

F-4-91
Philip Derr Farmstead
Middletown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1820

The Philip Derr Farmstead is currently a private residence centered on the two-story stone residence built about 1820 with an exposed basement and a two-story bracketed porch probably added in the mid-19th century. The grouping includes a stone and frame springhouse contemporary with the house, a frame outbuilding of indeterminate date and use, and a stone bank barn and a second stone agricultural building, which are not in use and much overgrown by vegetation. The significance of the farmstead is principally in the stonemasonry technology and architecture of the dwelling, which has some modern alterations, and windows and doors replaced in the late 19th century. The second story on the south elevation, however, has a patterned transom and a paneled soffit around the central door, suggesting that it once had elegant pretensions which may be borne out by interior documentation of the structure. The stone barn and springhouse may also have significance as examples of their type in the first quarter of the 19th century, but inaccessibility precludes a definite analysis.

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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

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

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Philip Derr Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2912 Station Road not for publication

city, town Middletown 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	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 Robert L. Kaufmann

street & number 2912 Station Road telephone no.:

city, town Middletown state and zip code Md. 21769

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1054

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 985

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-4-91

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 Philip Derr Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex centered on a stone two-story dwelling built about 1820 which is now a private residence, with a stone springhouse of about the same date, a frame outbuilding of about the last quarter of the 19th century, a stone bank barn, and possibly a second stone agricultural outbuilding under heavy foliage. The farmstead is located on the north side of Station Road about 1/4 mile west of Old Hagerstown Road near Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling is located off the road about 200 feet across a small stream which feeds into the lower level of the stone springhouse, which is sited just north of the edge of the road. The stone barn and the unidentified stone outbuilding are located about 100 yards west of the domestic group and are difficult to reach through high grass and other growth. The unidentified building is principally visible from Station Road through heavy foliage.

The dwelling faces south and the basement is exposed on this facade. A two-level frame porch with turned columns, brackets, and a scroll-sawn balustrade on the second level is attached to the south elevation. The three bays have two entrances on the basement level at the outer bays. The doors have glazed upper panels and are early 20th century or late 19th century replacements of the original doors. The transoms above each door are covered over with plywood. The sash is on the first story and 2/2 on the upper stories. On the second level, the windows are tall and narrow, with a third entry in the center bay. Above this door, the transom has diamond patterned muntins and a paneled soffit. The roof is covered with modern composition shingles and the cornice is boxed. Interior end chimneys rise at the east and west elevations. The gable ends have two bays with 2/2 windows at the attic level. The north elevation has three bays with a center entrance and a 6-panel door. Although the interior was inaccessible for this survey, Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910) states that the house originally had nine rooms. It is assumed that some interior alterations and perhaps partitions have taken place since 1910.

Frame outbuilding: The frame outbuilding is located about 20 feet west of the dwelling. Although its original use is undetermined, its location suggests that it was a summer kitchen or wash house. It is a one-story building in fair condition with german siding and a standing seam metal roof. An open doorway and a single pane replacement window are located in the structure's east elevation.

Springhouse: The stone springhouse has a stone lower level and a two-section upper level with both stone a wood or log structure. The building is much overgrown by vines and other vegetation, but the exterior siding of the frame part is german and an interior end chimney is located at the north gable end. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. No sash or door was observed, but window openings are in the east and west elevations. The springhouse is probably of the same date as the house.

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1820 **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 Philip Derr Farmstead is a fair example of stonemasonry technology in the first quarter of the 19th century. Although the dwelling has been altered and its windows and doors replaced later in the 19th century, It retains a single entrance on the second level which has a patterned transom and paneled soffits around the doorway. The bracketed and balustraded porch dates from the mid-19th century. The updating of older residences was common in rural locations in Frederick County throughout the 19th century and one of the most frequent additions was a one or two-story porch with decorative details. The stone outbuildings of the Derr Farmstead may be equally as significant as the house, but the seasonal foliage concealing their features precludes definite analysis. The farm may have been established by Philip Derr about 1820-1830 and was sold to Peter Leatherman in 1890. During the early to mid 20th century, the Leatherman family retained ownership. In the 1910 county history, the farm, then owned by John W. Leatherman, was described as being in a high state of cultivation and well-managed by Leatherman, "a practical and progressive farmer . . . among the esteemed and prosperous farmers of the district", epithets which were frequently used in the often excessively flattering writing style of the authors, T.J.C. Williams and Folger McKinsey.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-91

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858
 Land Records of Frederick County
 Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873
 Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted
 Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, pp. 994, 1157

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 2.5 acres

Quadrangle name Middletown, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 2.5 acres centered on the frame outbuilding just west of the stone dwelling on Tax Map 55, Parcel 1.

