

Capsule Summary

Inventory No. F-5-128

New Market Grange Hall
1 Eighth Alley, New Market
Frederick County, MD
1924
Access: Private

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The New Market Grange Hall represents an important element of the social structure of the agricultural economy of the mid-Maryland region and the United States (National Register Criterion A). The Grange movement, established in the 1870s in response to an economic, political, and social need for farmers to organize to achieve their goals. It grew into a nationwide organization dedicated to agriculture, education, and community service, and continues today to play a role in rural communities like New Market. The New Market Grange Hall, built in 1924, is a relatively intact example of an early 20th century meeting hall (National Register Criterion C).

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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The New Market Grange Hall is sited on the east side of Eighth Alley, formerly the road from New Market to Monrovia, but now a side alley that ends at the I-70 right-of-way several hundred feet to the south. The Grange Hall and its parcel are relatively isolated from its nearest neighbors, however, the building itself nearly fills the 66 x 114 foot parcel. The parcel runs slightly down hill from west to east, allowing the first story at the front of the building to be nearly at ground level while the rear has ground level access to the basement. Just southwest of the subject historic Grange Hall, on an intersecting alley, is the location of the new grange hall constructed in 1964.

The historic New Market Grange Hall is a frame, 1 ½ story gable-fronted building, 5 bays in depth. The building is sheathed with German lapped siding; windows are six over six sash. The west (front) elevation has center double doors with six panels (not original). The windows on either side are topped with a decorative shelf. A three-part window in the upper half story is original but has replacement one over one sashes. A pointed arch vent opening is located in the gable peak. A two/three step raised brick terrace across the front elevation provides access to the front door. Both the north and south elevations are 5 window bays deep, with the fifth bay raised higher due to the stage area on the interior. There is an exterior door at ground level on both elevations below the fifth window, which provides access into the basement area. Smaller windows have been added just below the eaves on the south elevation and relate to the addition of residential space in the interior. The east (rear) elevation has a pointed arch vent opening in the gable peak and a projecting shed roofed room at the first-story, raised stage level, which houses the bathrooms and is original to the building. An open deck and stairs of pressure-treated lumber have been added to the rear of the projecting room. The roof is sheathed with metal sheets; a snow board runs along the north and south edges. Gable end roof corners are treated with decorative scroll-cut barge boards. Two round metal vents project from the roof peak; there

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is a stuccoed chimney near the northeast corner, which serves as a flue for the furnace, and a recent brick exterior chimney on the west gable end associated with a woodstove.

The front door opens into a vestibule with original interior panelled doors, located below a full-length balcony along the west wall, still intact but now enclosed. A ceiling to floor wall partition divides the original open hall approximately in half. The front (west) half is primarily commercial space. Along the south wall, rooms have been enclosed on the ground floor with a balcony and residential rooms above. The rear (east) half of the hall remains essentially intact, open floor to ceiling; the ceiling sheathed with original stained pine boards. The stage is located at the east end of the building; the proscenium arch is intact but painted. The projecting room behind the stage now houses a bathroom and a laundry room. A dumbwaiter leading to the basement is still in place on the south side of the stage opening. Beside the dumbwaiter is a floor opening, which leads to the basement. The basement, originally dirt, is now floored with poured concrete.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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Specific dates	1924-1964	Architect/Builder	unknown
Construction dates	1924		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary of Significance

The New Market Grange Hall represents an important element of the social structure of the agricultural economy of the mid-Maryland region and the United States (National Register Criterion A). The Grange movement, established in the 1870s in response to an economic, political, and social need for farmers to organize to achieve their goals. It grew into a nationwide organization dedicated to agriculture, education, and community service, and continues today to play a role in rural communities like New Market. The New Market Grange Hall, built in 1924, is a relatively intact example of an early 20th century meeting hall (National Register Criterion C).

Historic Context

Beginning around the middle of the 19th century, as farmers cultivated more land with the help of machinery, they encountered problems. Nationwide, productivity rose 40% between 1869 and 1899, but the yields were so great that the domestic market could not absorb them. This was especially true of wheat, but all prices declined by more than half between the end of the Civil war and 1900.¹ Declining prices encouraged farmers to organize and act collectively to try to improve market conditions and control price gouging by railroads. The first organization was the Order of Patrons of Husbandry founded by Oliver Kelley in 1867. Kelley outlined his plan in a letter in 1867:

Agricultural editors have worked faithfully for years, to induce our rural population to read and think – their increasing circulation (that of older papers) indicates that they have made some progress, but we see there is something

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wanted to produce an excitement which, when once created, we can throw on fuel and increase the flame.

Agricultural societies have done much good by establishing fairs; yet these are generally the work of a few right-minded, enthusiastic men, aided oftentimes by aspiring politicians. At these fairs the great attractions generally are implements and works of art, while the products of the soil offer the least attractions, and to bring the farmers out in any numbers, it is actually necessary to introduce, as a prominent feature, horse-races and numerous side-shows.

