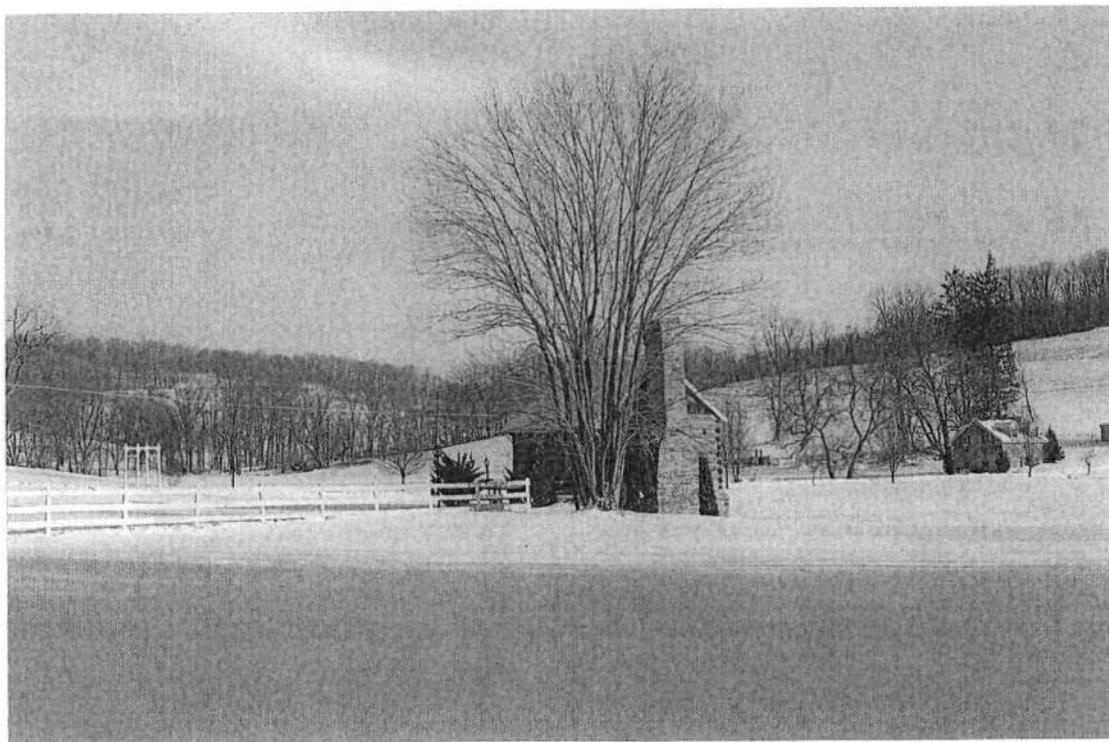
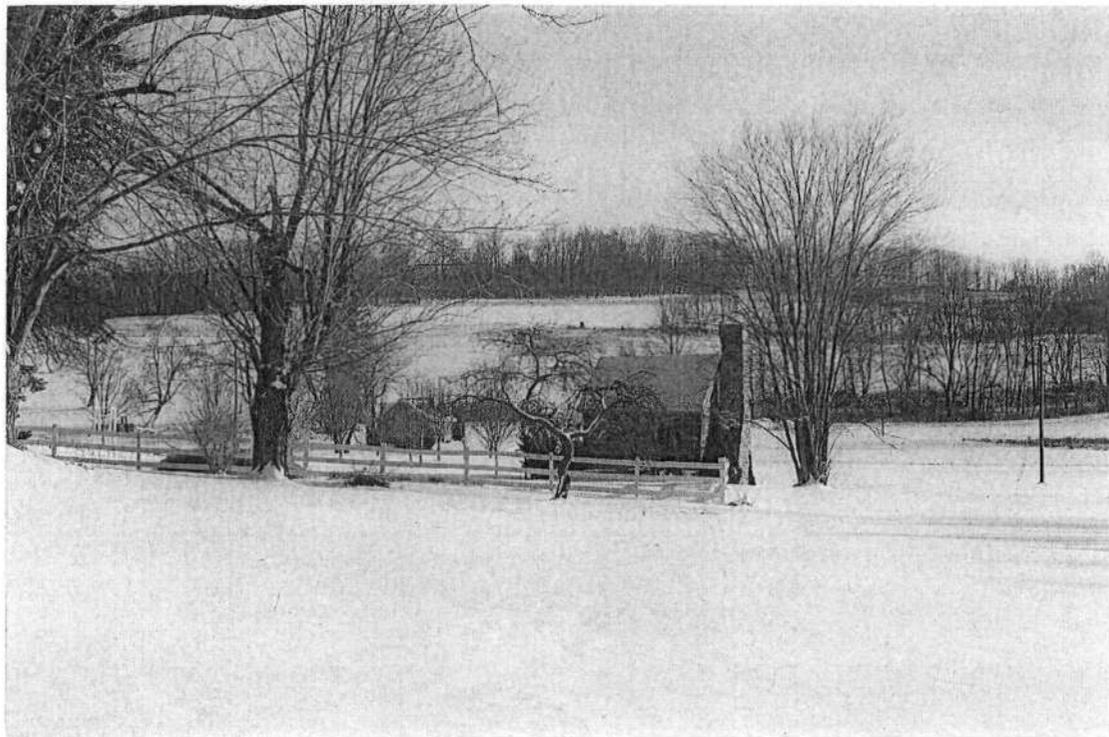
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Ostertag Farm
landscape view; log house + stone house
view S

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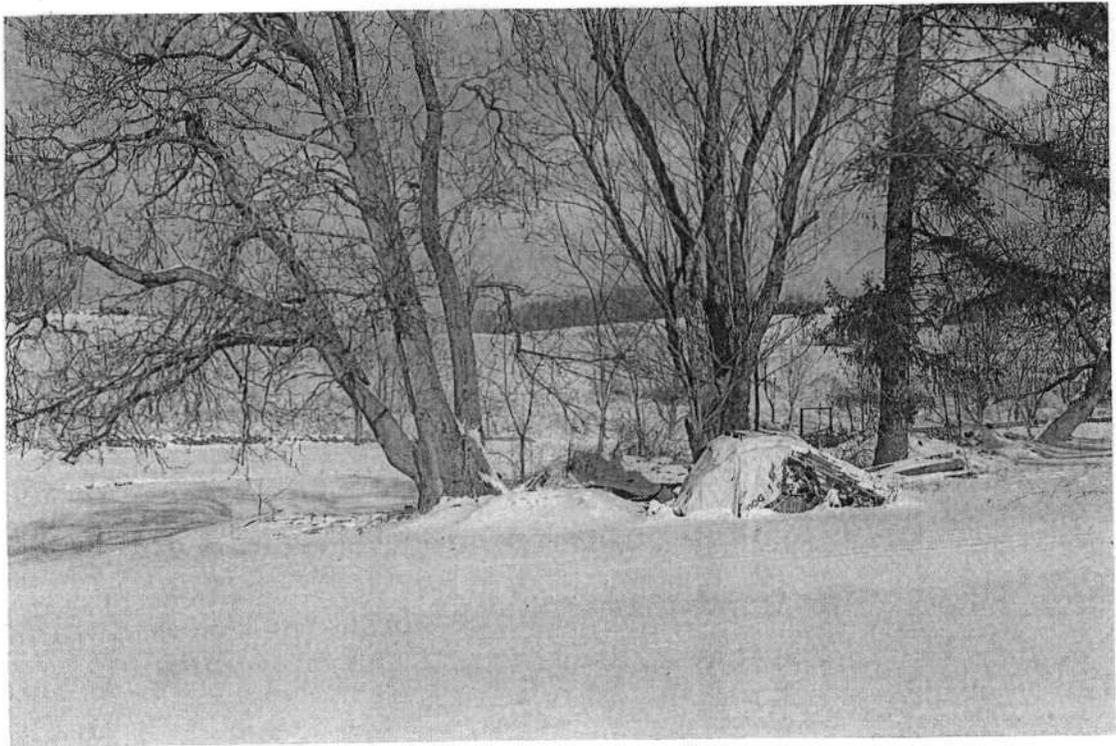
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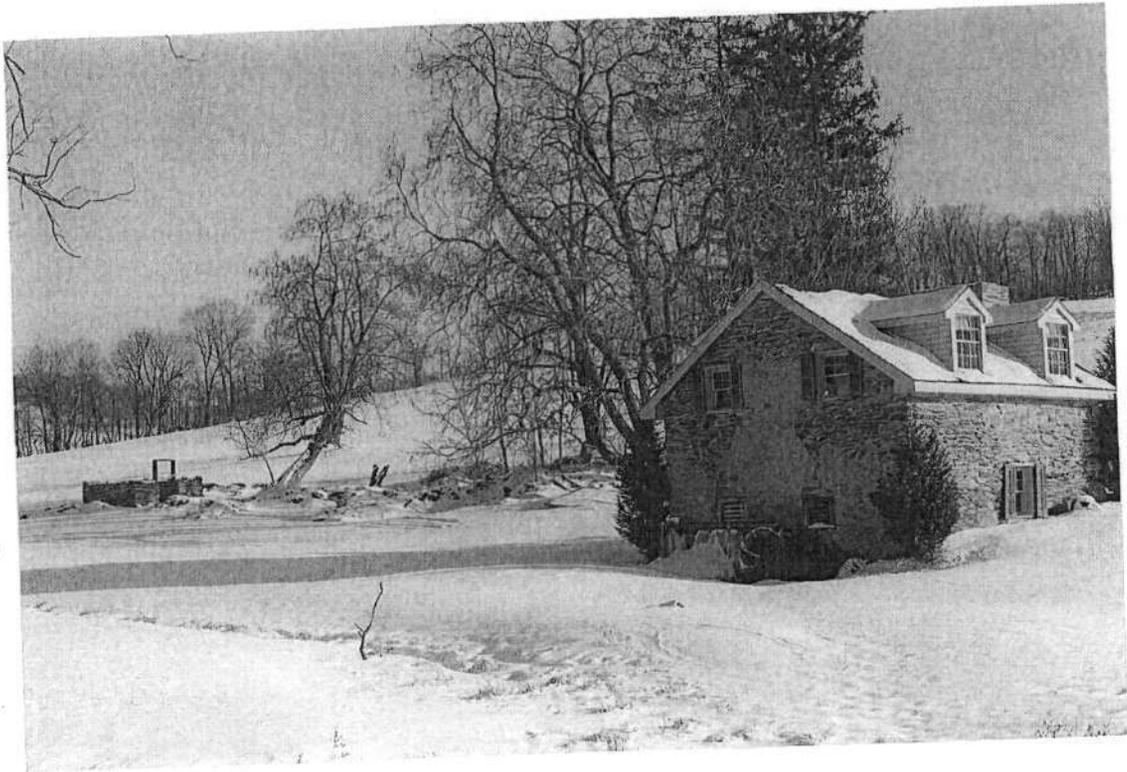
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Ostertag Farm
