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

Property/District Name: Still Work Survey Number: F-5-100

Project: New Market Loop 230 kV Transmission Line Agency: DNR/PSC

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 the available information, Still Work, located at 6219C Green Valley Road in southeastern Frederick County, is eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties. The house was built in two stages: first, the one-and-a-half story brick side hall plan portion constructed in 1758, and then in 1799 the two story stone additon was added to the east side. Outbuildings include a log house, a two-story springhouse, a later 19th century wagon shed/corn crib, and a c. 1900 bank barn. The property is significant under Criterion C for the architecture of the house, which combines two distinct and early construction periods and cultural influences. The earlier, Georgian side hall plan reflects the English urban building tradition. The 1799 stone addition and fine Moravian design hardware reflect the Germanic influence of the latter part of the 18th century in Frederick. The hardware is said to be identical to that found in Schifferstadt (F-3-42), in the City of Frederick.

in addition to being individually eligible, the property is located in an area which retains numerous historic farmsteads within a largely unaltered setting and which may consititute an historic district.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory
Form F-5-100, Historic Evaluation Report: New Market Loop 230 kV Transmission
Line

Prepared by: Christine Davis Consultants (report); Janet Davis (1994 form)

Elizabeth Hannold 1/22/97
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter E. Kuntz 2/6/97
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: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling-single residence; domestic outbuildings
Agricultural-animal shelter, food storage, outbuildings

Known Design Source: _____

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Still Work
New Market vicinity
Private

Ca. 1758; 1799

Still Work is a two-section house built about 1758 in its original form as a brick side hall, 1-1/2 story house, with a stone addition erected on the east gable end in 1799, according to a date incised in the stone exterior. The addition had different floor levels, providing a raised lower level for a large cooking fireplace, from which food was carried through the rear of the main hall to the upper level to a dining room. The interior of the brick section had a two-room plan, now a single room, with a paneled fireplace wall featuring cupboards on each side of the chimney. The doors of the cupboards retain their original rat tail hinges and the interior 6-panel doors in this section have clover-leaf hinge plates. These unusual features are Moravian designs and are identical to some of the hardware in Schifferstadt (F-3-42), the 1756 museum house of German domestic architecture in Frederick City. Still Work's interior plan and trim are Georgian in style, but these distinctively German elements show the merging of the two cultures in architectural and decoration methods in the mid 18th century. The house was restored and additions were built in the 1960's, but much of the important exterior and structural work and the interior trim details were retained. The property also includes a guest house built in the 1960's of logs from a former outbuilding, a two-story stone springhouse contemporary with the 1758 section, a late 19th century wagon shed/corn crib, and a circa 1900 bank barn with an early 20th century milk house.

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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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Still Work

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 6219C Green Valley Road not for publicationcity, town New Market 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 Edgar W. and Alberta Holtz c/o Hogan & Hartson Law Firm

street & number 555 13th Street N.W. telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D.C. state and zip code 20003

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 662

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 88

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-5-100

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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: 4

Still Work is a 1-1/2-story brick and stone dwelling built in two stages, about 1758 and 1799, with two frame additions dating from about the 1880's and the early 1960's with its remaining contributing outbuildings which include a two-level stone springhouse of the last quarter of the 18th century, a circa 1890 wagon shed/corn crib, a frame and stone bank barn dating from about 1900, and a frame chicken house of about 1900. The formerly agricultural grouping is now principally a private residence and includes a 1960's log guest house near the main dwelling built with logs salvaged from an early outbuilding located on another part of the property. The complex is located on the east side of Green Valley Road (Md. 75) at the end of the south branch of an approximately one mile-long driveway shared with two other properties, near New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation faces southeast with the guest house on a hill to the northwest and the springhouse, wagon shed, barn, and chicken house to the west and southwest of the house. Other non-contributing structures in the group are a modern garage and a storage shed built in the 1960's to resemble a stone smokehouse or meathouse near the main house. Dates of the buildings are based on architectural evidence and historical and land record research provided by Mrs. Edgar W. Holtz, one of the current owners.

