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Bowlus-Holter Farmstead
Braddock Heights vicinity
Private

Ca. 1845-ca. 1862

The Bowlus-Holter Farmstead consists of a two-story log and frame house built in two sections from about 1845-50 to about 1862. A modern frame link connects a ca. 1850 summer kitchen to the main house. A frame wash house, also dating from about 1850, and an early 20th century frame garage moved to the farm from another property are located east of the house. The property also contains a non-contributing concrete block and frame horse barn, part of an extension to a larger barn which no longer exists. The farmstead is a fair example of a farmstead of the third quarter of the 19th century, showing the modest alterations linked to the level of agricultural prosperity during the last half of the 19th century. The farm was probably built by Stephen R. Bowlus, who was later a captain in the Home Guard during the Civil War. In 1862, he sold the farm to George B. Holter, who expanded the acreage and probably built the second section of the house and other outbuildings, most of which have been demolished. It remained in the Holter family until the first quarter of the 20th century.

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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:
Agriculture
Arch., Landscape Arch., Comm. Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Know 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 Bowlus-Holter Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Round Hill Road, north side not for publication

city, town Braddock Heights 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 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 George A. Simon

street & number Box 2 telephone no.:

city, town Braddock Heights state and zip code Md. 21714

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 647

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 127

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-18

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: 3

The Bowlus-Holter Farmstead consists of a two-story log dwelling with german siding with a frame connecting link to a log summer kitchen, a frame wash house with an exterior stone chimney, and a frame garage moved to the farm from another property. The house was built about 1850 and the attached summer kitchen and the wash house probably date from the same period. The garage appears to be an early 20th century structure. The farmstead is located on the north side of Round Hill Road on the ridge of Catoclin Mountain near Braddock Heights, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead is surrounded by a 1960's housing development.

The dwelling was built in two sections. The easternmost was probably the original, according to Mr. George Simon, the current owner, who provided a sketch floor plan. It was a one-room log house with a corner stair to the single room on the upper level. Probably after 1862, the house was extended with a section on the west side, adding another room with a fireplace on the party wall. The house probably attained its present appearance with this addition. It is generally rectangular, with a two-story porch on the south elevation. The north elevation has two widely spaced window bays. The sash is mostly 2/2, with some 1/1 replacement windows in various locations. The roof is standing seam metal. The german siding was probably applied in the last quarter of the 19th century. The originally free-standing summer kitchen was located directly south of the first section. It is one story in height with an exterior stone and brick chimney on the south. The siding is german. It was linked by a frame connection with the main house after 1960 and currently functions as the kitchen.

The garage is located directly east of the house and has board and batten siding over a frame structure. A single opening faces south and it has a corrugated metal gable roof. Mr. Simon moved the garage to the farmstead from another property after 1960; its date is probably in the first quarter of the 20th century. The wash house is located just east of the garage. It is a frame structure with vertical board siding and a single vertical board door in the southeast corner. An exterior stone and brick chimney is located on the north gable end. Single windows in the east and west elevations are 2/2. The gable roof is corrugated metal.

The property also contains a non-contributing concrete block and frame barn which was once an extension of a larger barn. It is the only remaining agricultural structure on the property, which Mr. Simon states once had several outbuildings in the area south and west of the present complex.

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
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<input 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	Ca. 1850-1862	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support. The Bowlus-Holter Farmstead is a fair example of a farmstead of the third quarter of the 19th century, with a log dwelling and two contemporary outbuildings which have been very little altered. The house was probably originally built about 1845-50 by Stephen R. Bowlus (ca. 1825-1898), who was later a captain in the Home Guard during the Civil War. Bowlus sold the property in 1862 to George B. Holter (1830-1908) who eventually expanded the farm to about 150 acres. The alterations to the main house probably occurred during the period 1862-1905 when Holter passed the property to his son Morris R. Holter. The modest expansion of the farm buildings exemplifies the middle class of Frederick County farmers who were able to achieve good, if not outstanding, economic results over long periods of cultivation by successive generations.

