

F-4-50
Daniel Palmer Farmstead
Ellerton vicinity
Private

Ca. 1820-1900

The Daniel Palmer Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex now a private residence which was built about 1820 and is centered on a two-story brick dwelling with a three-bay north elevation and a recently rebuilt entry porch. Accompanying the house is a contemporary log or frame and stone summer kitchen and springhouse with german siding and an exterior brick and stone chimney, a circa 1850 brick bake oven and smokehouse combination, and a frame privy of about 1875-1900. The farmstead also includes a circa 1900 frame and stone bank barn with an attached wagon shed and granary. Both the dwelling and the summer kitchen have been considerably altered in their interior finishes. As a representative of a farmstead of the first quarter of the 19th century through the last quarter, the Palmer Farmstead is considered fair, in that much alteration has taken place. However, the bake oven is an unusual surviving feature of the outbuilding group. Its concurrent use as a smokehouse and oven may have been important factors which helped its preservation. The barn, although a replacement of the original structure, is a good example of the type which has not been altered for dairy operations.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel Palmer Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3813 Crow Rock Road _____ not for publication

city, town Ellerton _____^X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
___ building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

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

name Terrence F. and Peggy J. Burke

street & number 3813 Crow Rock Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md, 21773

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1516

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 998

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-4-50

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: 5

The Daniel Palmer Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex centered on a circa 1820 two-story brick dwelling with three domestic outbuildings, including a log or frame summer kitchen of about the same period as the dwelling, a brick and frame bake oven of about 1850, and a frame privy of the last quarter of the 19th century, and a circa 1900 frame and stone bank barn. The farmstead is now a private residence and is located on the south side of Crow Rock Road at the crossing of Middle Creek at Ellerton, near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation of the dwelling faces north toward the creek bridge. The domestic outbuildings are located in a rough semicircle from the east to the southwest of the dwelling and the barn is located west of the domestic group.

The dwelling is a two-story, three-bay brick structure with a 1-1/2 story brick rear wing. The bond pattern is unclear, with patches of 6 and 5 course American bond intermittently showing among predominantly stretcher bond and sections of new brick appearing in the vertical spandrels between the windows of each floor, near the gable end roof edges, and on the entire south elevation of the wing. The surface is painted white. The north elevation has an exposed stone foundation and a rebuilt frame entry porch rises to the center entrance. The square columns of the porch are salvaged members of the original porch. The stone foundation has raised grapevine type repointing, probably done in the early 20th century. The entrance has a transom and sidelights. The window arches are plain lintels with unadorned corner blocks. The sills are brick, indicating that they are replacements. The exposed foundation has window openings with wood sills, which are undoubtedly samples of the original material. The windows are 6/6 with replacement shutters. The cornice is boxed and the standing seam metal roof is also a recent replacement. The interior chimneys are located at the east and west gable ends. The gable ends have two bays each. On the east elevation is a cellar entrance with a four-panel door. Square attic level windows flank the chimney stacks and have ventilator fans on the east elevation and louvred covers on the west elevation.

The rear wing extends from the southwest corner of the main section and has stretcher bond on the west elevation, with three bays containing 6/6 sash on the first story and 2/2 on the upper story, with replaced brick sills. The south elevation of the wing has an irregular window placement as a result of the interior remodeling of the kitchen. On the east side of the wing is an enclosed sun porch. Mrs. Burke, the current owner, has been told by local residents that the southern portion of the wing which now contains the kitchen was originally a free-standing smokehouse which was linked to the main house by a mid-19th century connecting room. There is no exterior evidence visible to corroborate this information.

The interior of the house, which has a single pile, center hall plan, has been altered at least twice during the 20th century. The latest alteration added a closet and a first floor bath to the entrance hall and east parlor which created a foyer inside the main entrance. The center hall has a molded chair rail and the stairway has a simple wave closer decoration. The east parlor has random width

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
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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
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<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 C. 1820-1900 **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 Daniel Palmer Farmstead is a fair example of a farmstead of the period about 1820-1850, with additions to its outbuilding group from the last quarter of the 19th century and the first decade of the 20th century. The brick dwelling has been altered during the past 20 years and retains most of its original floor plan and some interior features such as chair rails, stair closer designs, and simple mantelpieces. The most important architectural feature of the farmstead is the bake oven, a common element in early 19th century domestic groups, but one which is fairly uncommon as a surviving structure. The Palmer Farmstead oven has both a smoking chamber and an oven chamber, a combination which probably assisted its preservation. Smokehouses are often among the domestic group outbuildings in 19th century farmsteads, but most are single-purpose structures. The brick structure of the oven and the possible incorporation of an earlier smokehouse into the rear wing of the dwelling may have also been important factors. The three-seat privy is also less common among extant privies. The bank barn, while a later replacement of the original barn, is a fairly good example of a barn unaltered for dairy operations.