The house's two sections are clearly defined by the brick and stone materials of each and by the date 1799 inscribed on a corner quoin of the stone section at the southeast corner. The brick section's date was estimated at about 1758 from the distinctive interior hardware in the Moravian style which is also found in Schifferstadt (F-3-47), the circa 1756 museum of German domestic architecture in Frederick City. Mrs. Holtz carried out extensive research on Moravian history in Pennsylvania and Maryland in the early 1970's in support of the Frederick County Landmark Foundation's efforts to preserve Schifferstadt and found evidence which attributes the design of that building's architecture and hardware fixtures to the influence of Moravian building technology. The existence of some of the same hardware designs in Still Work, plus land record information which shows a grant of 45 acres to Basil Dorsey in 1758, places the approximate date of the brick section of Still Work within a few years of the 1758 date of the grant.

The brick section's southeast principal elevation is laid in flemish bond with a molded water table and three bays. The entrance is in the easternmost bay leading into the original side hall. The windows are replacements of the original 9/6 sash under gauged arches. The brick is currently painted yellow. Louvred shutters flank the openings and an interior chimney is at the west gable end. Adjoining the brick section on the west is a 1960's addition containing a dining room and a modern kitchen/family room. The addition's southeast elevation is recessed from the plane of the original section. The gable end wall of the 1758 section and the rear or north elevation, which is now enclosed by the 1880's and 1960's addition, is 3:1 common bond. The 1880's addition is a frame shed structure on the north side of the brick section which was built as a kitchen, but was converted in the 1960's rehabilitation as a bedroom. The roof is composition shingles with two gabled dormers on the south elevation and one on the north elevation. The main doorway c

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. 1758-1910 **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.

Still Work is highly significant in architecture for the evidence of a circa 1758 brick dwelling with a major addition of 1799, and for the unusual Moravian hardware in the brick section featuring clover-leaf shaped hinge plates on the interior doors and rat tail hinges on the mantelpiece cupboards. Although extensively restored and with additions dating from the 1880's and 1960's, the key elements which identify the mid-18th century construction technique and Georgian stylistic references, the brick flemish bond facade, the original side hall plan, and the paneled mantelpiece wall, remain intact. The presence of the Moravian hardware exemplifies the merging of English and German influences in architecture in Frederick County during the 18th century. The builder of Still Work is not yet known. The property was part of a large tract owned by the Dorsey family which was sold off in smaller parcels. The 45-acre tract of Still Work was granted to Basil Dorsey in 1758 and the Moravian hardware found in the house is identical to some door and cupboard hinges in Schifferstadt (F-3-42), the 1756 museum house of German domestic architecture in Frederick City. Still Work is one of a group of at least six stone, brick, or log dwellings dating from the period about 1758-1760 to about 1780 located in the vicinity of Green Valley, Old Annapolis, and Lime Plant Roads which were built by investors of English heritage including the Dorseys, Nelsons, Hammonds, and James families. Each has important distinguishing architectural features on the interior. Those documented as of the date of this form include the Samuel W. Dorsey Farmstead (F-5-77), the William Downey House (F-5-83), the Higgins-Bennett House (F-5-85), the Milton Mealey Farmstead (F-5-98), and the Oliver P. Harding House (F-5-99). Others of similar significance have been preliminarily identified and their documentation may reveal further information on those already in the inventory.

7.1 Description (Continued)

the south was once sheltered by an entry porch and Mrs. Holtz believes that a heavily repaired section of brick just above the doorway indicates that the doorway was lowered. Another possibility may be that water damage occurred between the porch roof and the wall which was crudely repaired.

Adjoining the brick section on the east is the 1799 stone addition which was added as both a kitchen wing and to provide a dining room. In the course of this addition, the formerly side hall plan was converted to an off-center hall and a window which lighted the lower end of the staircase on the outer wall was converted to a door and the staircase was shifted to the northwestern corner of the hall in a double run configuration. The rear doorway in the hall retains a large worn stone sill over which a probable sheltering open porch was built. The floor levels of the stone addition provided a raised lower level for the kitchen with a large stone cooking fireplace. The apparent route for food carried to the upper level dining room was through a door in the north side, turning under the sheltering porch into the rear door of the hall and thence to the door to the dining room from the hall. The probable open porch was enclosed by the Holtzes and paved with flagstones. A nearby covered well house and a deteriorated frame shed addition were demolished. A dormer was also added to the north roof slope of the stone section.