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June 1992

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

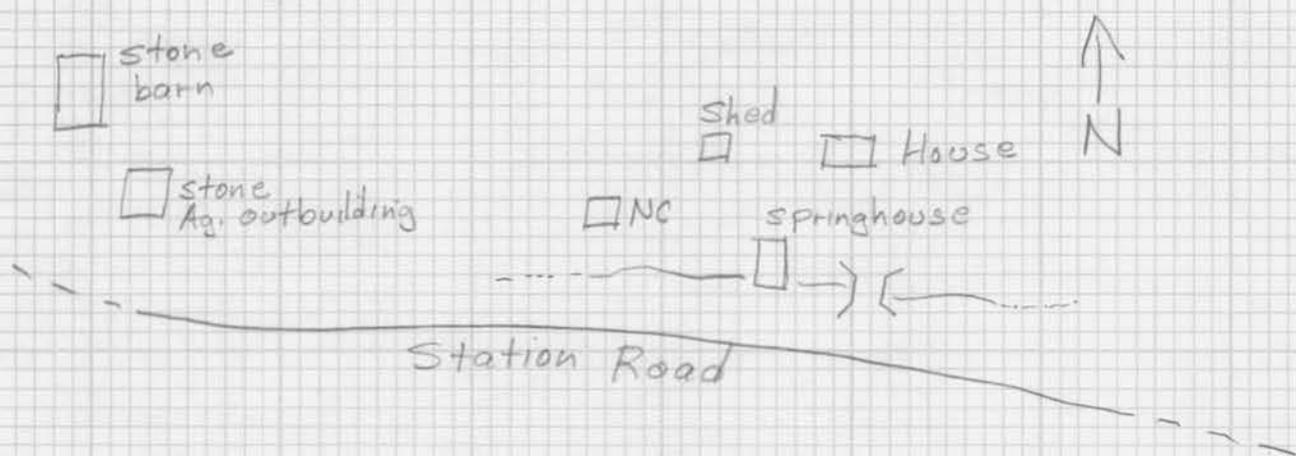
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7.1 Description (Continued)

Stone barn and unidentified outbuilding: The stone bank barn is visible from the western edge of the domestic group across an overgrown field. It has a corrugated metal gable roof and a frame forebay with vertical siding on the east elevation. The stall level is enclosed with stone. The barn apparently dates from about 1820, along with the house and springhouse. An unidentified stone outbuilding visible primarily from Station Road is located generally south of the barn. It is much overgrown and only a stone end wall is seen from the road. Its use is unknown, but is undoubtedly related to the agricultural functions of the complex, due to its location near the barn.