I think we can revolutionize all this, and I suggest the project of organizing an Order to embrace in its membership only those persons directly interested in cultivating the soil. I should make it a secret order, with several degrees, and signs and passwords. The lectures in each degree should be practical, appertaining to agricultural work, at the same time convey a moral lesson. While the order would aim to advance agriculture to a higher rank, be encouraging education, it would at the same time naturally embrace the benefits to its members guaranteed by Masonry. Every tool used by farmers and gardeners could be emblems of the Order in some degree, and each convey a practical and moral illustration. Being a rural organization, lodge furniture need not be extravagant, yet appropriate.

Of membership, I should advocate both sexes being admitted, having separate degrees for the ladies, yet all meet in common....²

Begun as largely a social and cultural organization, the Patrons soon transformed into a reform group that came to be known as the National Grange. The Grange promoted collective action by farmers to further their interests.³ Historian Wayne Rasmussen notes:

As local and state granges became active, some of their leaders undertook to promote cooperative buying and selling. It was but a short step then to organize political activity, aimed primarily at railroad regulation, particularly by the states. This activity, the mainspring of the Grange from about 1871 to 1880, resulted in some immediate success and eventual success for most of the programs advocated. However, the Grange itself began to decline as a political force and in membership after 1875. Most of its economic activities were discontinued, and it became stabilized as a social and fraternal order with a continuing educational program.⁴

The Maryland State Grange formed in 1874, although local subordinate granges had begun organizing in 1873.⁵ And, while in the South and West, the Grange movement was replaced by Farmer's Alliances through the late 19th century, in the eastern states, like Maryland,

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the Grange "continued and still continues to serve as the principle agency for united effort among farmers."⁶

Resource History

The New Market Grange #362 was organized in Frederick County in 1920.⁷ The number given to the group represents the number of granges established in Maryland since 1873, New Market being the 362nd as of 1920. That number alone indicated the popularity of the Grange movement in Maryland through the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Meetings in New Market began immediately with 37 charter members, however, the membership, having no hall of their own, met in the local Odd Fellows Hall. In 1924, trustees of the New Market Grange, Charles L. Riggs, Joshua B. Jones, and Mrs. Florida N. Davis, purchased a lot in New Market, "on the east side of the public road leading from New Market to Monrovia," from the Frederick Circuit of the Methodist Protestant Church.⁸ The lot was carved out of the Methodist Church property, situated in the rear of the church yard, but requiring an arrangement in the deed for a right of "ingress and egress." The lot was surveyed by Frederick County Civil Engineer Emory C. Crum, one of the original members of the Grange (see attached Plat).

Construction of the New Market Grange Hall provided the organization with its first major project:

Brother Frank Maynard, a charter member, was manager of Detrick Farms, and through his interest and efforts, Jr. Detrick donated the standing timber for the lumber to build the hall. Members cut the timber, hauled it to the sawmill and then to the building site. The hall was patterned after the Catholic Hall in Libertytown. Brothers Harry Mount, Nick Albaugh, Frank Maynard, Burgess Jones and Charles E. Walker were among those who spearheaded the effort. Many other members donated time and effort throughout the construction period. The approximate cost, in addition to donations, was \$4,000.00.⁹

The Grange Hall was dedicated in 1924; a photograph taken in 1925 by the membership shows its original appearance (see Continuation Sheet 8/4).

In addition to the Grange's mission to educate members in modern agricultural practice and participate in community service, the early membership also concentrated on fundraisers for the "liquidation of indebtedness." The stage and hall were rented for movies, dances, and community gatherings, and a permanent booth at the Frederick Fair Grounds was erected for the sale of refreshments (still in operation today, 2003). In 1941, the mortgage was paid, just prior to the start of United States involvement in World War II. The New Market Grange Hall served as a first aid station throughout the war while members held aluminum can and paper drives, donated blood, and served on "victory committees."¹⁰

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The New Market Grange continued to be active through the 1950s. In 1957, the Grange was incorporated and the Grange Hall property was reconveyed to successor trustees William J. Wilcom, Sr., Monroe West, and Clarence Schultz.¹¹ By 1961, the aging hall had become inadequate for the group's needs. A new building was constructed in 1964 on a lot just southeast of the old hall. Passing through several owners over the following two decades, the old Grange Hall was finally purchased by Steven Shapiro and Patrick Stambaugh in 1983, who converted the building to a residential/commercial space.¹² In 1992, Rita Mueller and Philip Hartman, Sr. purchased the building.¹³ Mueller joined the Grange and has dedicated herself to preserving its history.¹⁴

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Less than 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting Same
Quadrangle name Walkersville, MD Quad Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is defined by the outlines of Parcel 3793 of Frederick Co. tax map 801, New Market, Maryland.

