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Bolivar Survey District
Bolivar
Public and private

Ca. 1850-ca. 1925

The Bolivar Survey District encompasses three residences built about 1850-1857 at the intersection of Old National Pike (U.S. 40A), Bolivar Road, and Mt. Tabor Road with four associated contemporary domestic outbuildings, and two agricultural outbuildings of the last quarter of the 19th century which are the principal remaining structures in the village of Bolivar, established about 1850, which flourished through the first decade of the 20th century. The district also contains a circa 1925 Classical Revival concrete highway bridge and a circa 1830 National Road Milestone, part of the National Register thematic listing of the milestones. Bolivar was probably established by the Flook and Sheffer families, who operated general stores at different periods in the late 19th century. The existing houses are built of brick or log with frame wings and porches. The outbuildings are stone springhouses and a brick smokehouse, while a summer kitchen may be log under its german siding. The houses have all been altered, primarily with replacement windows and artificial siding and metal roof coverings. The Smith House at 2303 Old National Pike is the best representation of the original appearance, having been recently restored with 6/6 sash and a wood shingle roof. Bolivar's post office, one of its reasons for existence, operated at the successive general stores from 1851 to 1901, but it was the improvement in road travel by automobile, as represented by the concrete bridge, which led to its eventual decline as a village.

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Bolivar Survey District Survey Number: F-4-37

222-2303 Rd National Pike

Project: Poffenberger Scenic Easement Acquisition Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on available information, the Bolivar Survey District does not meet any of the National Register Criteria for listing as an historic district. The survey district encompasses four residences and several associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings of the last quarter of the 19th century which are the principal remaining structures in the village of Bolivar which at its peak probably only had no more than 5 principal structures. The crossroads village, established in 1850, had a post office and general store and served as a commercial and service center for the surrounding farms through the first decade of the 20th century. The remaining houses have been altered with replacement windows and artificial siding. There is no evidence that Bolivar has any significant historical association with Frederick County nor is it architecturally significant.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory Form

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Prepared by: Janet Davis

Elizabeth Harnold June 17, 1993
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Ronald L. Goodwin 6.17.93
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commercial, Residential, Government

Known Design Source: n/a

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Bolivar Survey District
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
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Commercial & Industrial)
Transportation

Resource Types:

Category: District

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/bridge
Transportation/road-related/bridge

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 Bolivar Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2222-2303 Old National Pike not for publication

city, town Middletown vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 See Section 7

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Paul Brinkman Survey of Frederick County #'s 1090-1093

date C. 1968 federal state county local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-37

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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: 11

The Bolivar Survey District is a residential district centered on the late 19th century village of Bolivar at the intersection of Old National Pike (U.S. 40A), Mt. Tabor Road, and Bolivar Road about 2-1/2 miles west of Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. The district has three residences built about 1850, with four contributing contemporary domestic outbuildings, two agricultural structures of the late 19th or early 20th century, a circa 1925 concrete highway bridge on Old National Pike over Bolivar Branch, and a National Road Milestone, #56 (National Register). These structures remain of the rural village which was established about 1850 and at its largest size in the late 19th century probably had five principal structures. The properties are located on the northeast and southeast sides of Old National Pike and the northwest side of Mt. Tabor Road. At least one of the residences was once a general store and post office and a creamery operated in the period about 1895-1925 in the vicinity of the agricultural buildings. A concrete mixing company currently operates a plant just outside the northern boundary of the district.

The intersection of Bolivar and Mt. Tabor Roads with Old National Pike is a right-angle crossing, with Bolivar Road on the south side of the Pike and Mt. Tabor Road on the north side. The district encompasses two residences on the northwest corner, 2222 and 2224 Old National Pike, with a springhouse and a smokehouse behind 2222. On the northeast corner is a single residence, 2302 Old National Pike, which has one non-contributing outbuilding in its rear yard. The southwest corner of the intersection once had a store which also contained the post office for some years, but it has disappeared and a modern house is located on the site. The district boundary does not include this quadrant of the intersection. In the southeast quadrant, which is crossed from north to south by Bolivar Branch, are the agricultural outbuildings, a frame bank barn and a wagon shed/corn crib, a non-contributing concrete block barn, and the brick house, 2303 Old National Pike, with a stone springhouse and a summer kitchen. The National Pike Milestone #56 is located on the north side of the Pike opposite the agricultural buildings. Following are brief descriptions of the structures:

