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Spoolsville Survey District
Middletown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1800-ca. 1920

Spoolsville is a rural industrial community established about 1800 around the Bowlus Flour Mill (demolished) on Little Catoclin Creek and extending along the Old Hagerstown Road to the junction of Old National Pike. It includes mostly residential buildings of log, stone, brick, and frame, built from about 1800 to 1870, with associated domestic outbuildings, usually a summer kitchen or a wash house. Also included among the 24 contributing structures are two remnants of the commercial life of the community which developed from the mill industry and the location of the village on the busy National Road, a blacksmith shop and a possible wagon shop. The principal dwellings are the Bowlus Mill House, a circa 1800 stone house with fine interior craftsmanship evident in its trim and mantelpieces, and the Adam Koogle House, a brick house of about 1830-40 on the Old National Pike, which is associated with the log wagon shop. The district also includes a group of agricultural outbuildings with the Koogle House, located on the south side of Old National Pike, and a circa 1920 steel truss road bridge, significant for its suggestion of the technological advances of the 20th century which caused the closure of the mill and the disappearance of the blacksmith and wagon shops.

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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:
Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
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: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Commerce/Trade/specialty store/blacksmith shop
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 Spoolsville Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3120 Old National Pike, 8003-8123 Old Hagerstown Road not for publicationcity, 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 checked="" 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 Multiple property owners

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/A. James Surveys of Frederick Co. #'s F-229 & F-3-1,2,3

date C. 1968 federal state county local

pository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-44

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 24

The Spoolsville Survey District encompasses approximately 25 acres along the east and west banks of Little Catocin Creek, including about 30 buildings primarily residential in use, on the east and west sides of Old Hagerstown Road and the north and south sides of Old National Pike (U.S. 40A) about 1 mile west of Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. The buildings are centered on a former rural industrial community established in the first quarter of the 19th century around a flour mill (demolished) which stood near the north end of the survey district. The contributing buildings total 80% of the structures. The district currently includes 8 residences dating from about 1800 to 1850, with several associated domestic outbuildings of about the same period, and at least two originally commercial structures, a wagon shop and a blacksmith shop, a group of agricultural outbuildings dating from about the last quarter of the 19th century, and a circa 1920 steel Pratt truss road bridge over Little Catocin Creek. The building materials apparent in the survey district are log, stone, brick, and frame, with metal and composition roofs possibly covering original wood shingles, and german or modern asbestos shingle and vinyl siding. The houses are in generally good condition, except for one abandoned log house on Old Hagerstown Road, and are currently occupied. The agricultural buildings are in active use, although the formerly commercial buildings are primarily used for storage. Two of the houses have been recently rehabilitated. One of these, the Bowlus Mill House, has highly decorative interic mantelpieces and trim.

Following are brief descriptions of the principal resources in the survey district:

Adam Koogle House, 3120 Old National Pike: The Koogle House is a two-story brick residence with a three-bay principal section facing south and a side wing with an integral two-story porch extending across the four bays of the wing. The main entrance in the three-bay part has an entry porch with replacement iron columns sheltering a doorway with transom and sidelights. The window openings have bull's eye corner blocks and 6/6 sash flanked by louvred shutters. The side wing porch has Tuscan columns. The house has interior end chimneys and a standing seam metal roof. A third chimney is located at the junction of the wing and main section. A two-story rear wing extends from the north elevation and has a shed addition, probably a mid-20th century alteration. Associated with the house are a frame chicken house and a brick and frame summer kitchen located near the northwest corner of the house. It has a corrugated metal roof and an exterior chimney. The Koogle House was probably built about 1830.

Log two-story building: Located west of the Koogle House on the same property is a two-story log building on a raised stone foundation with a two-level exterior porch on the east elevation. The log structure is exposed on the west elevation above a frame shed addition. The north elevation has a corrugated metal partial covering above the stone foundation. The gable roof is corrugated metal and an interior end

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8. Significance

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1800- **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: 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.