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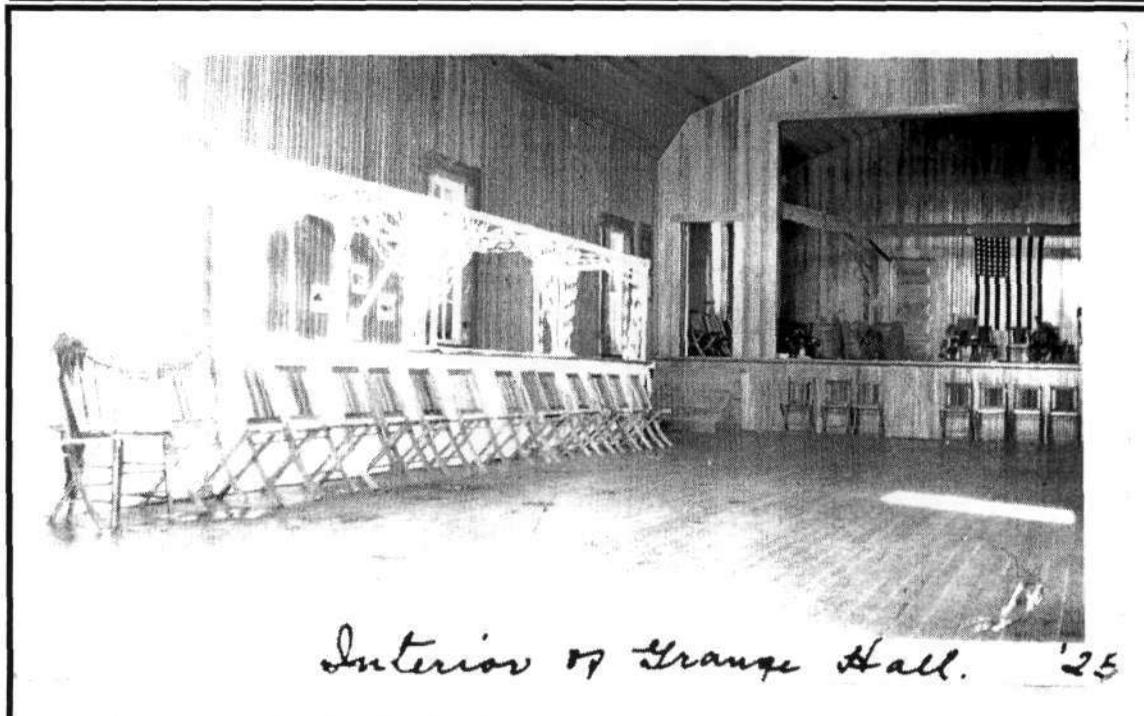
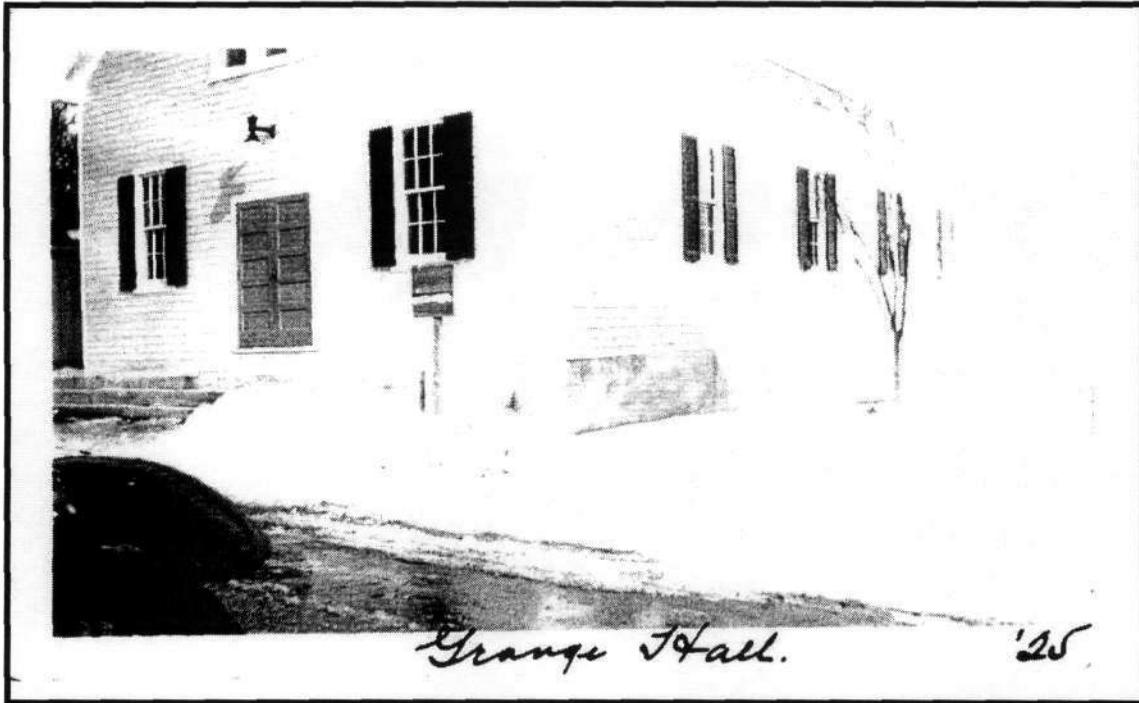