2224 Old National Pike: This is a two-story frame residence built about 1890-1910. It has a gable front facing south toward the Pike with two bays and a two-story porch with turned columns and a tongue-and-groove balustrade on the second level. The exterior is covered with asbestos siding. Two exterior concrete block chimneys, replacements of the original chimney or chimneys are located on the east and west elevations. The windows are 2/2 and 6/6 on the west elevation's first floor. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal.

2222 Old National Pike (J. Flook House; Sheffer Store): The brick house has two stories and three bays facing south with a one-story porch with turned columns. The brick has been recently cleaned and repointed and the windows have replacement 1/1 sash. A recently built exterior brick chimney rises on the east elevation. The sash on the east is 6/6 with wood lintels and sills. The stone foundation is

8. Significance

Survey No. F-4-37

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 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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input 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 type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Bolivar Survey District is a fair example of a small crossroads village which developed at a major transportation route intersection in the mid 19th century. The village at its height of development had only about five principal structures, and agricultural fields and farmhouses were in its immediate environs. The general store which was a fixture of such villages operated on the south side of the intersection and later was in the Flook House or Sheffer Store on the north side of the road. The settlement served both the needs of local farmers and travelers by providing mail service and basic commodities. In the larger environs of Bolivar were several saw and grist mills which used Bolivar as a postal address from 1851 to 1901 when the service was transferred to Middletown. The architecture of the houses remaining in the district is typical of the period, vernacular in design and plan, although altered, still convey the feeling of the late 19th century. The Flook and Sheffer families, who had several farms in the vicinity of Bolivar, were most likely responsible for the establishment of the village and the appointment of a postmaster. The continuous use of the National Road carried the village through to the early 20th century, when automobile travel was facilitated by improved highways. The former patrons of Bolivar's few commercial enterprises then easily went to Middletown or other larger towns for their goods. The highway bridge is a good example of the Classical Revival aesthetic which still dominated engineering design in the 1920's, lending a formal aspect to the small bridge while making road travel easier. This ironically led to Bolivar's decline as a village.

Bolivar, like Broad Run in the Petersville Election District, was never a continuously growing settlement. Both areas had post offices at the general store and offered a central point for the distribution of these services at minor crossroads between larger towns. While Broad Run's historic integrity has been lost to modern development, Bolivar still has the basic elements of its contributing structures, except for the store which stood on the southeast corner.

7.1 Description (Continued)

exposed on the east and is plastered. A one-story frame or log rear wing with german siding extends from the north elevation, with a one story porch. The gable roof is standing seam metal. At the rear of the Flook House is a stone springhouse with an extended gable roof covered with standing seam metal. The door under the overhang on the east elevation is vertical boards. Just north of the springhouse is a deteriorated brick smokehouse with a stone lower level at grade with Mt. Tabor Road. A doorway on the east elevation in the lower level leads to the apparent firebox of the smokehouse. The brick upper structure is in 5:1 American bond with a corbeled cornice and a standing seam metal gable roof. The west elevation of the smokehouse is partially caved in, probably from a car or truck collision. The Flook House was probably built about 1850 and, from about 1883 to about 1910 was George P. Sheffer's general store, also serving as his residence and, for a period of about 8 years, as the village post office.

2302 Old National Pike (Wise House): The Wise House is a two-story frame and log house with three bays facing south toward Old National Pike. It is currently covered with vinyl siding and has replacement 1/1 windows and shutters. A one-story porch with square posts may be a replacement of an earlier porch. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal and a single interior chimney is located at the east gable. The Wise House was probably built between 1851 and 1857, as indicated by the increased sale price shown in the land records.

