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Peter Leatherman Farmstead

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The Peter Leatherman Farmstead consists of a circa 1850 brick dwelling with a summer kitchen of the same period and an early 20th century rusticated concrete block garage with an agricultural outbuilding group containing a frame bank barn of about 1850 with a wagon shed/corn crib and a hay barn of the last quarter of the 19th century and a rusticated concrete block dairy barn and milk house of about 1920-1930. The house was probably built by Peter Leatherman (1831-1905), who owned a total of four farms in the vicinity by the late 19th century. The complex as a whole is typical of many farms in the Middletown Valley which began as single family farms and progressed through the change in agricultural production in the early 20th century which resulted in the building of dairy barns such as the one in the Leatherman farmstead, to the present time, in which the farms are principally private residences in new housing subdivisions.
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Peter Leatherman Farmstead
Middletown
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
Industrial Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Domestic/secondary structure/garage
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None
Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name  
(indicate preferred name)

historic Peter Leatherman Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8538 Old Hagerstown Road

city, town Middletown

state Maryland

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property  
(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David J. & Mari M. Segal

street & number 8538 Old Hagerstown Road

city, town Middletown

state and zip code Md. 21769

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1369

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 965

city, town Frederick

state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Paul Brinkman Survey of Frederick County #F-437

date C. 1968

__ federal  X state  __ county  __ local

repository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 9

The Peter Leatherman Farmstead is an agricultural grouping centered on a circa 1850 two-story brick dwelling with two contributing domestic outbuildings, a summer kitchen of about the same period as the house, and a garage of about 1920, and an agricultural group containing six structures including a frame bank barn of about 1850, a frame wagon shed/corn crib and a frame hay barn built during the last quarter of the 19th century, and a rusticated concrete block dairy barn, a milk house, and a concrete silo built during the period circa 1920-1930. The farmstead is located on the west side of Old Hagerstown Road about 40 yards south of the intersection of Station Road near Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. The main elevation of the house faces east and the house is sited about 20 feet from the road.

The house has a three-bay facade in Flemish bond with a side hall entrance under an entry porch with Tuscan columns. The porch has a gable roof with a wood siding pediment. The door has 6 panels and a plain transom. The window openings have plain lintels and corner blocks. The 9/6 windows on the first story of the east elevation appear to be replacements, as are the louvred shutters. The interior end chimneys on the two-bay north and south elevations rise above a composition roof. The cornice is corbeled brick. On the west elevation, a two-story rear wing extends from the northwest corner of the main section. This wing has 6/6 windows and apparently original wood shutters. The wing is 5:1 American bond, as are the north and south elevations of the main section. The wing has two chimneys, one of which is enclosed, suggesting that the wing was built in two sections. A modern frame one-story addition is located on the west end. The south elevation of the wing has a two-level porch with Tuscan columns which is partially enclosed near the junction with the main part. A covered breezeway connects the modern addition to the summer kitchen, located west of the rear wing. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Domestic outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The 1-1/2 story summer kitchen is a small rectangular structure which may have log under the present exterior, which is rusticated concrete block. A replacement door is located in the east elevation and the sash is 2/2. The roof and the upper section of the gable ends is covered with composition material. The kitchen probably dates from the same period as the house, approximately 1850. The concrete block may have been applied during the 1920's.

Garage: The rusticated concrete block garage is located northwest of the summer kitchen. Composition material covers the gables and the roof and the door is a modern lift type. The garage apparently dates from about 1920, a period when the dairy barn was built and the summer kitchen probably acquired its exterior in the same material as the garage.

Non-contributing shed: A modern wood tool shed is located south of the garage near the wagon shed/corn crib.

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**8. Significance**

**Period**
- prehistoric
- 1400–1499
- 1500–1599
- 1600–1699
- 1700–1799
- 1800–1899
- 1900–

**Areas of Significance—Check and justify below**
- archeology-prehistoric
- archeology-historic
- agriculture
- architecture
- art
- commerce
- communications
- community planning
- conservation
- education
- engineering
- exploration/settlement
- invention
- landscape architecture
- law
- economics
- military
- education
- music
- arts
- philosophy
- business
- politics/government
- literature
- science
- humanitarian
- sculpture
- theater
- transportation
- other (specify)

**Specific dates** C, 185901930

**Builder/Architect**

- Applicable Criteria: X A _ B _ C _ D
- 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 Peter Leatherman Farmstead is a good example of the typical farmstead of the 1850's which has been in continuous agricultural use to the present, with a traditionally designed dwelling in the Georgian style, and two of the most commonly surviving domestic outbuildings of farms of the period, a summer kitchen and an early 20th century garage. The agricultural group also contains the bank barn, wagon shed/corn crib, and concrete block dairy barn and milk house which are found on many farms established in the 19th century which were adapted to dairy operation in the early 20th century. The dairy barn is notable for the decorative metal ventilators on the roof, features which have often been removed or destroyed on other barns of the same design.

The Leatherman Farmstead has been rehabilitated in recent years and principally functions as a private residence, although the barn is still used as a horse barn. The original farm of 106 acres has been subdivided for residential development and the lot containing the farmstead totals 7 acres. This is also a frequent development in the history of farm complexes in the Middletown Valley. Peter Leatherman (1831-1905) received the farm through the last will of his father Jacob in the 1850's. During the late 19th century, Peter Leatherman owned four farms, one of which this complex was the "home farm". Until the early 1980's, the Leatherman farm was owned by his descendants. In all respects, the Leatherman Farmstead exemplifies the historical development of many farms in the Middletown Valley, from single family farm in the mid-19th century, through dairy operation in the early 20th century, to residential subdivision in the late 20th century.
9. Major Bibliographical References

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Land Records of Frederick County
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: 3 acres
Quadrangle name: Middletown, Md.
Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres including the dwelling and outbuildings on Tax Map 55, Parcel 211.

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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor
organization: Frederick County Planning & Zoning Department
date: March, 1992
street & number: 12 E. Church Street
telephone: 696-2958

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
(301) 269-2438
Agricultural outbuildings:

Wagon shed/corn crib: The circa 1875-1900 frame wagon shed/corn crib is located south of the garage with its open shed oriented toward the north. It has vertical siding with replaced concrete block piers at the foundation level. The gable roof is composition. At the southeast corner of the shed is a german-sided shed addition with a vertical board door on the south elevation.

Bank barn: The frame bank barn was probably erected at the same time as the dwelling, approximately 1850. It has vertical siding and a composition roof. The ramp is located on the west elevation and the stall level on the east side has horizontal board enclosure. The barn is currently used as a horse barn and hay storage.

Dairy barn, milk house, and silo: The rusticated concrete block dairy barn and separate milk house were built approximately 1920 and are located south of the bank barn. The barn has a gambrel roof with composition covered gables. The roof is standing seam metal with decorative metal vents on the ridge. The milk house has a composition gable roof. A concrete silo, possibly built in the late 1920's, is located just west of the dairy barn.

Hay barn: The hay barn is a rectangular frame building standing about 50 yards west of the bank barn. Built probably in the last quarter of the 19th century, the hay barn has vertical siding and a standing seam roof. The double doors are located on the east elevation.
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