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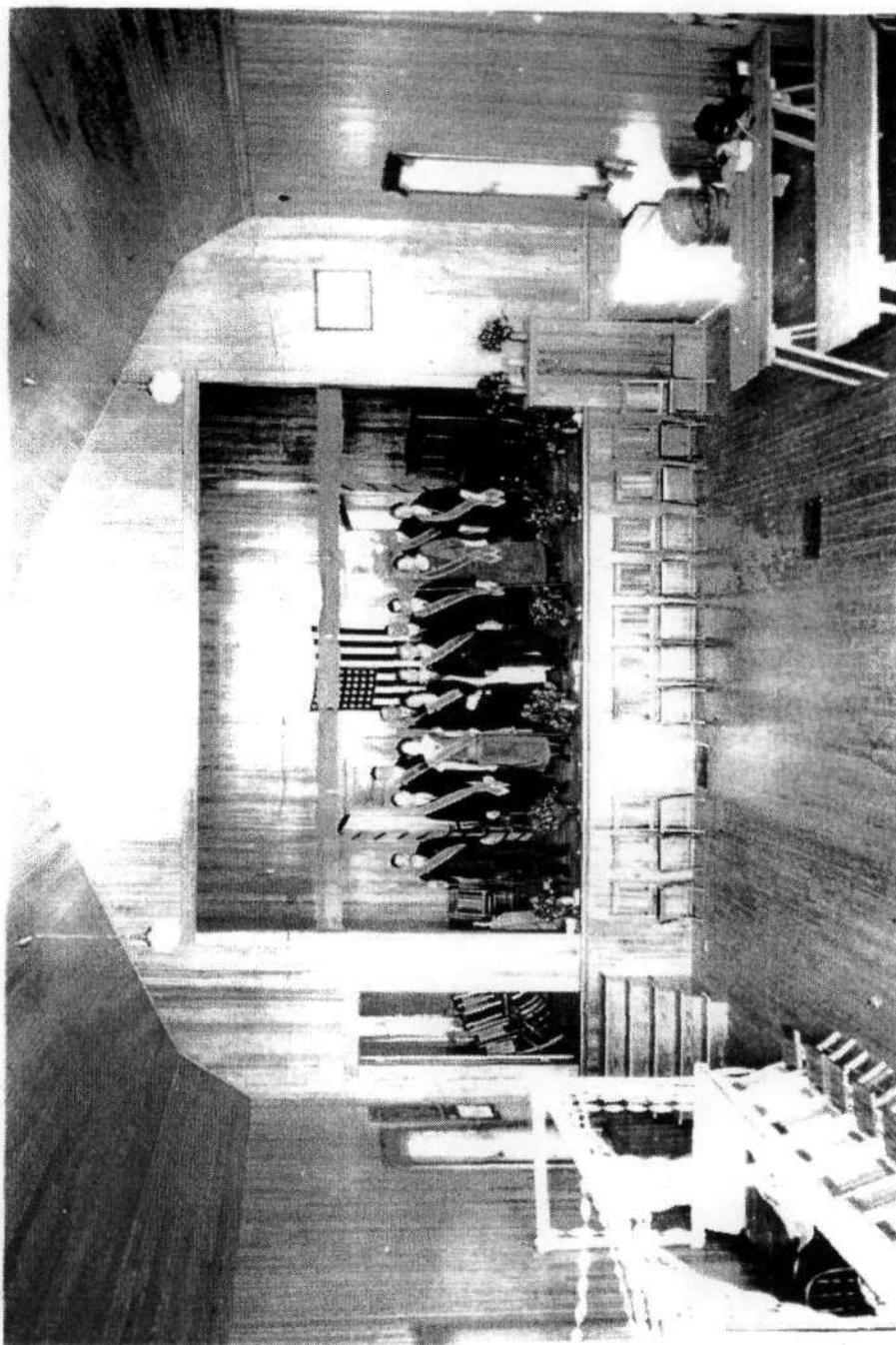