The house may have been built by either Thomas Bittle or Jacob Johnson, who were both adjoining property owners in the 1820's and merchants and farmers in the Ellerton area. However, Daniel Palmer purchased the property in 1828 and it remained in the Palmer family until the late 1980's. Its use by the Palmer family remains to be researched through local sources and most of the descendants are no longer local residents. An intriguing feature of the property is an apparent fragment of a gravestone located south of the house which is inscribed "Viola ___ly" with dates ending in 1936. The current owners have no information about the stone or whether it marks an actual grave.

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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

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
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
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Know Design Source: None

7.1 Description (Continued)

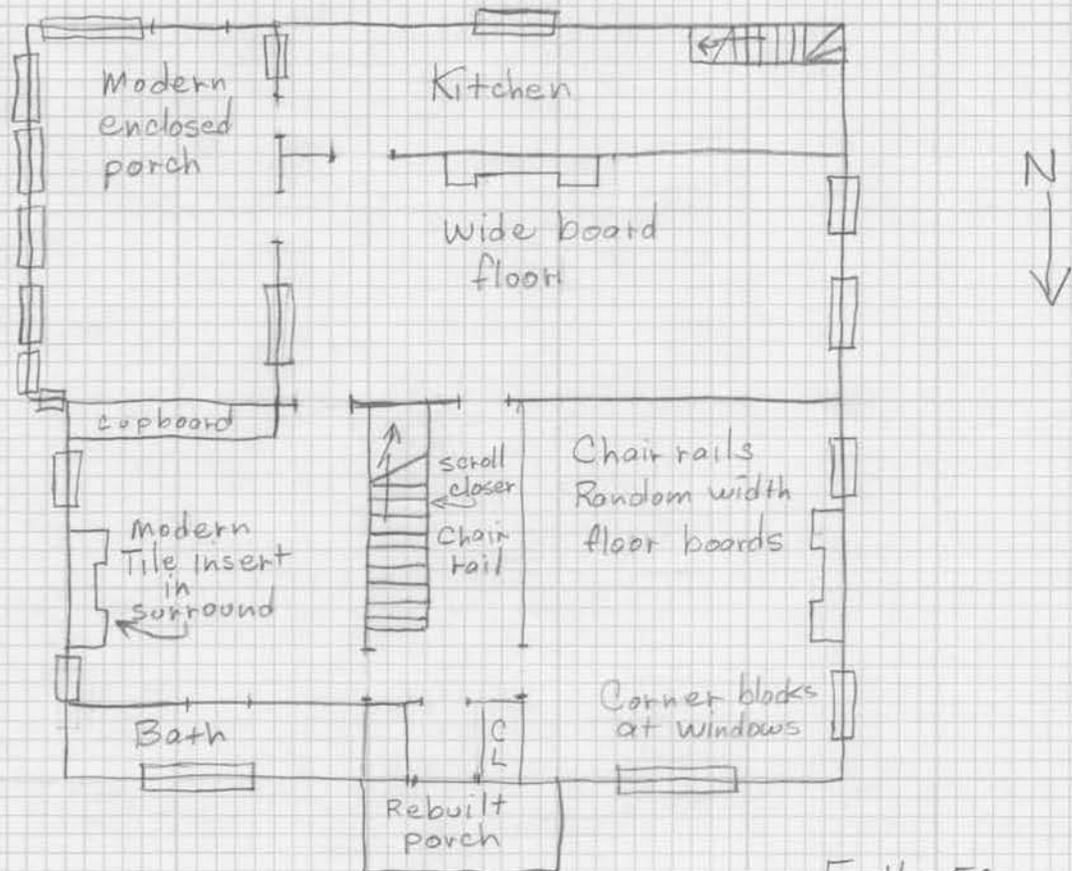
floor boards and a 6-panel door at the entrance to the hall. The mantelpiece is a simple vernacular version of the Greek Revival style which has a modern tile surround. A bank of enclosed cupboards has also been added to the south end of the room. The west parlor has random width floors and a molded chair rail. The window openings have plain corner blocks. The mantel is also a simple style similar to the east room mantelpiece. The current dining room, the possible link built to connect the smokehouse, has wide floor boards and a plain mantelpiece. The kitchen at the south end of the wing is a modern remodeling and the only feature which suggests a 19th century construction date is an enclosed staircase at the southwest corner. The upper level of the wing has been much altered, with modern paneling concealing the plaster walls and wall-to-wall carpets.