In the Ridge Road area on Catoclin Mountain, there are very few remaining agricultural groups, the region having been dominated by the development of Braddock Heights to the south by the Frederick and Middletown Railway. The Bowlus-Holter Farmstead is the most complete agricultural group in the vicinity of the village. Compared with the large farms in the Middletown and Monocacy Valleys, the farmstead is not as complete in the number of outbuildings remaining, and its formerly isolated setting has been compromised by the modern housing development surrounding it.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.
 Land Records of Frederick County
 Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873
 Williams, T.J.C. and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, V. 2, 1910. Reprinted
 Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p.1100, 1275-1276.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 6 acres
 Quadrangle name Middletown, Md. Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							
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G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 66, Parcel 3.45

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

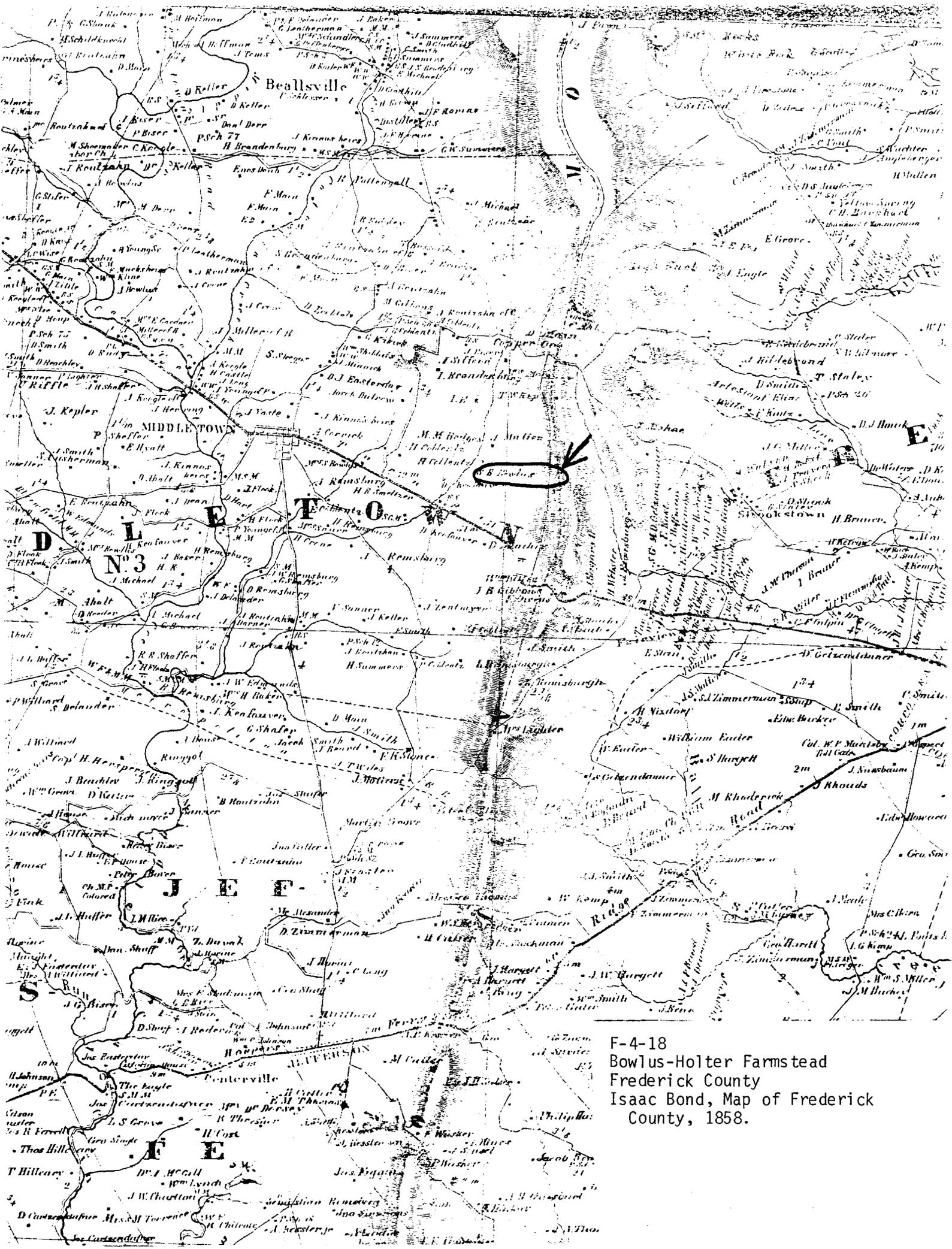
name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor
 organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date February 1992
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 city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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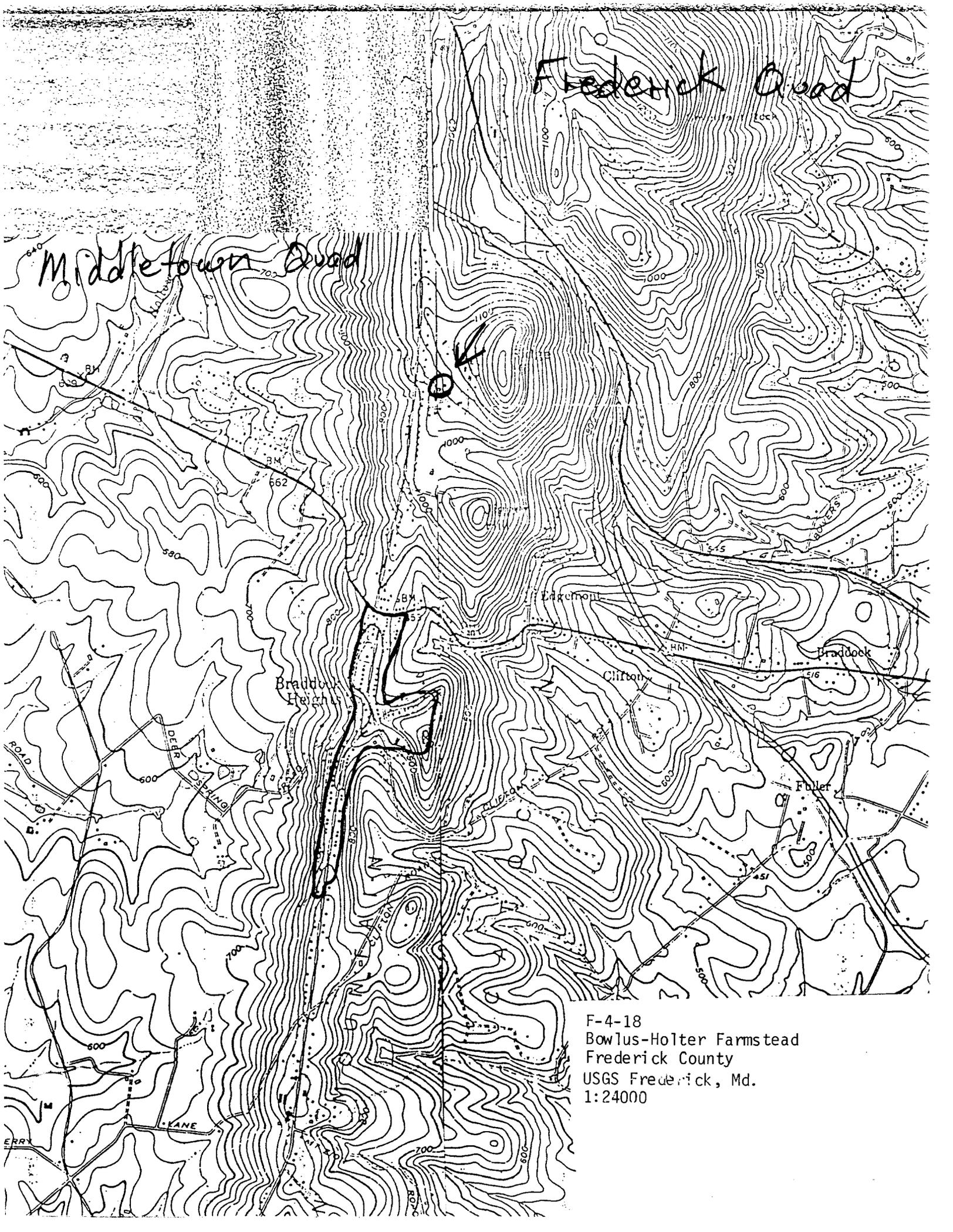
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Bowlus-Holter Farmstead
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858.



Frederick Quad

Middle town Quad

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Bowler-Holter Farmstead
Frederick County
USGS Frederick, Md.
1:24000



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Beach & dunes Talara

Peru, Tarma

Photos 7/1/73

January 1973

N. on 1/1/73 to 1/2/73

-road, elevation

1/3



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East of the town of

Frederick County

Pike's Landing

Township

located in the hills, approximately 1/2 mi

North of

2.



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Bowling Green Farmstead
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

January 1992

1000 ft. S.W. of S.W. 1/4, T. 12 N., R. 12 W., S. 12.

North of house and 1/2 mile

3/3