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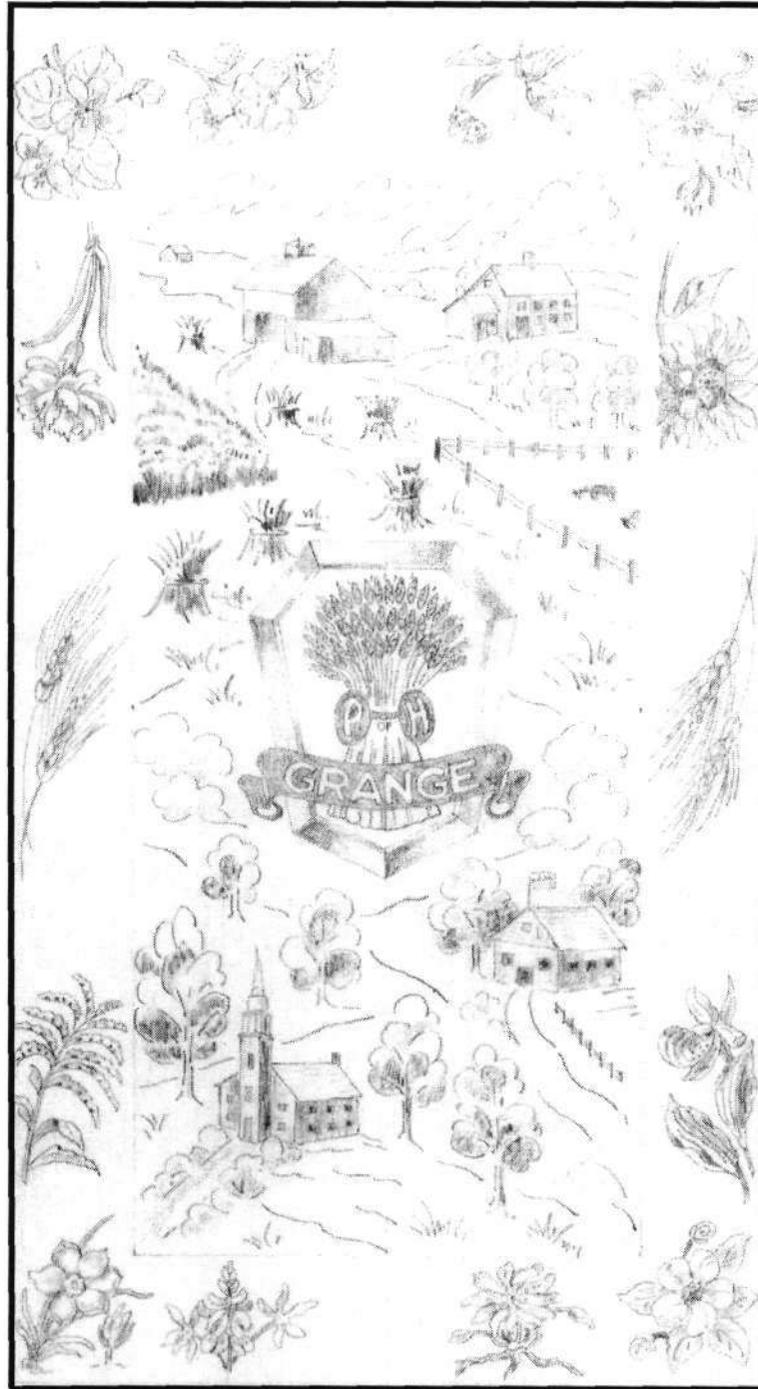
Historic photographs of New Market Grange Hall courtesy of Rita Mueller, New Market Grange #362, historian.