Summer kitchen: The two-story summer kitchen has a stone lower level which served as the springhouse. The upper level is covered with german siding and may be log structure. The south, north, and west elevations have two bays each with 6/6 windows. The east elevation has an exterior stone and brick chimney which is partially covered with concrete. The entrance is on the south elevation through a three-panel door with a glass upper panel at the top of a rebuilt frame porch. The gable roof is corrugated metal. The interior of the stone lower level has been covered with concrete, leaving the spring uncovered at the south wall. The upper level has a remodeled single room, although the floor boards have a seam which suggests that the building may have had two irregularly sized chambers. On both levels is a fireplace opening, stone on the lower level, and with a plain wood surround and mantel shelf on the upper level. The summer kitchen probably dates from the same period as the dwelling, but, like the house, has been much altered over time.

Bake oven: The bake oven is a roughly rectangular structure located just south of the rear wing. It has a stone foundation and a brick upper section. The domed top is plastered with concrete and the brick appears to have been repointed in recent years. Above the oven is a frame roof structure with shingles and german siding which extends over the east side above the oven door. The west part of the oven is a smoking chamber, with a firebox opening on the north side of the stone foundation and an access door on the west side. On the south elevation is the oven firebox opening. The oven opening itself is arched brick. The date of the bake oven is probably about 1850.

Privy: The frame privy dates from the last quarter of the 19th century. It is located southwest of the dwelling on the south side of the farm lane leading to the barn. It has vertical siding and a new metal roof. The privy had three seats and a single vertical board door in the north elevation.

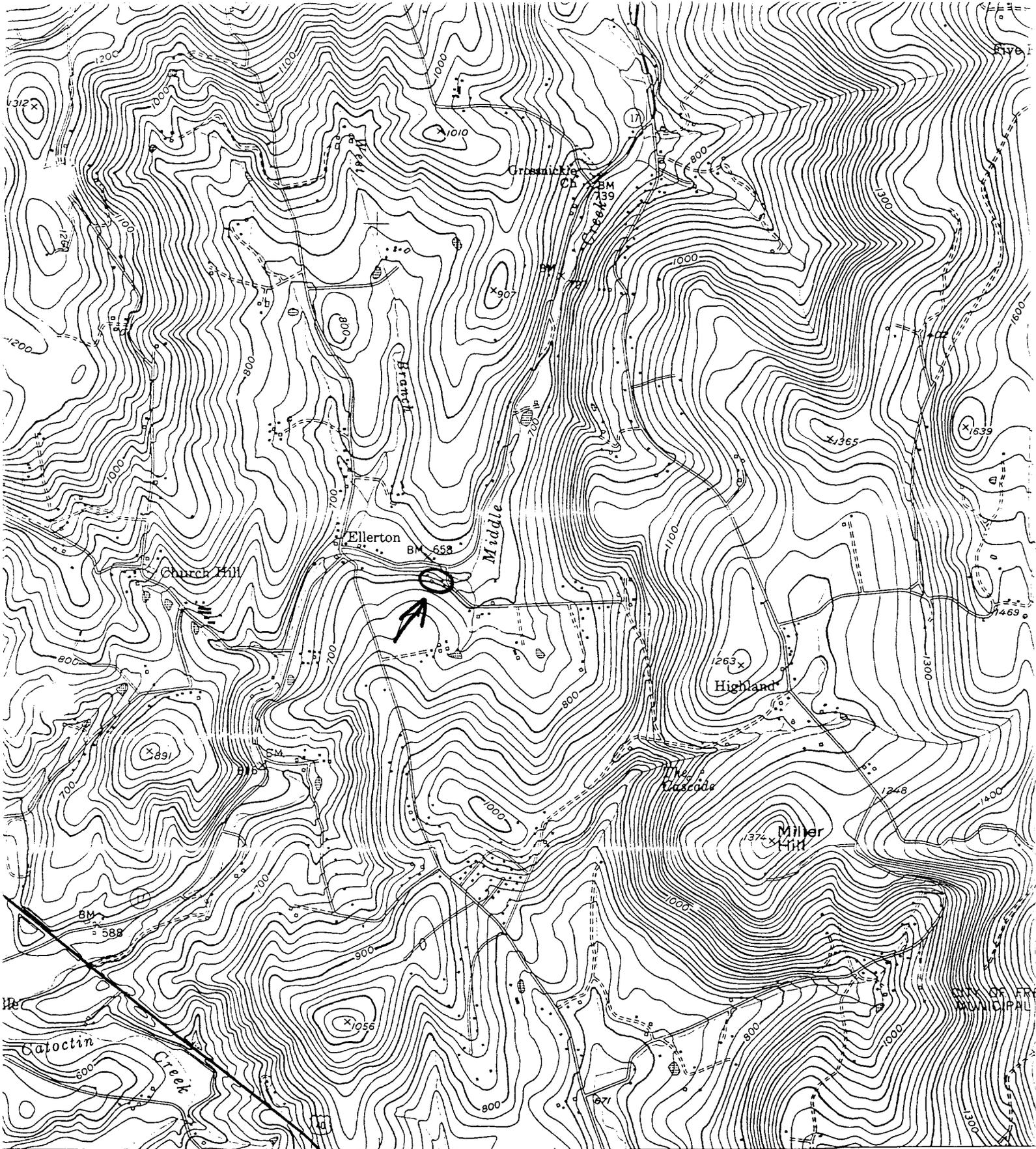
Barn: The frame bank barn is built on a stone foundation which may be earlier than the upper level. The framing timbers and exterior vertical siding have circular saw marks, indicating an early 20th century construction, perhaps to replace an earlier barn which burned or became deteriorated. The standing seam metal roof is also a recent replacement. The stall level on the north elevation has lattice and horizontal flush board enclosure. On the east gable end of the barn is a shed for wagons with a granary bin on the outside wall. The doorway at the ramp on the south elevation has double swinging doors.