The interior of the brick 1758 section has been considerably restored, but the key features still present are the interior doors and hardware and the paneled fireplace wall in the main parlor. In the original plan of the house, a partition wall across the northern end created a smaller room through which a door was later cut to give access to the 1880's kitchen wing. The partition wall has been removed and the interior side of the north wall has been covered with built-in shelves. The large and small parlor plan has been observed in several dwellings in Frederick County of the last quarter of the 18th century and the first decade of the 19th century. The simple molded chair rail and some of the baseboard are original. The fireplace wall on the west side originally had paneled cupboards on both sides of the chimney, but the left side cupboard has been removed. The fireplace opening has a molded surround added by the Holtzes and an enframing above which echoes the typical Georgian mantelpiece arrangement. The hardware on the cupboards is in a "rat tail" or "devil's tail" design, with a small pointed shape at the end against the side jamb. This is also found in Schifferstadt. The hinge hardware on the 6-panel doors is a three-leaf clover shape, also present in Schifferstadt.

In the dining room on the raised first story of the stone wing is a centered mantel with half-round columns flanking the opening and plain frieze. The large interior chimney stack from the cooking fireplace below is located to the left of the mantelpiece and at the northeast corner is a small paneled cupboard. A second small cupboard is on the right side of the mantelpiece. Mrs. Holtz salvaged raised panel doors and other materials from dwellings nearby of approximately the same period as Still Work and assembled them into a design of panels on the originally plain surface of the chimney stack. The ceiling beams in this room are exposed. In the former kitchen below, a doorway in the west side of the room leads into the cellar under the brick section where another fireplace is located under the fireplace in the living room above.

7.2 Description (Continued)

In the 1960's addition, the Holtzes have used salvaged architectural features from demolished houses in the vicinity. Principal among these are a columned mantelpiece in the family room and a doorway enframing with columns at the entrance to the addition from the brick section. Both of these features are of the first quarter of the 19th century. In the present dining room in the addition is another fireplace with a paneled wall above using raised door panels as in the stone section.

Outbuildings:

Springhouse: The two-level stone springhouse is located about 150 feet southwest of the dwelling. It has a vertical board gable on the west which appears to be a repair of a deteriorated original stone gable. A vertical board door is on the east side at the lower level and a second door on the west opens to the upper level. The roof is standing seam metal. The springhouse probably dates from about the same period of the brick section of the house, about 1758, but has been altered by late 19th and early 20th century repairs. It is in fair condition.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The wagon shed with corn cribs was probably built about 1890. It has vertical board siding and a corrugated metal roof. Sliding doors are on the west elevation.

Bank barn: The barn appears to have a late 19th or early 20th century upper frame structure on an older stone foundation. Mrs. Holtz has been told by a long-time local resident that the original barn was log. This would have been consistent with materials and agricultural outbuilding construction methods of the period of the 1750's and 1760's. The current barn has vertical board siding and a standing seam metal roof. A rusticated concrete block milk house is located near the east gable end, an addition of the 1920's.

Chicken house: The frame chicken house located south of the dwelling is now used as a storage shed. It has board and batten and vertical siding and a corrugated metal shed roof. Three 3/3 windows are on the south elevation and an open shed is on the north side. The chicken house was probably built during the first decade of the 20th century.