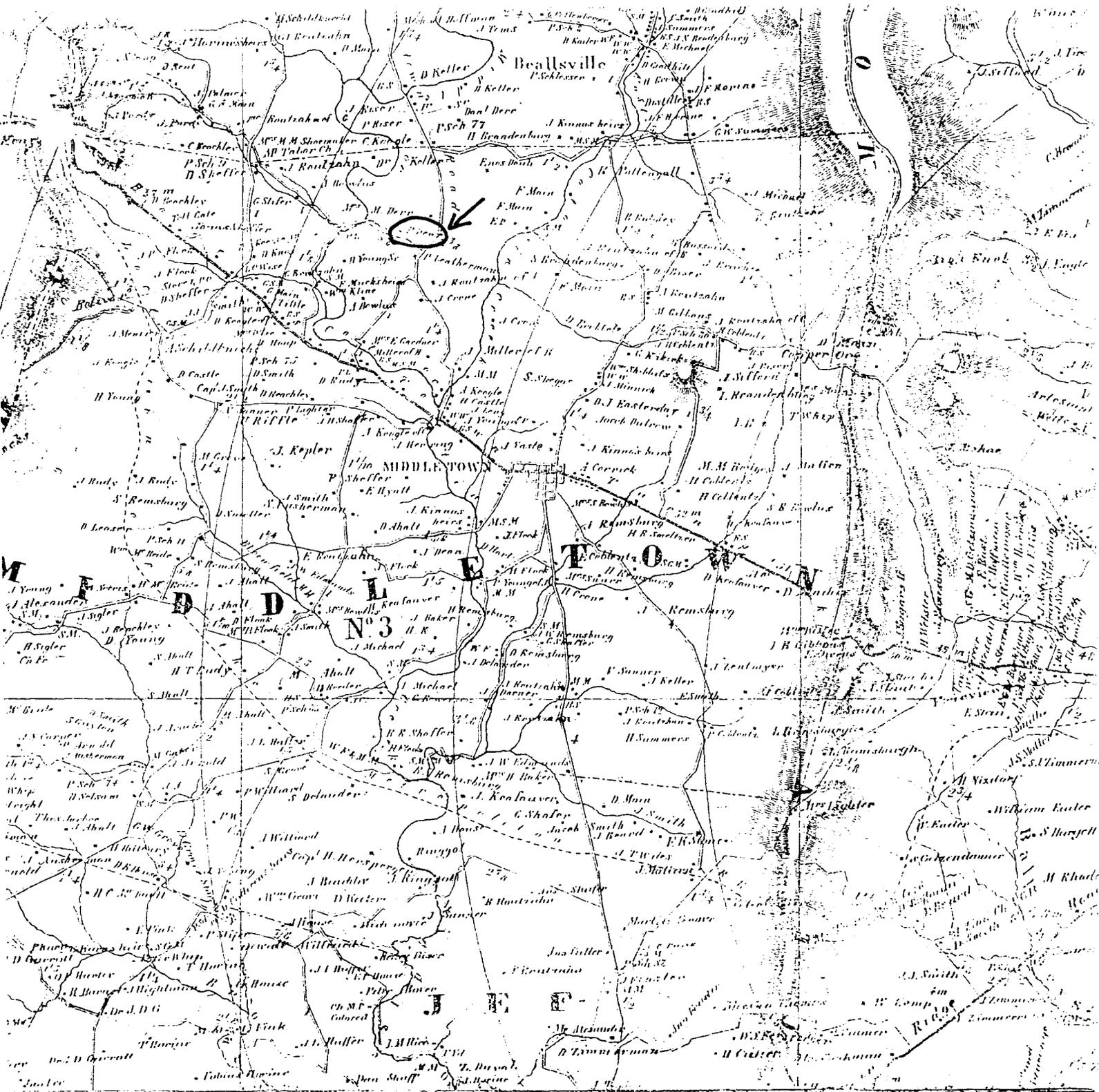
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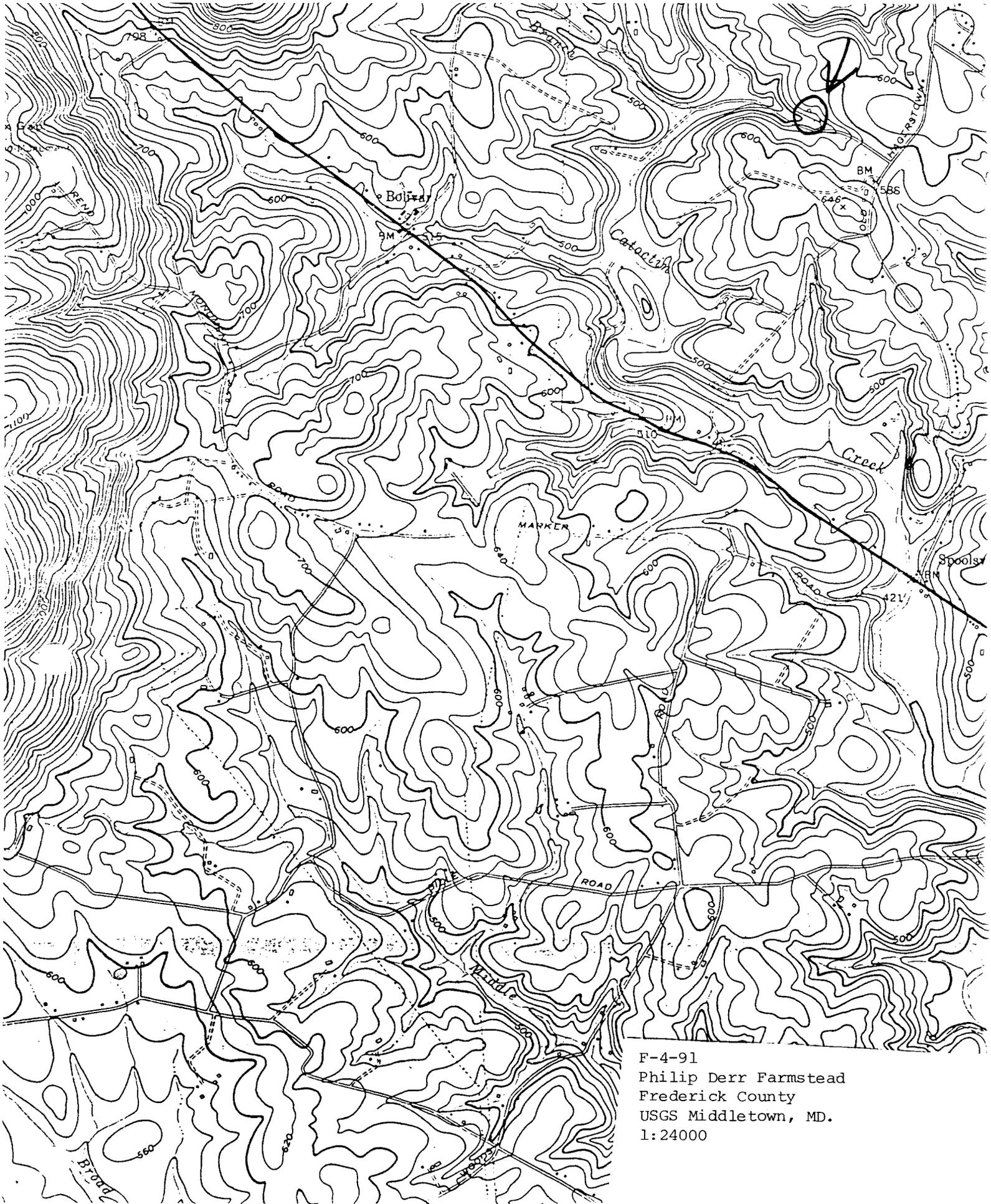
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2912 Station Rd.