2303 Old National Pike (Smith House): The Smith House is a two-story brick residence with four bays facing north toward Old National Pike. It has been recently restored and has a new one-story porch. The 6/6 windows and the wood shingle roof are also probably recent installations. The cornice is boxed and the chimneys are located at the gable ends. A rear wing extends from the south elevation. Located east of the house is a stone springhouse with a corrugated metal gable roof and a single door in the north elevation. A frame or log summer kitchen is located just south of the springhouse. It has german siding and an integral porch at the northwest corner. The roof is corrugated metal. The house and outbuildings probably date from about 1854. The associated agricultural buildings are located west of the house. The wagon shed/corn crib is in deteriorated condition. It has a standing seam metal roof and a side shed extension. The exterior is vertical boards. The frame bank barn has a corrugated metal roof and vertical siding. It is located some distance south of Old National Pike across a small field at the southeast corner of Bolivar Road and the Pike. Both the agricultural buildings appear to date from the last quarter of the 19th century. They were leased separately from the domestic buildings during the period about 1895-1925 by the Shank Brothers who operated a creamery, possibly identical with the South Mountain Creamery listed in the 1895 Frederick City and County Directory. Other buildings associated with the creamery which probably existed during the period have been demolished.

Bolivar Branch bridge: The concrete highway bridge which carries Old National Pike over Bolivar Branch is a smaller version of the 1928 Catoctin Creek U.S. 40A Bridge (F-4-26). It has concrete balustrades on each side with molded panels at each end. Although it does not have a plaque, its similar design with the Catoctin Creek Bridge is a clear indication of its date.

LIBER/FC 10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1537/60 15 Dec 88	Everett V. Moser, Inc.	Everett V. Moser	2226 + 2227B ONP.		
390/587 22 May 37	Everett V. + Myrtle M. Moser (Myrtle died 17 Mar 78)	Edgar L. + Annie E. C. Sheffer			
352/145 14 Feb 25	Edgar L. + Annie E. S. Sheffer	Leslie M. Coblenz, att'y for Ellswoorth & Mary C. Hutzell			
340/250 11 Sept 22	Ellswoorth + Mary C. Hutzell	Amanda D. Sheffer	"Bolivar Lot" gardens, store property 335/18 11 Feb 21		
Will Book WBC 2/138 7 Dec 08 probated	Amanda D. Sheffer	George P. Sheffer			
335/18 11 Feb 21	George W. Sheffer & Edw C. Sheffer	Amanda D. Sheffer mother of George W.			
WIP 1/44 27 Mar 1885	George P. Sheffer	John W. Koogle & Sarah E. Koogle	"The Bolivar Lot" 2A.	\$1615	
T 69/192 Apr 1878	John W. Koogle	Joshua + Jacob H. Flood Exec. of John P. Flood	15A.		

LIBER/FL_10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1630/319 12 Mar 88	Gerardo E. & Naon S. Sandi	Wm. H. Poffenberger	Lot 4, sect. 1 "Moser Subdivision"		
1403/244 23 Mar 87	Wm. H. Poffenberger	Everett V. + Myrtle M. Moser (Eyes of mill of J. S. Rautzahn to Everett Moser & Wm. Poffenberger)	both sides of O.W.P.		
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331/209 1 Apr 20	Theodore S. Rautzahn & Estie M. Rautzahn	Estelle P. & Emmert C. Rudy	60 a. 9	\$9,800	
328/47 31 Mar 19	Estelle P. Rudy	Emerg L. Colbenty, atty for Estie M. Rautzahn & Josiah Haupt (Haupt)	60 a.	\$8,560	
316/402 1 Apr 16	Albert J. & Alta S. Haupt	Philip E. Flook, atty for heirs of John P. Flook et al	60 a. Subject to rights of Martin L. & Chas. M. Shank (trading as Shank Bros.) lessees from Flook creamery & skimming station 20 yr. lease	\$7,105	STN 278/347 1 Mar 07
TG 9/188 1 Apr 1878	John P. Flook	George P. & Amanda J. Sheffer		\$5,150	
TG 3/396 26 Apr 1875	George P. & Amanda J. Sheffer	John W. & Sarah E. Koogle	1) 16 1/4 a. DSB 1/398 22 Apr 1867 2) 23 a. DSB 1/397 22 Apr 1867	\$5,100	
1) DSB 1/398 22 Apr 1867	John W. Koogle	George Rautzahn	16 1/4 a.		