The Spoolsville Survey District exemplifies a rural industrial community of the period 1800-1920, covering the approximate period of operation of the center of the industrial life, the Bowlus or Keller Flour Mill (demolished about 1950). The community was made up of several residences built of log, stone and brick for the mill workers and operators and for the associated small commercial enterprises that clustered around the mill, including a blacksmith, a cooper shop, and a wagon shop. The mill was first water-powered, but later in the 19th century was converted to steam. Its location near the National Road led to the development of its buildings along the route connecting the mill with the major road. The two major residences in the village were the Bowlus Mill House, a circa 1800 stone house with excellent examples of German craftsmanship in its interior trim and mantelpieces, and the Adam Koogle House, a brick house located on the National Road with an associated two-story log building which may have been the wagon shop run by Koogle. In between the two structures are the widely spaced houses of the workers in the mill and the shops. On the south side of the Old National Pike are the remains of a brick blacksmith shop, probably that of John W. Long, a well-known blacksmith in the mid 19th century in the Middletown region, undoubtedly because of the strategic location of the shop at the junction of the Pike with the road to the mill. The houses in the district are a range of fair to excellent representations of the vernacular architecture of the 19th century, including log, stone and brick as well as frame, showing the development of building technology as the 19th century progressed. A circa 1920 steel truss road bridge represents the technological advancement which ended the industrial period of the settlement, signaling the mobility of the 20th century which closed the small rural mill.

The origin of Spoolsville's name is not yet clear; however, it was once known as Koogle's Bridge, referring to the covered bridge which crossed Catoctin Creek just west of the survey district on the National Pike. It was apparently burned during the Civil War by retreating Confederate troops just prior to the Battle of South Mountain in September 1862. The agricultural buildings on the south side of the Pike were reportedly replacements of the original farm buildings burned at the same time.

While not yet surveyed, the mill village of Harmony or Beallsville in the Myersville vicinity may be the best representative of a mill-based village in the

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7.1 Description (Continued)

chimney is located on the north end. Doors opening on both levels of the porch are varied, paneled and vertical board and the visible windows are mostly 6/6. The use of the building is unclear, but the 1858 and 1873 maps indicate that several small shops were located near the corner of Old Hagerstown and the Pike, including a wagon shop and a blacksmith shop. The log building was described in an earlier inventory form as a former tavern, but no evidence of this can be discerned in the building's exterior. Since Adam Koogle was a wagon maker and owned the property from about 1847 to the late 1890's, it is probable that the building was used during that period as part of the wagon shop, although its date may be as early as 1840.

Blacksmith shop: The brick one-story blacksmith shop is located on the south side of Old National Pike near the west boundary of the survey district. It is rectangular in form and has 5:1 bond. The gable ends on the east and west are frame with vertical siding. In the east elevation is an enlarged doorway made when the building was converted to an agricultural equipment shed, probably in the early 20th century. An attached frame shed at the southeast corner has board and batten siding and a standing seam roof, as does the brick structure. On the north elevation of the brick shop is a solid shuttered window opening with strap hinges and vertical boards. A vertical board door is also located in the north elevation. According to one resident of the survey district, the shop was moved to its current location from the north side of the Pike and was only a part of the blacksmith shop. The early inventory form also refers to its being a remnant of a larger shop. It appears to date from about 1840-50 and the 1858 map does show a blacksmith shop on the north side of the Pike, and the 1873 map shows the shop on the south side.

Agricultural outbuildings: The agricultural outbuildings are associated with the Koogle House. They include a frame bank barn, a frame hog barn with an exterior stair to the upper granary level under an extended eave, a frame wagon shed/corn crib with a part of a decorative bargeboard remaining, and a small frame barn located south of the main group of outbuildings. All of the buildings have vertical siding and corrugated or standing seam metal roofs. They were built during the last quarter of the 19th century. A non-contributing concrete block dairy barn, a milk house, and a concrete silo built during the 1950's are located east of the frame outbuildings.

8003 Old Hagerstown Road: This is a two-story log and stone house with an exposed stone foundation on the west elevation which is plastered. The first story is also plastered stone and the second story is log with german siding. A two-story porch with square posts is on the west elevation which has three irregular bays. The sash is 6/6 and the gable roof is corrugated metal. At the rear of the house is a concrete block smokehouse, which may replace the original domestic structure. The house was probably built about 1840-1850.