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1054/627 23 Jun 78	Carl H. Kline, et al, heirs of Homer W. Kline	George L. & Roy C. Kline per reps of estate of Homer W. Kline, dec. 18 Jun 77			
1054/985 3 Jul 78	Robert L. Kaufmann	Samuel A. W. Patterson & Deluna B. Patterson	56.43 a.		
840/276 30 Jan 71	Samuel A. W. Patterson et ux	Joseph A. Wilson & Jacqueline P. Wilson			
722/365 22 Apr 65	Samuel A. W. Patterson et ux & Joseph A. Wilson et ux	Rebecca McLaren, et al, heirs & next of kin of Annie K. Leatherman, widow, dec.	112 a. "Contention Ended" "Cuckold's Horn"		
372/18 9 Aug 29	Floyd & Annie K. Leatherman	Elmer H. & Annie M. Shank			
342/129 3 Feb 23	Elmer H. & Annie M. Shank	Albert S. Bracon et ux, trustees in Equity 10,527 Gloria E. Leatherman vs. John D. Haniel et al, heirs of John W. Leatherman, son of Peter	112 a.	\$6,888	
WIP 11/178 21 Mar 1890	Peter Leatherman	John H. Derr, exec of last will & test of Philip Derr	same farm of Philip Derr 112 a.	\$3,360	



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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County,
1858



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Southwest corner view

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

North elevation

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Shed, east elevation

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Springhouse (obscured view)

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