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1) ES1/333 28 Jun 1852	George Reutzahn	Daniel Castle			
2) DSB1/397 22 Apr 1867	John W. Koogle	Mary Sheffer, trustee in George D. Sheffer et al vs. Wm. H. Barlow et al	230.		
2) ES4/503 13 Mar 1854	Daniel Sheffer	Sarah Sheffer			

LIBER/FC-10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
716/253 22 Dec 64	Robert E. & Betty L. Souker	James Roy & Annabelle Palmer	Y2A.		
583/124 18 May 57	James Roy & Annabelle Palmer	Roy G. & Dona M. Routzahn	1) 442/44, 31 Mar 44 2) 573/94, 18 Oct 56		
2) 573/94 18 Oct 56	Roy G. & Dona M. Routzahn	Theodore L. & Esta May Routzahn	0.12A.		
1) 442/44 31 Mar 44	Roy G. & Dona M. Routzahn	Edgar L. & Annie E. Sheffer	77 perches along Mt. Salween from US Route 40		
433/412 19 Feb 42	Edgar L. & Annie E. Sheffer	Lloyd H. & Mary K. Routzahn			
390/586 22 May 34	Lloyd H. & Mary K. Routzahn	Annie E. & Edgar L. Sheffer	"Pickball", "Resurvey on Menall", "I Hope It is Well Done", "Shuttle 77 perches		
265/587 31 Mar 04	Annie E. C. Sheffer	Clarence E. & Nellie A. Wise (of Chicago)		\$325	
DHH 13/721 18 June 02	Clarence E. Wise	Susan Wise (widow)	77 perches	\$305	

LIBER/FC. 10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
AF 5/198 18 Apr 1882	Susan Wise wife of Wm. P. Wise	Clayton D. Keedy trustee #4710 Equity Wm. P. Boteler vs. Wm. P. Wise et al			
ES 9/391 23 Mar 1857	Sarah Wise	Lewis O. Wise & wife		\$500	
ES 6/243 23 Apr 1851	Lewis O. Wise	Daniel Castle & wife	77 perches	\$96.25	

P.O. Bolivar

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Sep. 23, 1851 - Nov. 15, 1901 Levi Remsburg, first P. O.

- The Postal History of Maryland, the Delmarva Peninsula, and the District of Columbia: Post Offices and 1st Postmasters 1775-1984

Chester M. Smith, Jr. & John L. ~~W.~~ Kay
Burtonsville, Md.: The Depot, 1984.
p. 127

Frederick City and County Directory, 1887

Geo. Slifer grist & saw mill

Geo. Sheffer ~~grocer~~ general store

" " " " " 1895

South Mountain Creamery, Shank Bros., props.