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**Frontispiece from Wm. L. Robinson, The Grange, 1867-1967,
First Century of Service and Evolution, 1966.**

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¹ Gary B. Nash and Julie Roy Jeffrey, et al, eds. The American People: Creating a Nation and A Society, Vol. 2, (New York: Harper Collins, 1994), p. 569.

² O.H. Kelley, to William Saunders, Esq., August, 1867; in Wayne D. Rasmussen, Reading in the History of American Agriculture, (Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1960), p. 117.

³ Nash and Jeffrey, p. 592.

⁴ Rasmussen, p. 114.

⁵ Jenkins, The First Hundred Years, p. 13.

⁶ Solon Justus Buck, The Granger Movement, (Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 1969, reprint of 1913 original), p. 302.

⁷ History of the New Market Grange #362 is taken from the 80th anniversary pamphlet, April 8, 2000, "Bits of the Past Eighty Years with New Market Grange #362," courtesy of Rita Mueller.

⁸ Frederick Co. Land Record, Liber 346, Folio 521.

⁹ History of New Market Grange #362.

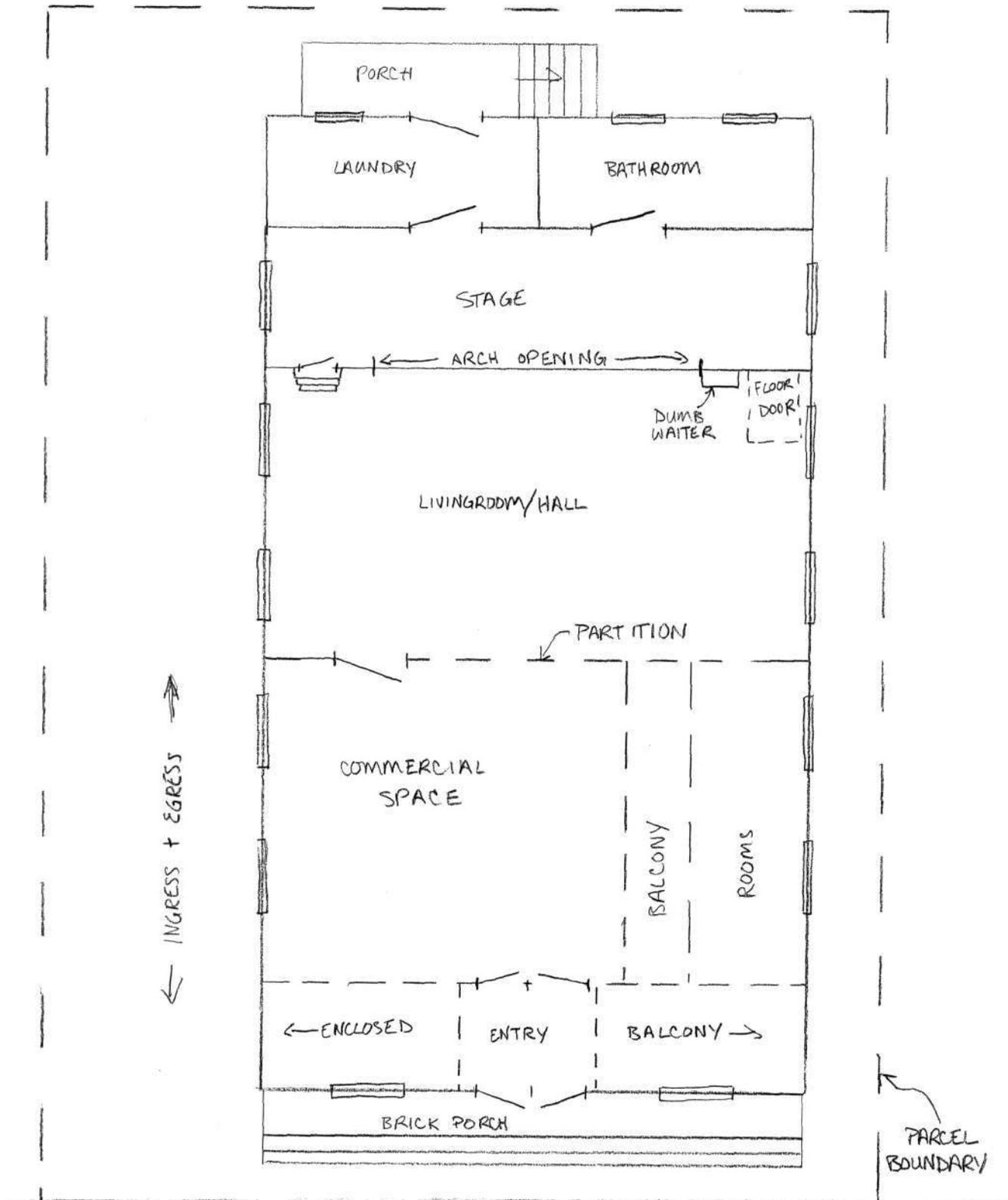
¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Frederick Co. Land Record, Liber 581, Folio 44.

¹² Frederick Co. Land Records, Liber 705, Folio 148 (Grange to Seletzky, 1964); Liber 714, Folio 131 (Seletzky to Bick, 1964); Liber 838, Folio 403 (Bick to Cappeluti, 1970); Liber 979, Folio 593 (Cappeluti to Esterly, 1976); Liber 1221, Folio 101 (Esterly to Shapiro and Stambaugh, 1983).

¹³ Frederick Co. Land Records, Liber 1777, Folio 101 and Liber 1969, Folio 648.

¹⁴ New Market/Urbana Gazette, January 22, 1998, "Past times as a hobby: Grange hall historian searches for collection," Christina Obitts.



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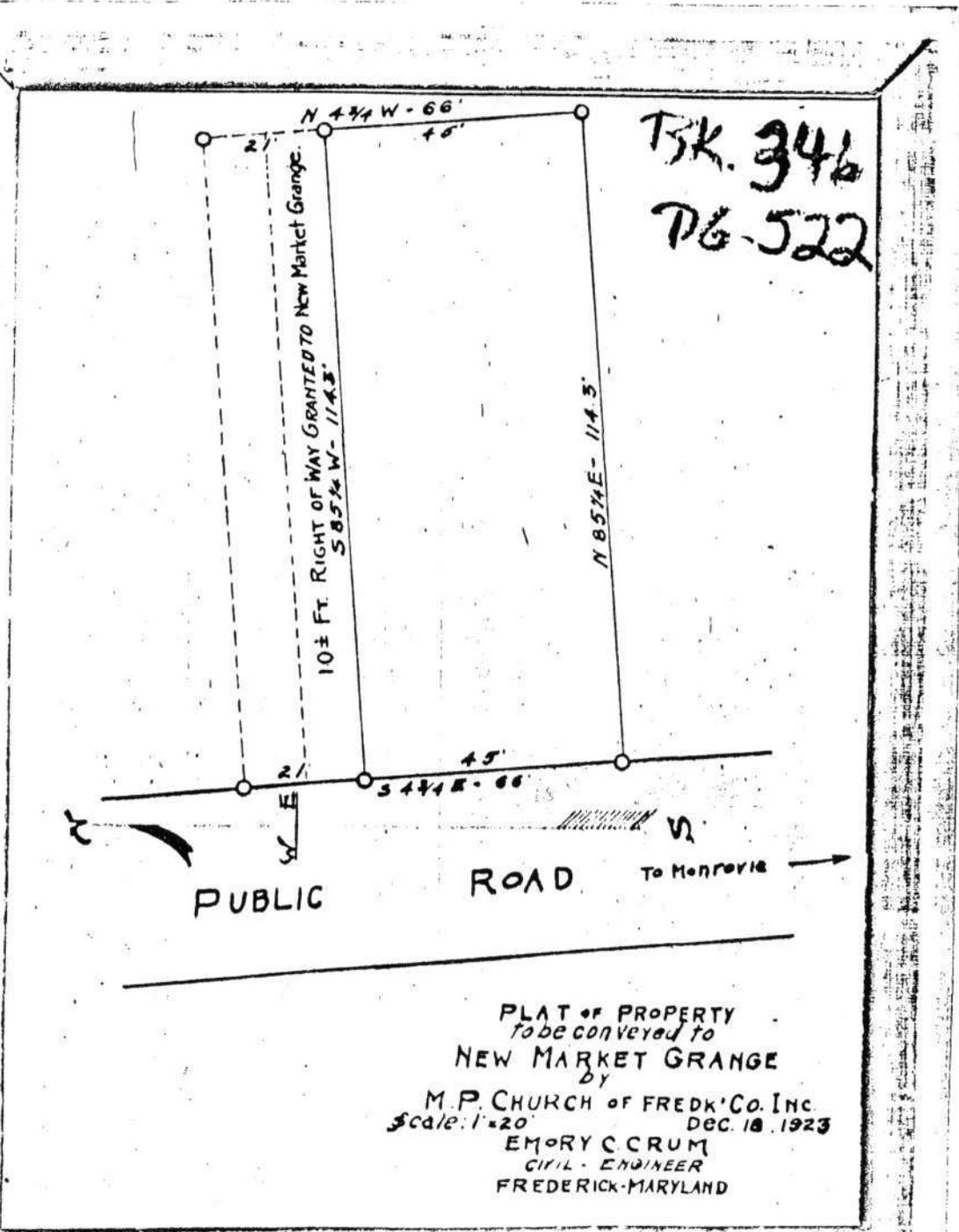
Benjamin F. Duvall
Trustee