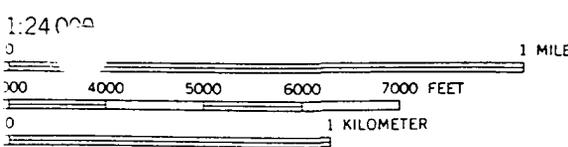
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Janet Davis
 March 24, 1992
 Not to scale

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1516/998 30 Sept 88	Serrene S. & Peggy J. Burke	Elizabeth P. Shephard	3 parcels	\$228,000	
1516/995 30 Sept 88	Elizabeth P. Shephard	John R. Clapp, trustee in Case 4377E Civil	2 parcels		
1516/992 22 Aug 88	Elizabeth P. Shephard	Mildred Stamm, descendant of Daniel Palmer	2 parcels		
5529/414 5 April 88	Daniel Palmer	Jacob Johnson	"Land of Promise" as conveyed to Thos. Biddle by John Palmer Dec. & Susannah Palmer 2 1/2 a.	\$187.50	
5512/244 #5 Apr 821	Jacob Johnson	Thomas Biddle			\$2925 29 1/2 a. + 19 1/4 a.
558/434 3 Apr 1889	Thomas Biddle	John & Susannah Palmer Raymer	2 1/2 a. "Land of Promise" 151 a.	\$9000	



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 USGS Myersville, Md.
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VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929





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Daniel Palmer Farm, 2100

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

March 1992

Along the road, 1/2 mile from the house, 1/2

North of the road

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Daniel Palmer Farmstead

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March 1970

Neg. 35mm. 1/24 lens. 1/250 sec. 1/250

Southeast view

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Daniel Palmist Farmstead

Frederick Sordy

Proctor Farmstead

March 1922

Map. 100: 119. C.M.P. Crossed 1/2 11/11

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Daniel Palmer Farmstead

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Ne. 102. Md. State. Pocomokeville, Md.

Springfield / Summer kitchen, southwest
corner of lot

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Daniel Palmer Farm

Fredrick County

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Neg. loc. Md. - 2470. Greenbelt, Md.

Bake oven, north-east corner view

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Daniel Palmer Tompstead

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Neg. loc. Md. SHCO, (Crownsville, Md.)

Boke own. Southeast & front view.

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Daniel Parsons Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: T. J. + Davis

March 1971

Near to Md. 5410, Crossville, Md

Privy, northwest corner view

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David Folmer Farmstead

Frederick County

Photos: Janet Davis

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Mag. loc., Md. CHPO Crownsville, Md.

Barren, south elevation.

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Daniel Palmer Farmstead

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March 1993

near 102nd Rd. St. DE, Crossville, MD

E. 1/4, north elevation

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