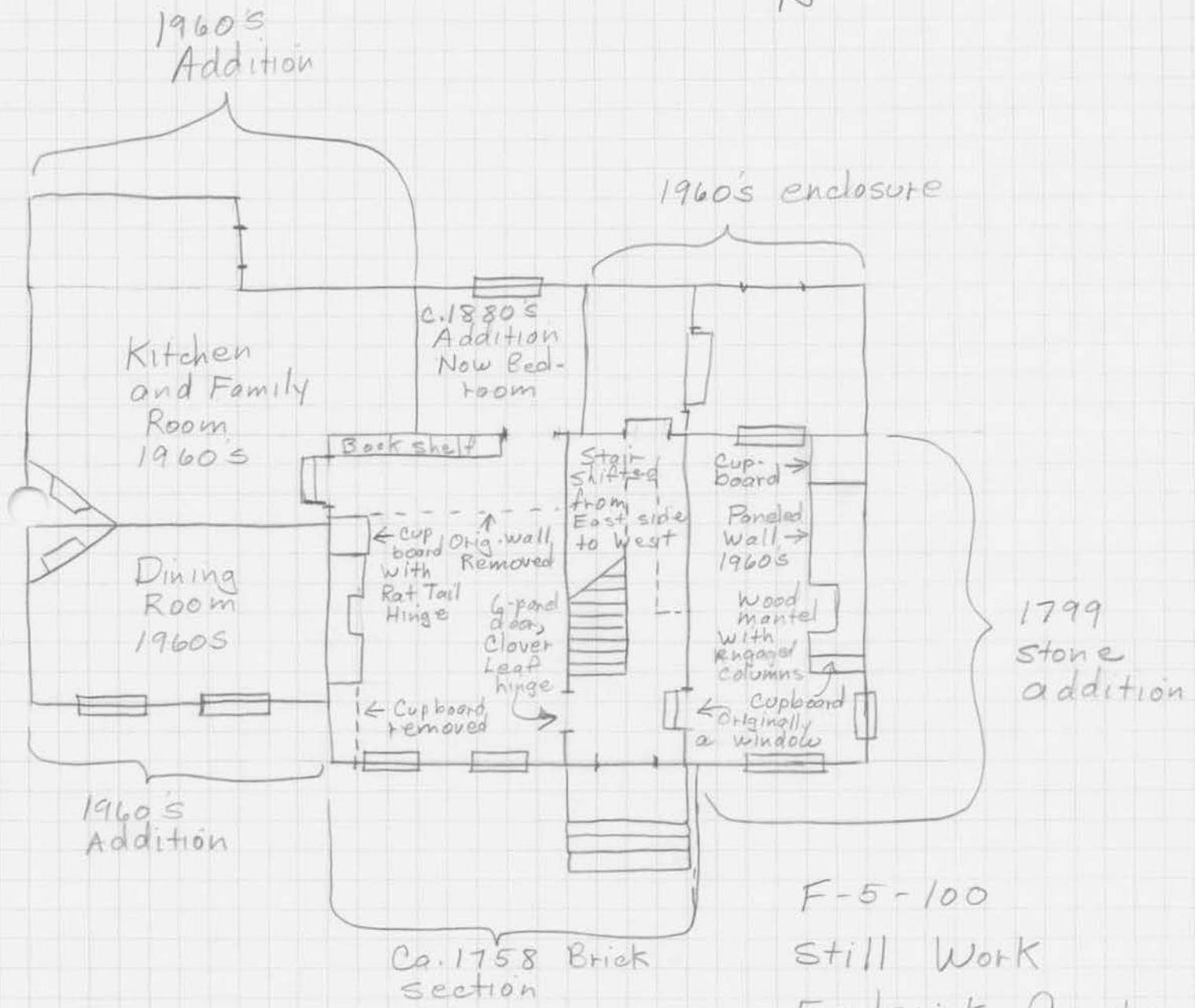
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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

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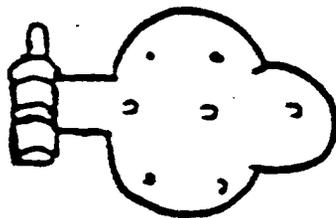
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Janet Davis
May 24, 1994