State of Maryland, Frederick County, to-wit:-

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of February, A. D. 1924, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Frederick County, personally appeared George W. Duvall, Frank Zimmerman Benjamin F. Duvall, Trustees, the Attorney named in the foregoing deed, and in pursuance of the authority therein conferred upon them, they did each acknowledge said deed to be the act and deed of the said The Trustees of Frederick Circuit of the Methodist Protestant Church of Frederick County, Maryland, a body corporate.

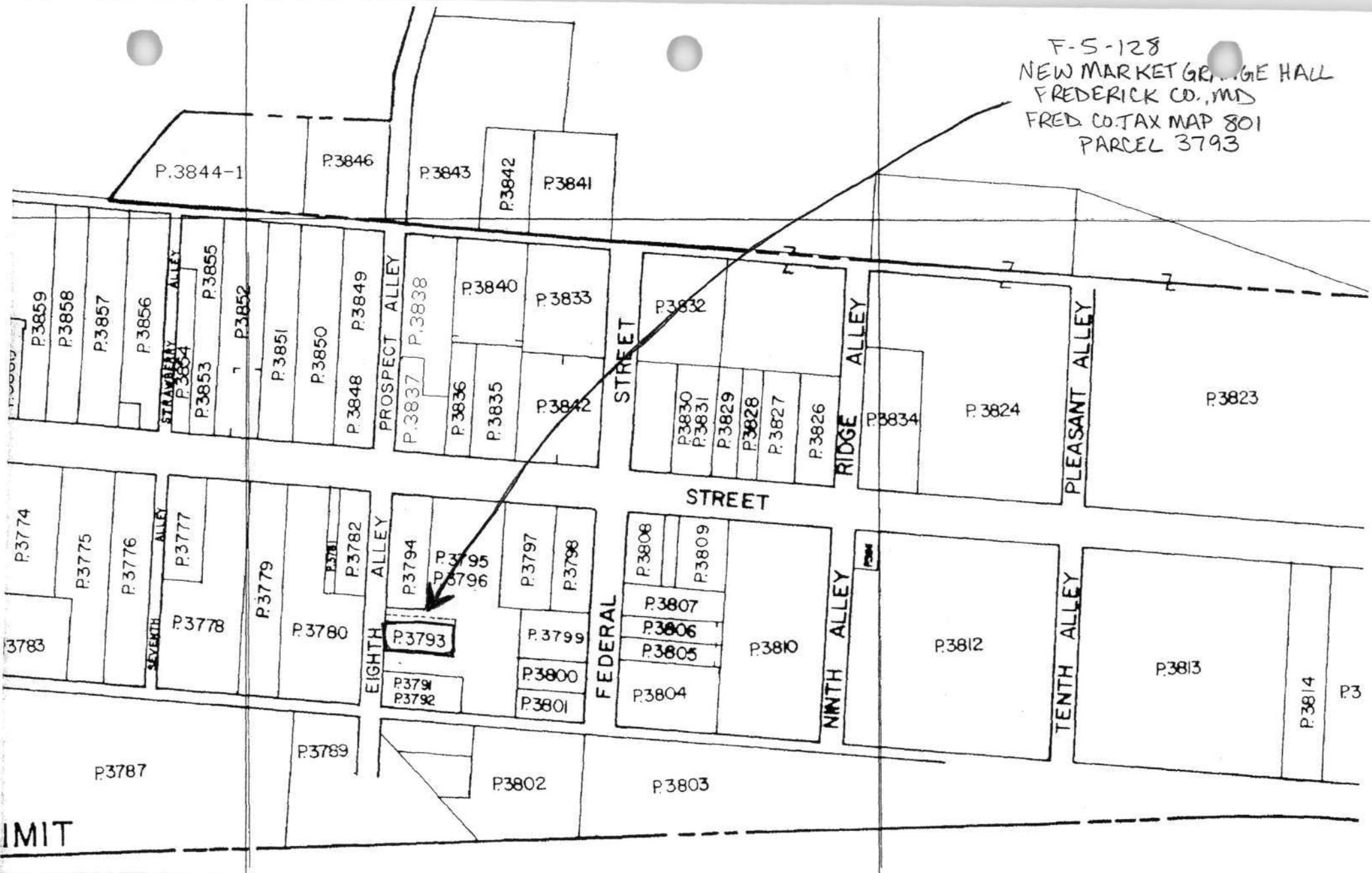
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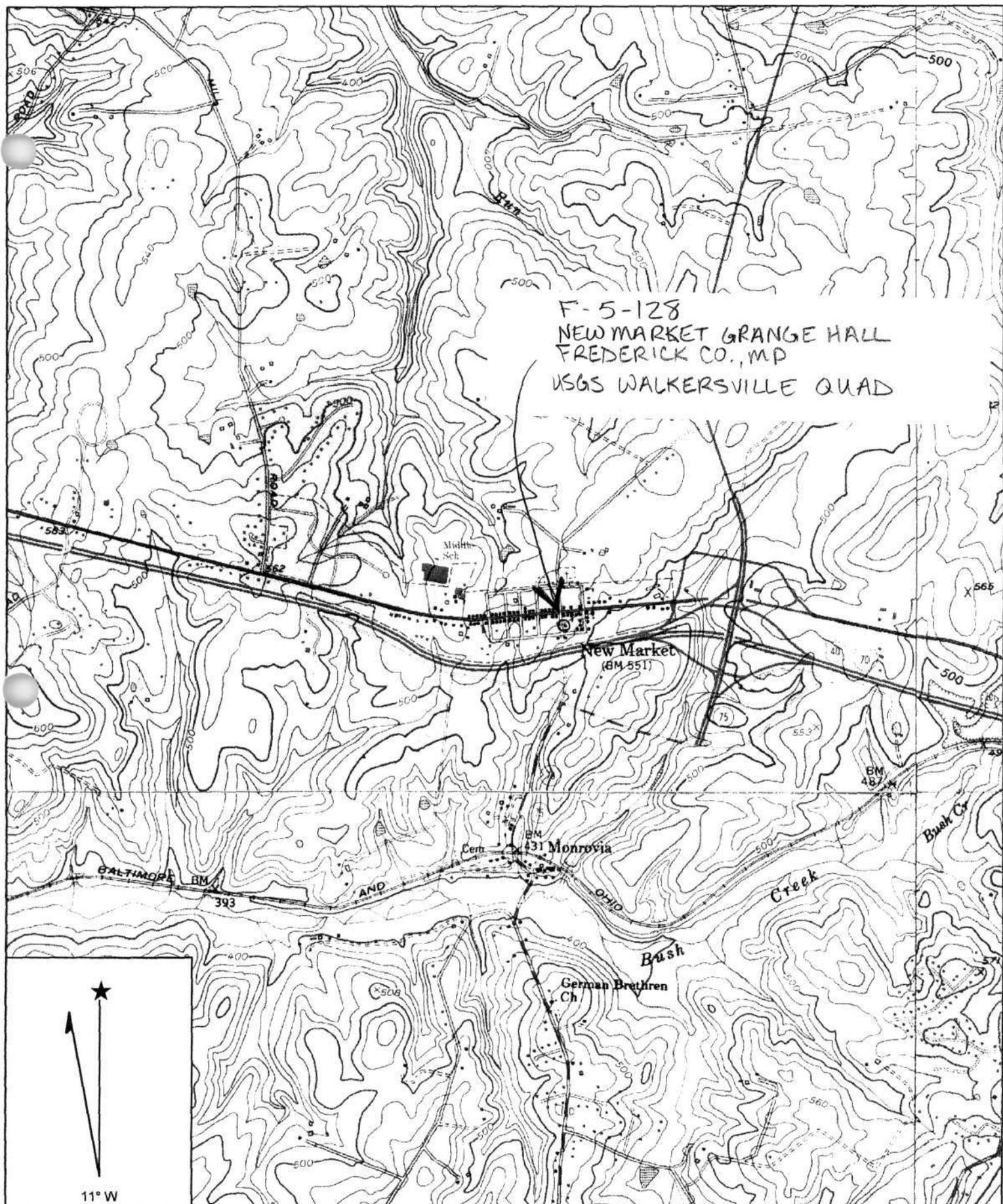


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ANTIQUES

Grange Hall Antiques
ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES



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West elevation, view E from Eighth Alley

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Grange Hill Antiques
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W and S elevations, views NE from Eighth Alley

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W and S elevations, view NE from Eighth Alley

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N and W elevations, view SE from Eighth Alley

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E elevation, view NW from SE corner of lot

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S and E elevations, view NW from SE corner of lot

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Interior, view toward west wall entry and enclosed balcony

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Interior, view east toward stage

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Interior, view toward SE corner

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Interior, basement floor entrance

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