" " " " " 1906

Geo. P. Sheffer, merchant

Chas. M. Shank, buttermaker

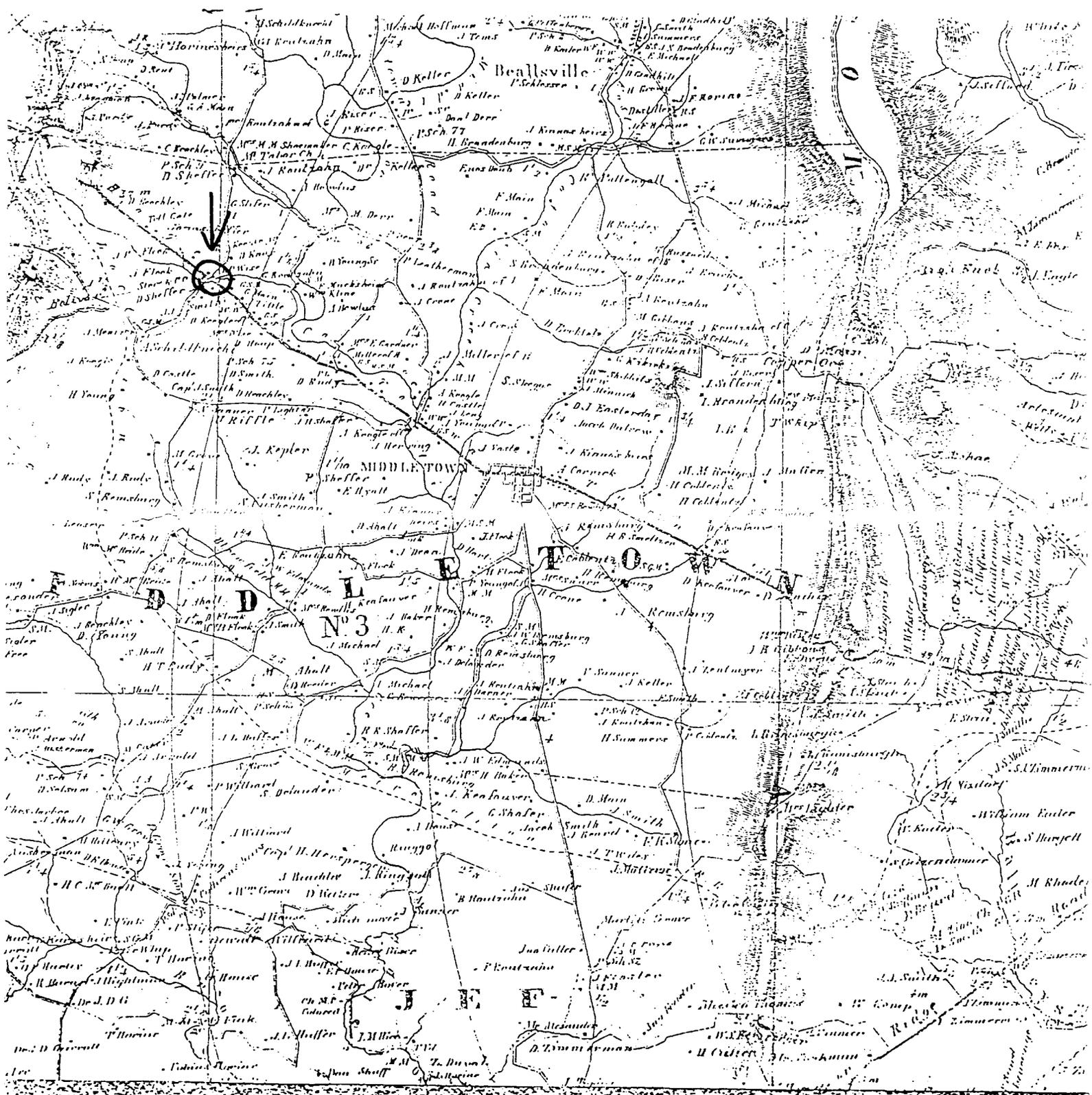
Martin L. Shank, "