8011 Old Hagerstown Road: This is a 1-1/2 story log house on an exposed stone foundation. The west elevation has a two-level porch. The three bays of the upper level are covered with german siding. The standing seam metal roof has two dormers probably added during the 20th century. The sash is 2/2 with solid shutters, probable replacements of the originals. The doors are also

7.2 Description (Continued)

replacements. At the rear of the house is a summer kitchen, probably also a log structure, with modern siding and 6/6 windows. The gable roof is corrugated metal. Associated with the house are two frame buildings on the west side of Old Hagerstown Road which, like the house have been extensively restored and remodeled. While they may have been built in about the same period as the house, about 1850, their integrity level is minimal, while the house retains a moderate level.

Abandoned house: The 1-1/2 story abandoned log house is located on the east side of Old Hagerstown Road. It is in very deteriorated condition. The raised stone foundation is plastered and the remaining windows are 9/6. The roof is corrugated metal with a single interior end chimney. The three-bay west elevation has a two-level porch. Located at the edge of the road is a log summer kitchen with vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. An interior chimney is located on the west gable end. A vertical board door is in the east elevation. The date of the two buildings is about 1830-40.

8022A Old Hagerstown Road: This is a frame house built in about the last quarter of the 19th century on the west bank of Little Catocin Creek. The two stories are on an exposed stone foundation facing east. It has been much altered and the siding appears to be of several types, some asbestos shingles, some german or vinyl. The roof is corrugated metal. The replacement sash is 1/1 and the doors are also replacements. Several non-contributing outbuildings and sheds surround the house. The only contributing outbuilding is a log wash house with an exterior stone and brick chimney. The siding is german and the roof is corrugated metal.

8022B Old Hagerstown Road: The house is a brick two-story building facing southwest with a two-story porch. Built about 1850, the house has been considerably altered with many additions on the rear elevations. A brick summer kitchen is located south of the house and has an interior chimney on the west gable end.

Old Hagerstown Road Bridge No.03-01 (F-4-2): The steel bridge is a single span pony Pratt truss built about 1920 over Little Catocin Creek. It is 66 feet long and about 27 feet wide. The connections are pinned and the deck is wood. The abutments are stone. No plaque is on the bridge, but the original inventory form estimates the date as 1920 based on State records (unidentified) and suggests the builder was probably the York Bridge Company of York, Pa.

8100 Old Hagerstown Road: This is a two-story frame or log house with three bays and a one-story porch on the east elevation. The house has two entrances, 2/2 sash, and replacement doors. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding. A one-story rear addition extends from the west elevation. The probable date of construction is about 1850.

8109 Old Hagerstown Road: The house is a three-bay, two-story log or frame house with asbestos shingle siding and a corrugated metal gable roof. Like 8100, the house has replacement doors and windows and a one-story porch. Located at the edge of Old Hagerstown Road, it was probably associated with the

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former mill which stood a short distance to the northeast. The house was probably built in about 1850-60.

