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Schlosser-Waters Farmstead  
Myersville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1830-1940

The Schlosser-Waters Farmstead is an agricultural group centered on a brick two-story house built about 1830 with five bays and a two-bay side wing, altered in the late 1980's with a two-story frame addition with brick veneer. Two original domestic outbuildings, the exposed log summer kitchen, and the two-story stone springhouse, are located east of the dwelling and are the most important structures in the group. Also in the farmstead are a frame bank barn of about 1875-1900, altered for dairy use in the 1920's, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib of about 1875-1900. Several non-contributing outbuildings include a concrete block 1951 hog barn and a 1949 concrete block dairy barn, with a brick silo. The farmstead is most significant for the building technology displayed in the log summer kitchen and the stone springhouse. Both have been restored in recent years, but still retain much of their mid-19th century character. The brick residence, although possibly retaining some interior features which were not documented during this survey, has been compromised to a considerable extent by the modern two-story addition.

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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  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930  
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-present

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  
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

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 Schlosser-Waters Farmstead

and/or common Pilgrim's Harbour

## 2. Location

street & number 9232 Harmony Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Myersville  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                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <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 Tod P. and Barry K. Salisbury

street & number 53 E. Patrick Street telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21701

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1427

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 847

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-70

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <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: 6

The Schlosser-Waters Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1830 brick two-story dwelling with a modern, brick-faced two-story addition and three contributing domestic outbuildings, a 1-1/2 story log summer kitchen and a two-story stone springhouse which are contemporary with the earlier section of the house, and a circa 1940 frame garage, and two contributing agricultural outbuildings, a frame bank barn of about 1875-1900 with 20th-century alterations, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib of the same period. The farmstead is located on the west side of Harmony Road about 1/4 mile south of U.S. Route 40 near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The property also contains several non-contributing agricultural buildings, including a dated concrete block hog barn of 1951 and a concrete block dairy barn and milk house, dated 1949. A circa 1949 brick silo is adjacent to the dairy barn and the base of a second brick silo is located near the bank barn. The farmstead is located near the center of the property at the end of a gravel drive off Harmony Road.

The dwelling faces east toward a small pond on the edge of which are the summer kitchen and the springhouse. The house has a flemish bond exterior in the earlier section which is painted white. The north side and west elevations have 4:1 American bond. The east elevation has five bays with a center entrance. The entrance porch has been rebuilt on a stone foundation with new brick steps. The modern pedimented roof has paired square columns which appear to be about 1850 in date. The main entrance door has 10 panels, with raised profiles, under a three-light transom. The window openings have gauged arches and wood sills. The sash is 6/6 with original shutter hardware still in place, although the shutters have been removed. The cornice is corbeled and the gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. The interior chimneys are located at the gable ends. On the south side of the five-bay section is a two-story side wing with a two-level open porch. The porch posts are chamfered and the balustrade is plain. The wing has two bays with 6/6 sash and a three-light transom above the 10-panel door. A third chimney is located at the south end of the wing, enclosed by the two-story modern addition on the south. The addition is faced with natural brick. The west elevation has the same number of bays in each section of the original dwelling as in the east elevation. The facade is flush, with no porches or other projections. The 6/6 sash are replacements. The north elevation has two bays with replacement 6/6 windows in the west bay on the second floor. The first floor window has been filled in. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Domestic outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The exposed log summer kitchen has been restored in the late 1980's, with some logs replaced and the chinking repaired and replastered. The 1-1/2 story structure has a corrugated metal roof and an interior end chimney on the east gable end. Visible evidence on the logs suggests the chimney was once the exterior stone and brick type seen on many other outbuildings of the same type and

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# 8. Significance

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
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| <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 checked="" 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** C. 1830-1940      **Builder/Architect**

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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 Schlosser-Waters Farmstead is significant principally for the architecture of the two domestic outbuildings, the log summer kitchen and the stone springhouse. Although restored, the buildings are each fairly good representatives of the types. The major alterations appear to be the replacement of windows and the possible change in the chimney in the log building. The interiors were inaccessible to determine the extent of the restoration. The dwelling's original section is minimally significant for its architecture, although the interior features are undocumented. Its integrity level is lessened by the modern addition. Relative to other farmsteads of the 1830's-1940, the Schlosser-Waters group is among the less intact.