1915

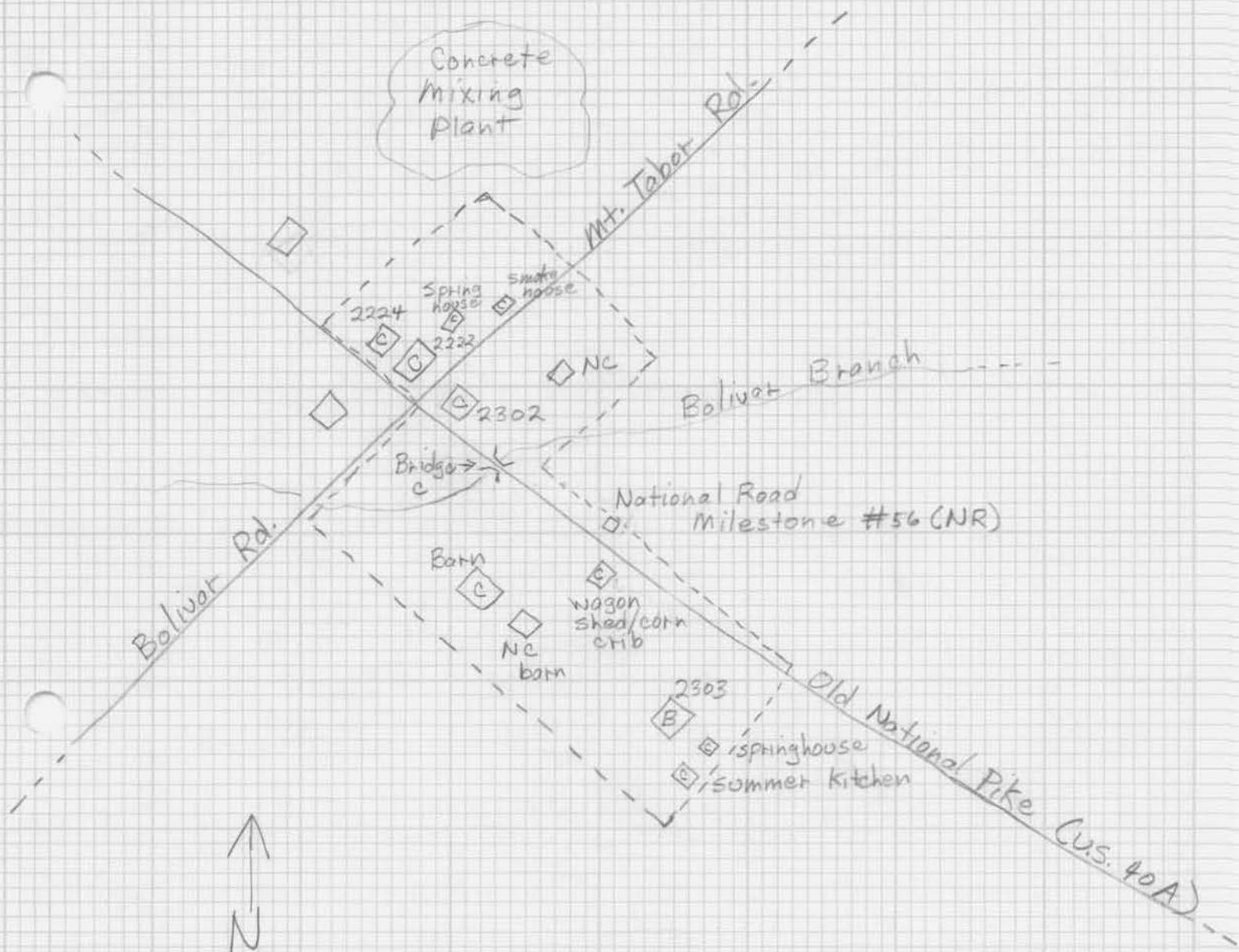
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Chas. M. Shank, creamery

Martin L. " , retired farmer



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Bolivar Survey District
Frederick County
Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858



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Bolivar Survey District
Frederick County

Janet Davis

February 21, 1992

Not to Scale

Bolivar Survey District
Frederick County

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7.2 Description (Continued)

National Pike Milestone #56: Placed on the National Register in 1973 along with the other existing National Pike milestones, #56 is located on the north side of the Pike just east of the bridge. It has no visible inscription. It is one of 22 milestones on the National Road in Frederick County.