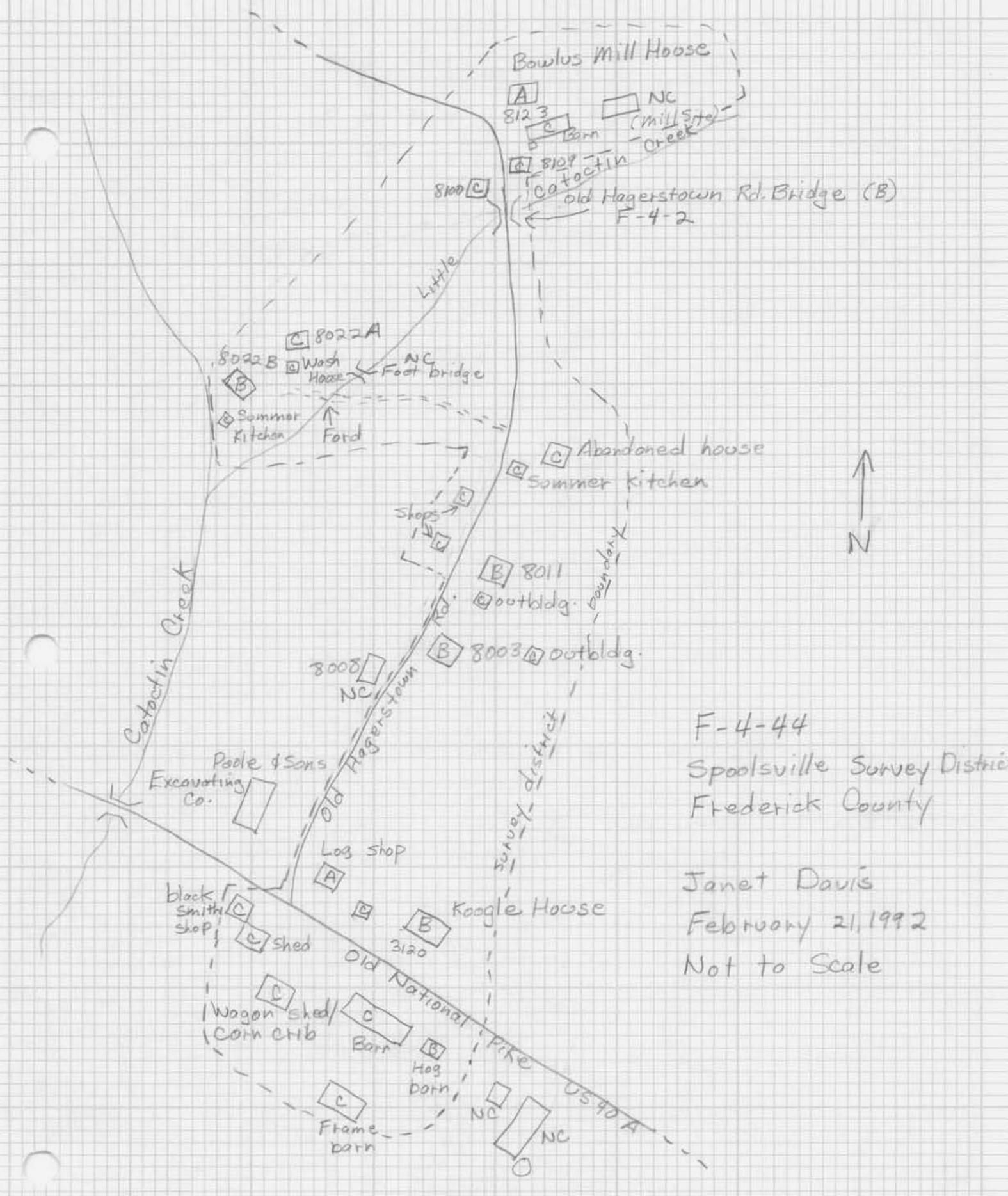
Bowlus Mill House, 8123 Old Hagerstown Road: The two-story stone house is located against a slope with an exposed foundation level on the south elevation. It has a two-story frame porch and a three bay elevation. The roof is standing seam metal. The sash is 6/6. The house has been recently restored and its interior features include original floors, plaster walls and plain door and window surrounds. The mantelpieces are particularly outstanding, being excellent examples of German carved decoration with edge designs of incised and raised floral motif and central medallions of flowers. An iron fireback with an illegible German proverb worked into the design was found outside the house and has been placed in one of the lower level fireplaces. The house was probably built about 1800. Associated with the Mill House are a frame bank barn of about 1850, a frame shed, and a wagon shed/corn crib located south of the house. A non-contributing concrete block dairy barn to the east stands on the site of the Bowlus Mill, later called the Keller Steam Mill or the National Steam Mill.

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8.1 Significance (Continued)

Middletown Valley. Another village associated with rural industry is Ellerton, also near Myersville. The context of rural industrial communities in the Middletown Valley is as yet incomplete and the standing of the Spoolsville Survey District remains to be determined.