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Still Works

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662/88 24 Nov 61	Edgar W. & Abigail B. Holtz	C. Ray & Matiel E. Etyler		
402/176 27 May 36	C. Ray Etyler et ux	Lester K. & Mellic Etyler, heirs of W & T of Chas. E. Etyler, des.		
312/176 23 Mar 15	Charles E. Etyler	Jesse C. & Fida M. Walker	125 A. 23 P.	#6500
296/130 15 Mar 11	Jesse C. Walker et ux	Samuel C. & E. Margaret Ramsburg		
292/568 4 Oct 10	Samuel C. Ramsburg et ux	Mary W. Downey widow, et al	125 A., 23 P.	#3,835.52
267/272 19 Aug 04	Jesse W. Downey	Margaret J. Downey		
AF 7/403 14 Aug 1883	Margaret J. Downey	heirs of Jesse Wright		
WBT 6/193 6 Jul 1847	Jesse Wright	John Downey	543 A.	#8900
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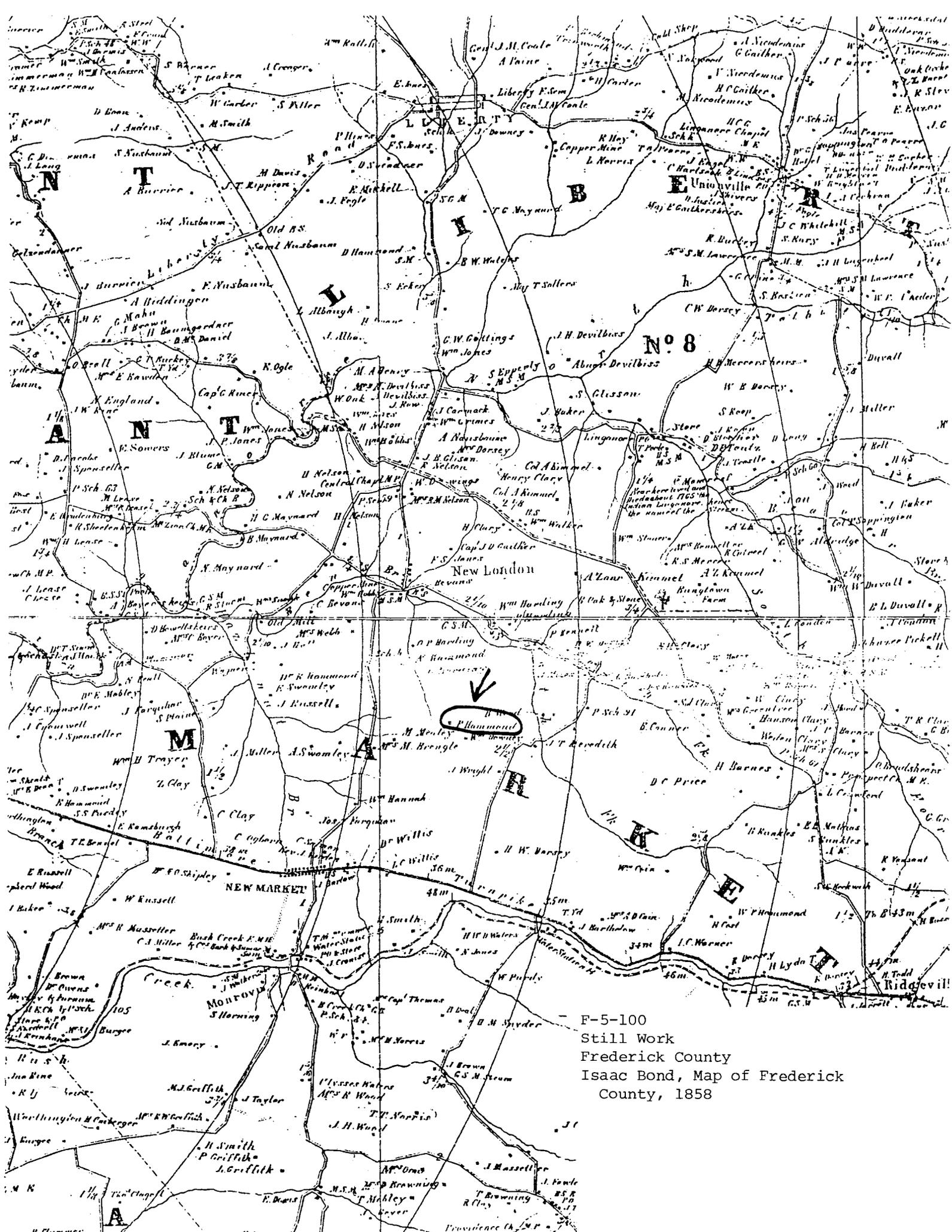