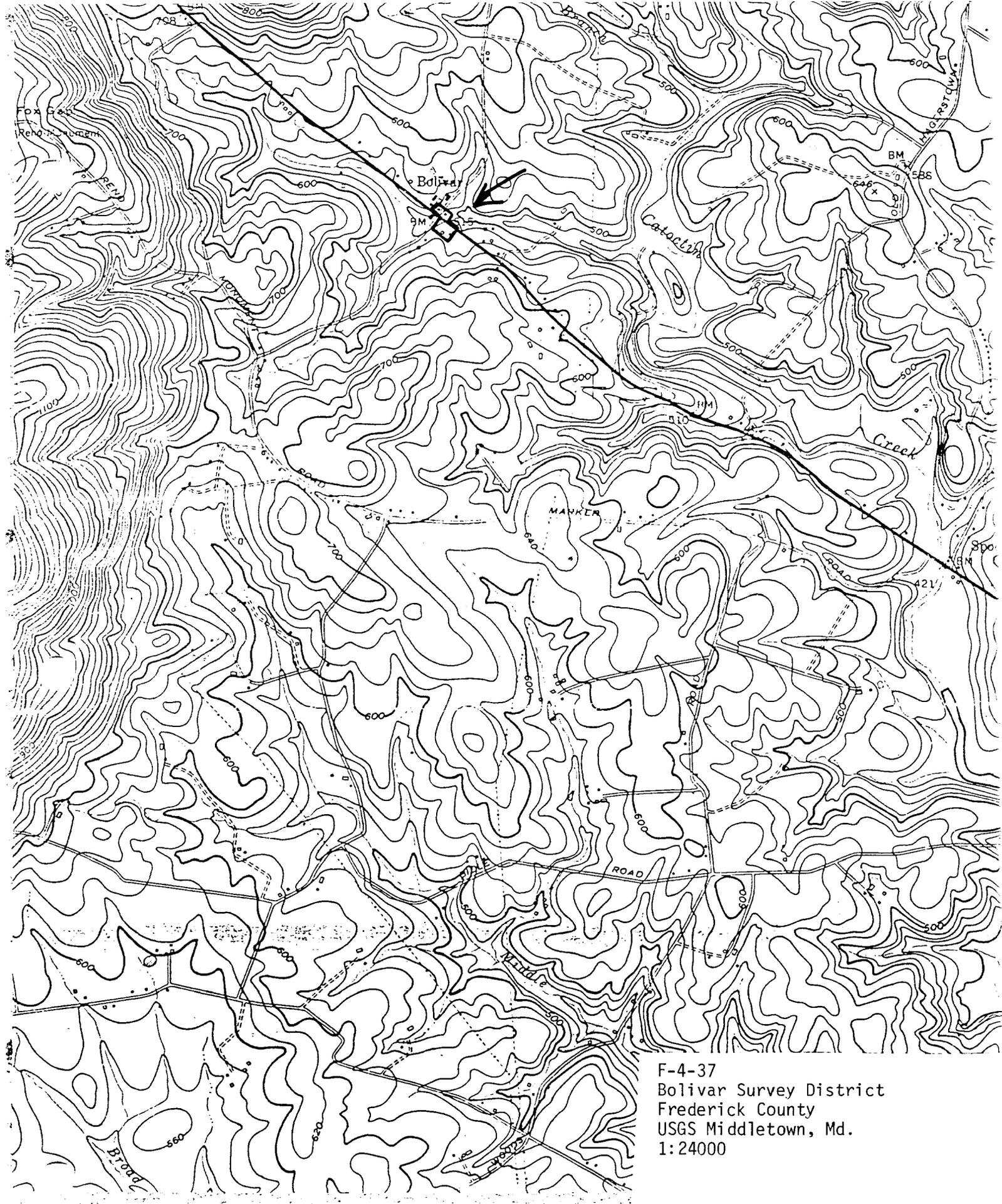
Property Owners:

Gerardo and Karen Sandi 2303 Old National Pike Middletown, MD 21769	Map 54, Parcel 205
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Robert E. and Betty L. Gouker 2302 Old National Pike Middletown, MD 21769	Map 54, Parcel 51
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Everett Moser, Inc. 2222B Old National Pike Middletown, MD 21769	Map 54, Parcel 11
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State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore, MD 21202



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Frederick County
USGS Middletown, Md.
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Calvin Sargent District

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Lane

February 1977

North Hill, 2100 N. Hill, Suite, Md.

View from center of stone bridge

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Forest Survey District

Federal Circuit

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2. 1000 ft. ...

3. 1000 ft. ...
4. 1000 ft. ...

5. 1000 ft. ...

6. 1000 ft. ...

7. 1000 ft. ... from south east
8. 1000 ft. ...



4/2/20

William S. Burroughs

Frederick C. ...

Photo: ...

to ...

New York: ...

Smith ...

4/2