Possibly built by Peter Schlosser, the brick house is shown on both the 1858 Bond map and the 1873 Titus Atlas map. In 1861, the farm was purchased from Schlosser's estate by James Waters, a son-in-law who had been farming the property since his marriage. Waters died in 1876, but the farm remained in the Waters family until 1943. Pilgrim's Harbour, displayed on a sign on the entrance drive, is a reference to one of the early tracts which comprised the original 234-acre farm, "Resurvey on Pilgrim's Harbour".



7.1 Description (Continued)

period. The south elevation has two bays with a vertical tongue-and-groove door with a four-light glazed upper panel. The window is 6/3. The north elevation has a single vertical board door. The gables of the kitchen are covered with weatherboard and an enlarged loading door is in the west gable under a small 2/2 window. The kitchen may date from about 1830.

Springhouse: The stone, two-story springhouse is located just south of the summer kitchen. It may also be a circa 1830 structure. The gable roof is standing seam metal and an interior end chimney is located in the east elevation. The south elevation has two bays with a 6-panel door at the top of a rebuilt wood staircase. The sash is 6/6. In the west gable end is a second door to the lower level, a replacement vertical board type. The north elevation has two bays in the upper level with 6/6 windows.

Garage: The frame garage may have been built about 1940. It is located south of the dwelling near the non-contributing hog barn. The garage has a corrugated metal gable roof and vertical tongue-and-groove siding. Double vertical board swing doors are located in the southeast elevation facing the incoming farm lane from Harmony Road.

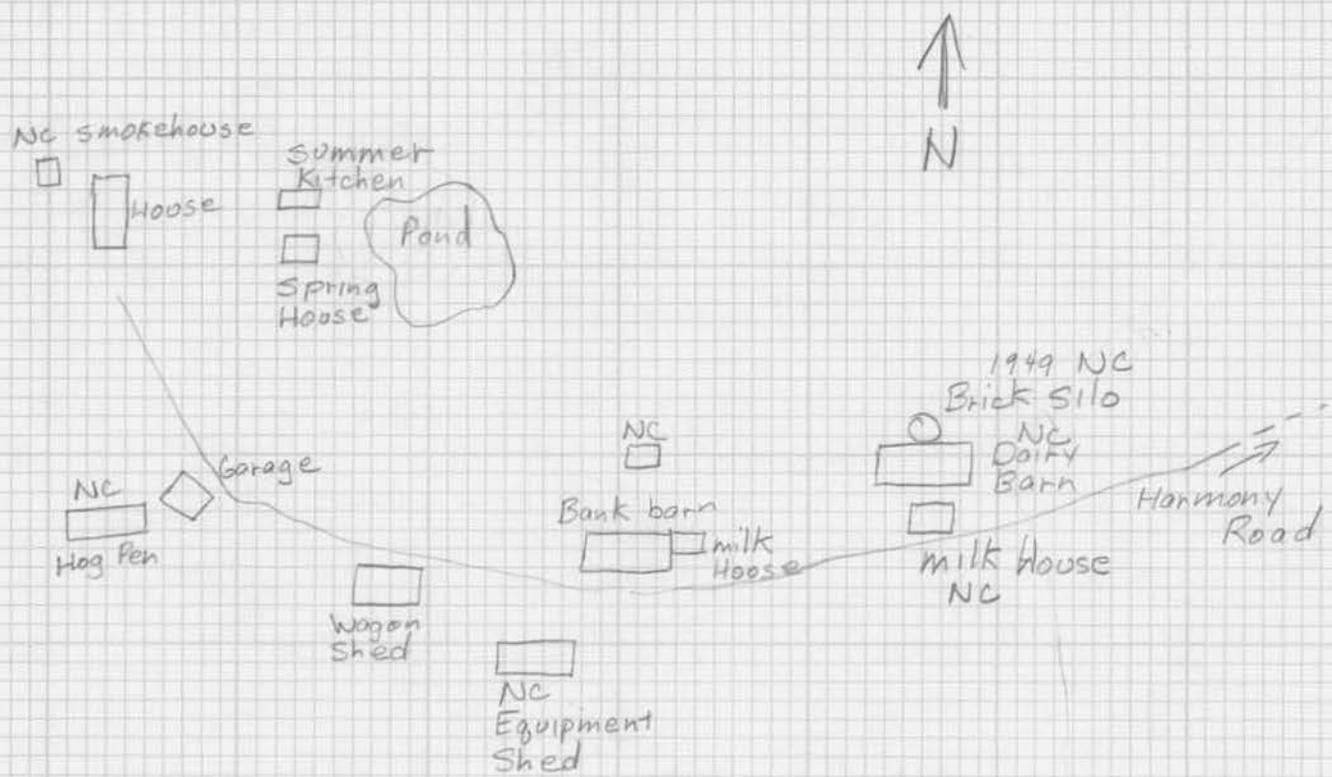
Agricultural outbuildings:

Bank barn: The frame bank barn may have been built about 1875-1900. It has some replaced boards among the vertical siding of the upper level. The stall level on the north elevation has been partially enclosed with concrete block for dairy use, probably during the 1920's. A small section near the northeast end is faced with vertical boards. The doors on the upper level of the north elevation are sliding types, with vertical boards. The south elevation has two double doored entrances with sliding covers. Near the east side of the ramp is the debris of a demolished brick silo. The roof of the barn is corrugated metal. Attached to the east elevation is a small concrete block milk house with metal sash, probably added in the 1920's, which is now used as a chicken house.

Wagon shed/corn crib: Southwest of the bank barn is the frame wagon shed/corn crib, which dates from about 1875-1900. The double corn cribs are located on the north and south sides of the drive-through. The structure has a glazed and paneled door in the east elevation above the drive-through. The exterior is covered with vertical boards.

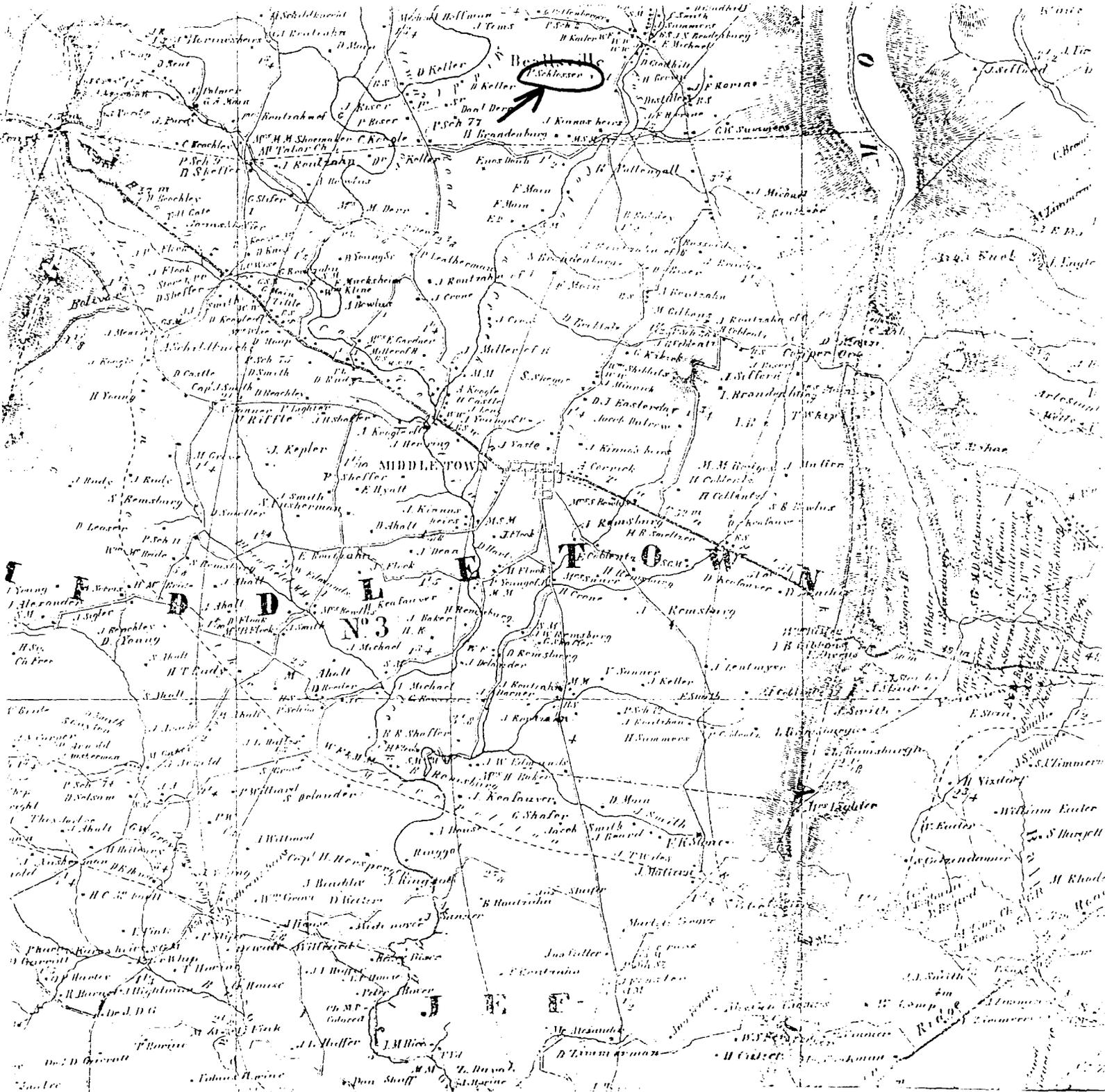
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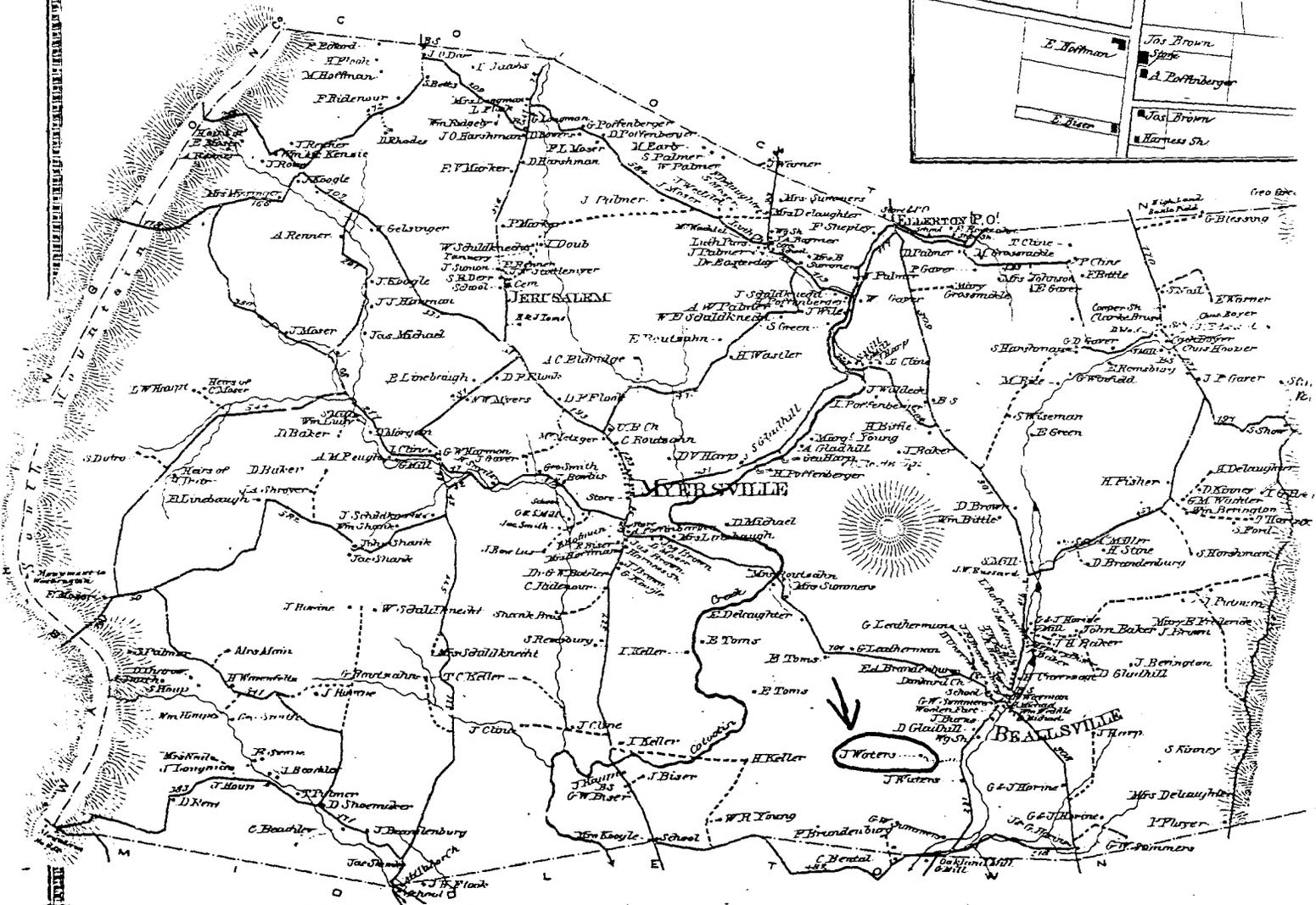