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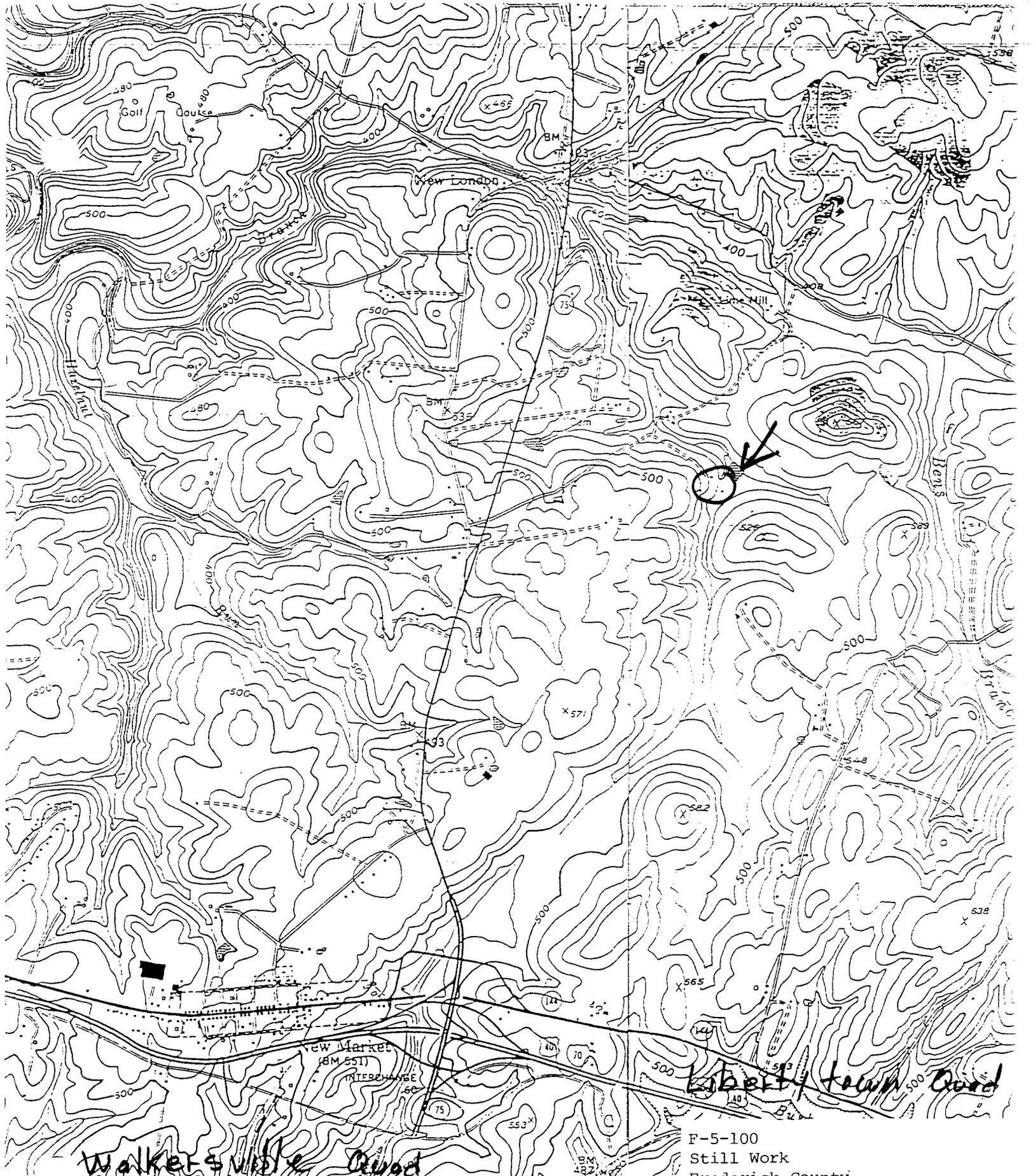


Cupboard
hinge

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Sketch of Moravian hardware in
Schifferstadt (F-3-42), similar
to hinges in Still Work.
From Holtz, "Schifferstadt Stone
House of Frederick, Maryland"



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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858



Walker's Note Road

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East Lake, N.Y. - Lewisburg, Pa.

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