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 Frederick County

Janet Davis
 February 21, 1992
 Not to Scale

LIBER/FL 10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1615/491 3 Jan 90 ...	Lancaster Craftsmen Bldg, Inc.	Frances B. Sheffer & Sheffer Family P'ship			
1534/1063 30 Dec 88	Sheffer Family P'ship	Frances B. Sheffer	155a.		
1410/781 16 Apr 87	Frank D. & Frances B. Sheffer (Frank died 15 May 88)	Frank Sheffer	155a.		
460/127 27 Dec 96	Ruth Bealle Sheffer & husb. Frank Sheffer (Ruth died 17 Mar. 67)	H. Kieffer DeLauter	155a.		
411/460 16 Feb 38 460/126 27 Dec 96	H. Kieffer DeLauter	Ruth Bealle Sheffer & husb. H. Kieffer DeLauter			
411/460 16 Feb 38	Ruth Bealle Sheffer & Daniel C. Bidlof A. & sup H. Kieffer DeLauter				
STH 274/263 30 Mar 06	Daniel C. Bidlof A.	George C. Rhoderick	140a. Adam Koogler Sam	# 9663.45	
406/388 27 Feb 37		Leslie M. Colter, etc.	15a.	#130	
DHH 1/652 30 Jan 1898	George C. Rhoderick Mrs. L. Peedy	William L. Peedy George C. & Mary Rhoderick	148a.	#745892	

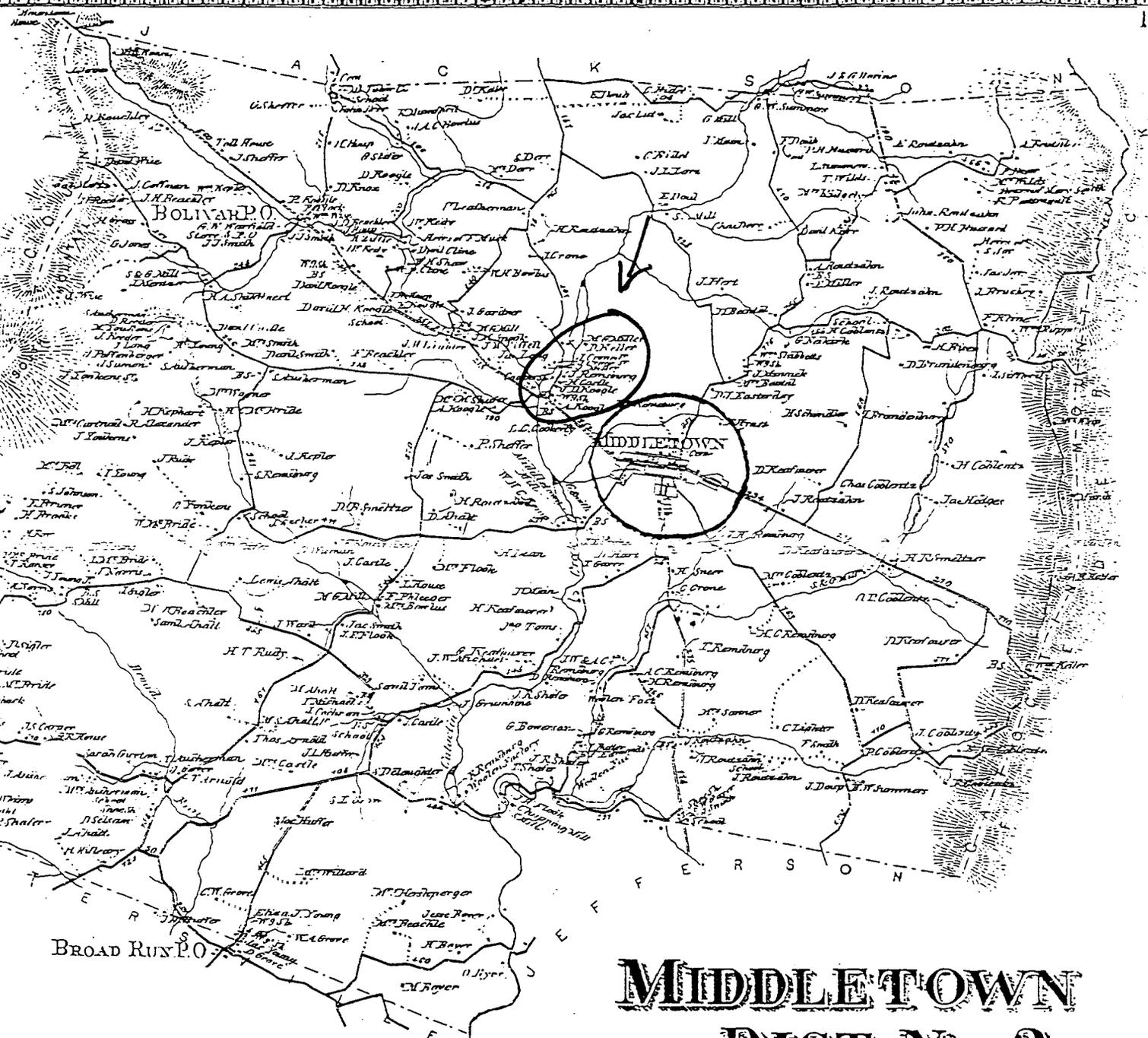
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LIBER/FC-10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
DHH 1/628 24 Jun 1898	John Mary E. Rhoades	George C. Rhoades, Exec. of last will of Adam Koogle, dec.		\$7458.92	
WBT 5/129 19 May 1847	Adam Koogle	Susannah Magudee	"Union" "Goose Cap" 200a.	\$8000	
H S 1/126 27 Oct 1835	Susannah Magudee	Joseph M. Palmer Trustee in Equity case John R. Magudee, dec.			