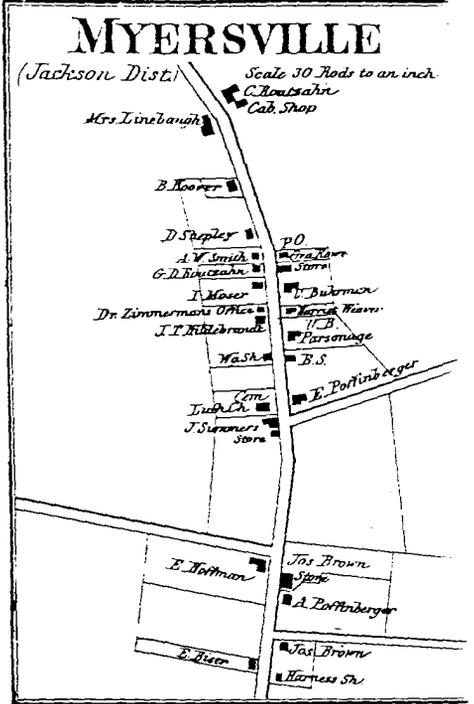
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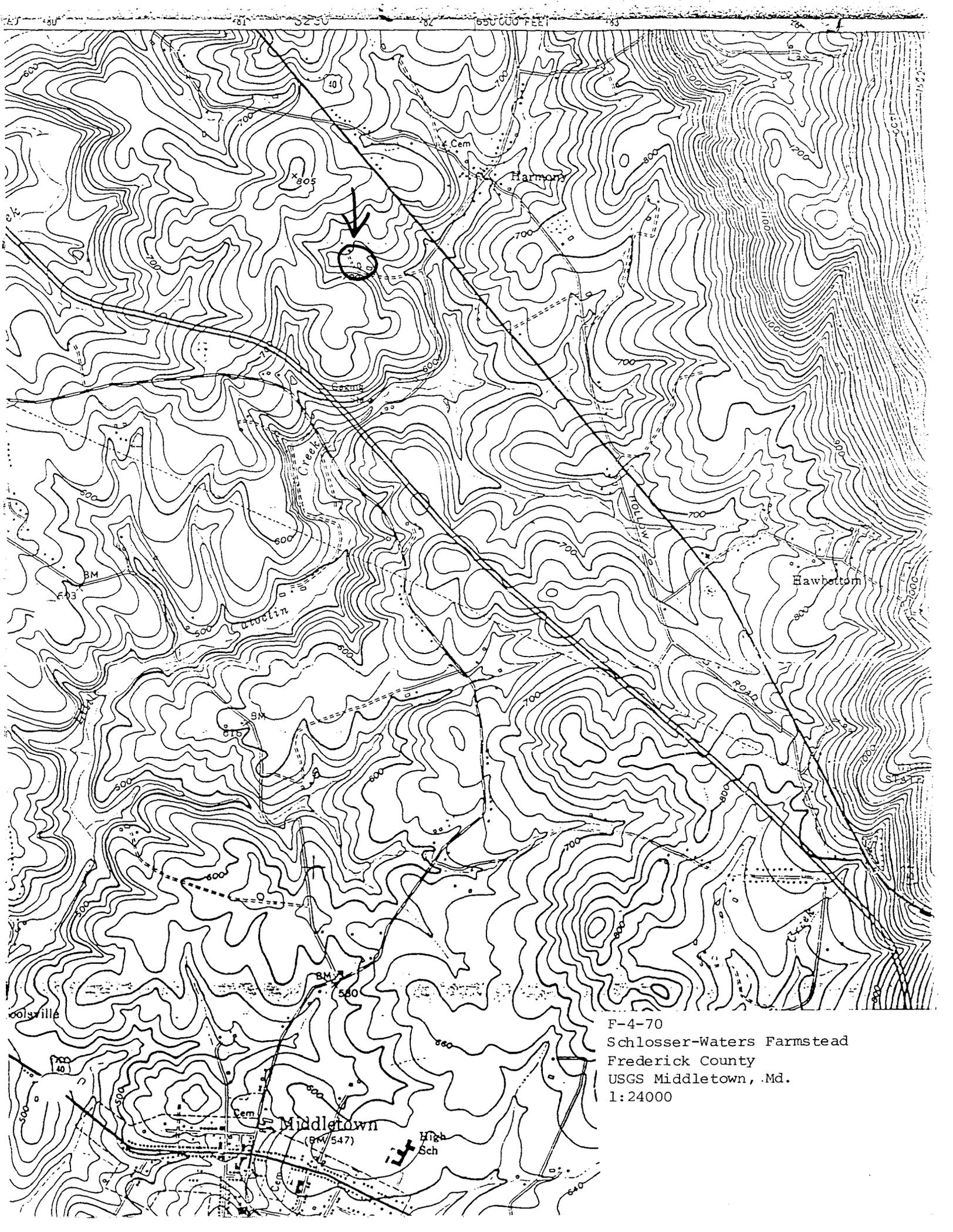
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Frederick County, 1873



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USGS Middletown, Md.  
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Schlosser-Waters farmstead

Frederick County

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East elevation

1/6



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Schlusser-Waters Farmstead  
Frederick County

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West elevation

2/6



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Schlosser-Waters Farmstead

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Wagon shed/corn crib, east elevation

4/6



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Schlusser-Waters Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Bank barn, north elevation

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Schlusser-Waters Farmstead

Frederick County

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Dairy barn, milk house, and brick silo.  
view from east

6/6