foundation site of brick encased log house
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Ostertag Farm
stone house-
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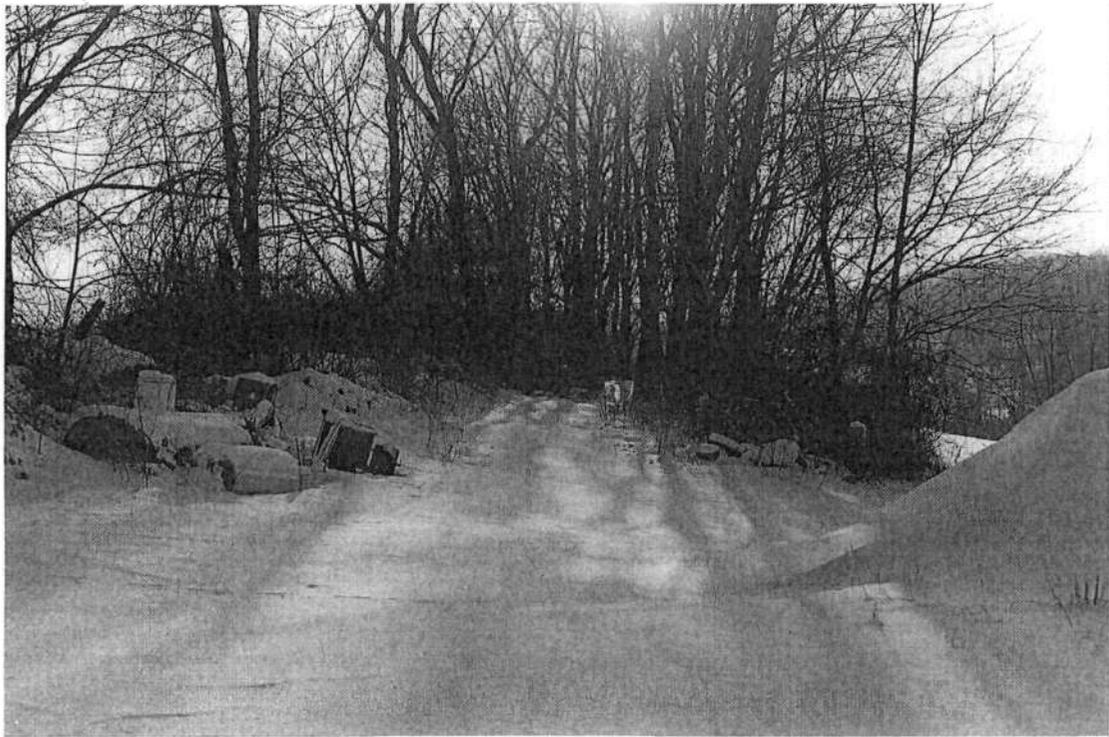
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Stone house ; brick/log house foundation site behind
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Ostertag Farm
stone house (renovated)
view N
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Ostertag Farm
historic road trace
view SW
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Ostertag Farm
landscape view; road trace along tree line in middle ground
view S
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Ostertag Farm
landscape view from brick/log house foundation site
view N
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Ostertag Farm
landscape view from brick/^{noise}log foundation site
view E

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