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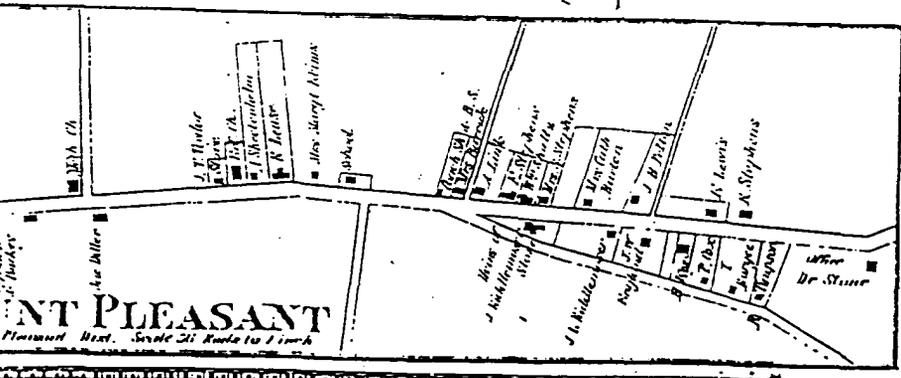
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County,
1858



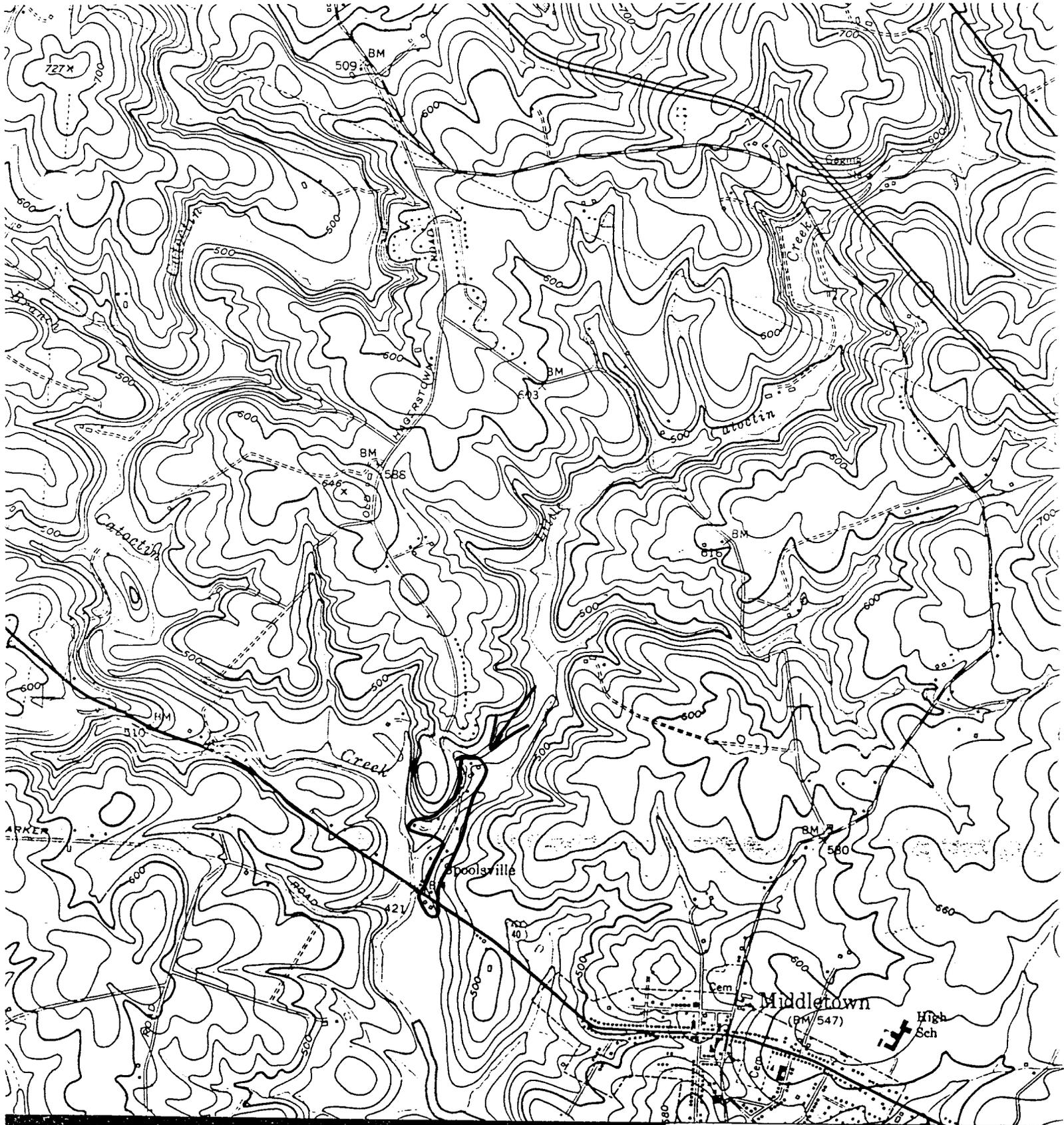
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 C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
 County, 1873



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USGS Middletown, Md.
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Greensville, 1111

Koogle House, south elevation

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Spearsville Survey District

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Neer loc.: Mt. SHPO, Clarksville, Md

Wagon stop, south-east corner view

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Photo: Town + Survey

February 1912

Map, loc. 1110, Greenway, Md.

Blacksmith shop, east elevation

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Specialistic Survey District

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Photo: Ernest Davis

February 1942

Loc. 43: N.W. 1/4, Greensville Md.

Wagon shed/corn crib, southeast corner view

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Shelby's ...

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Map loc.: Mt. SHPO, Gramling, Mo.

Map loc. northwest corner view

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Spotsville Survey, 1850-1860

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Photo: Janet Davis

February 1972

View south on Old Hagerstown Road

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Photo: Janet Davis

February 1982

Map. loc.: 11th. St. W. (Crummerville, Md.)

Abandoned house and summer kitchen, Old Hagers
Town Road, west side of main

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Swainsville Fair of which I

Frederick County

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New York. Mid State Orchestral, etc.

3022 A Old Rogerstown Road, southern location

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Roll 42

Spookville Survey in West
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Loc. 100. Mt. Snow. Crowned Mt. 1712

View north over Old Waterstown Road bridge
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Frederick Society

Photos: Janet Lewis

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Neg. loc.: Md. Hist. Arch. Coll. v. 10, 114.

8100 Old Hagerstown Road, east elevation

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Spearsville Survey District

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February, 1972

Loc. 100: Md. SHFO, Crownsville, Md.

8107 S. Maryland Road, west elevation

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Mem. to: Mr. Ellis Spearsville, Md.

Bowling House, 5123 Old Hagerstown Road
South elevation

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Spools on the Sewing District
Historical Committee

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Prog. 10:114 New Crossville, Md.

Bowling House 2nd floor window
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Franklin, So. at 10:30

Frederick, So. 4/1

Madison, So. 1/2/1917

February 1917

Madison, So. 1/2/1917, Crossville, So.

Bowling Green, So. 1/2/1917, north elevation

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Trails of the ...

Friederick County

John ...

February 1927

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