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John Russell House
New Market
Private

C. 1780

The John Russell House is a two and one-half story gable roofed random stone and frame residence, five bays wide, which was substantially changed in the early 1960's by an addition. The room immediately inside the main front entrance contains the most original fabric including plain paneled mantelpieces and diagonal fireplaces, beaded chair railing and a built-in corner cupboard with butterfly shelves. A most unusual feature of this residence are four, built-in under window drawers. Three original outbuildings, a smokehouse, springhouse and banked stone building, used as a school, stand in a row just west of the main house.

In 1815, John Russell died leaving the estate to his widow Hannah and five children, one of whom was Abel Russell. Abel Russell lived in the house until 1847 when he died leaving the "houses, land and premises" to his wife, Elizabeth. In 1878 at the death of Elizabeth, the property was sold for \$7,000 to John Russell of Baltimore. In 1891, the property was sold out of the Russell family.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC John Russell House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Mussetter Road

CITY, TOWN

Iiamsville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ED 9 M 79 P 173

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Donald and Virginia Tolson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route #1, Box #11

CITY, TOWN

Iiamsville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21754

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 766

Folio #: 523

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Russell House is a two and a half story gable roofed random stone and frame residence which faces south from the west side of Mussetter Road.

The stone house is similar to many others in the New Market area, however much of the historic character of the building was changed by an addition made to the west side of the house in the early 1960's.

The principal facade of the building is five bays wide; the main entrance, a six panel door with segmented light transom is located in the fourth bay. The first two bays on both levels have been replaced by a twentieth century frame addition which extends to the south of the main block in a one story addition. Occupying the remaining two bays on the first level are replaced double hung 12/12 windows with louvered shutters. Located in the remaining bays on the second level are double hung 12/8 windows with many early glass panes. These windows have been covered by storm windows.

Extending across the front of the building on the first level is a frame shed roofed porch. To the rear of the building, two one story frame brick additions extend to the north side.

Because of the additions the interior of the building has been radically changed. The room, immediately inside the main entrance which is now used as a living room, contains the most original fabric including plain paneled mantel pieces, beaded chair railing, and a built in corner cupboard with butterfly shelves. A most unusual feature in this residence are four, built in, under window drawers which are found in at least two other buildings in the New Market area.

The entire old section of the structure is built on a low random stone foundation. The replaced standing seam tin roof is finished by a boxed cornice with a decorative frieze.

An important addition to the main building is the existence of three original outbuildings; a smokehouse, a stone springhouse and other outbuildings which stand in a row just south of the Russell House. All of the buildings are in good condition. It is believed that the top floor of the stone outbuilding, which is a banked gable roofed structure, was used as a small schoolhouse.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to land records, The John Russell House may have been built before 1780 when Gilbert Falconer sold one hundred acres of Wildcat Hill for 1800 pounds to John Barnes.¹ Certainly the presence of diagonal fireplaces would indicate an eighteenth century construction date.

In 1815, John Russell died leaving the estate to his widow Hannah and five children, one of whom was Abel Russell.² Abel Russell lived in the house until 1847 when he died leaving the "houses, lands and premises" to his wife, Elizabeth, "unless she is married" at which time the property would revert to sons, William and James.³ In 1878 at the death of Elizabeth, the property was sold for \$7,000 to John Russell of Baltimore.⁴ In 1891, the property was sold out of the Russell family and remained a one hundred fifty-five acre farm through several owners until 1967 when the current owners purchased the property.⁵

One of the most unique features about the house which has been significantly altered are the three original outbuildings which stand in a row west of the building. These buildings are believed to be standing on their original sites and have undergone little change. Another unusual features are the autographs of guests to the building in the nineteenth century located in the mortar surrounding the main entrance.

¹Frederick County Land Records Liber WR 2 Folio 724
²Frederick County Probate Records Liber HS 1 Folio 102
³Frederick County Probate Records Liber GME 3 Folio 256
⁴Frederick County Land Records Liber TG10 Folio 291
⁵Frederick County Land Records Liber 766 Folio

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BYNAME / TITLE
Cherilyn Widell, Sites AnalystORGANIZATION
Frederick County Historic PreservationDATE
4/7/78STREET & NUMBER
12 East Church St., Winchester HallTELEPHONE
663-8300CITY OR TOWN
FrederickSTATE
Maryland

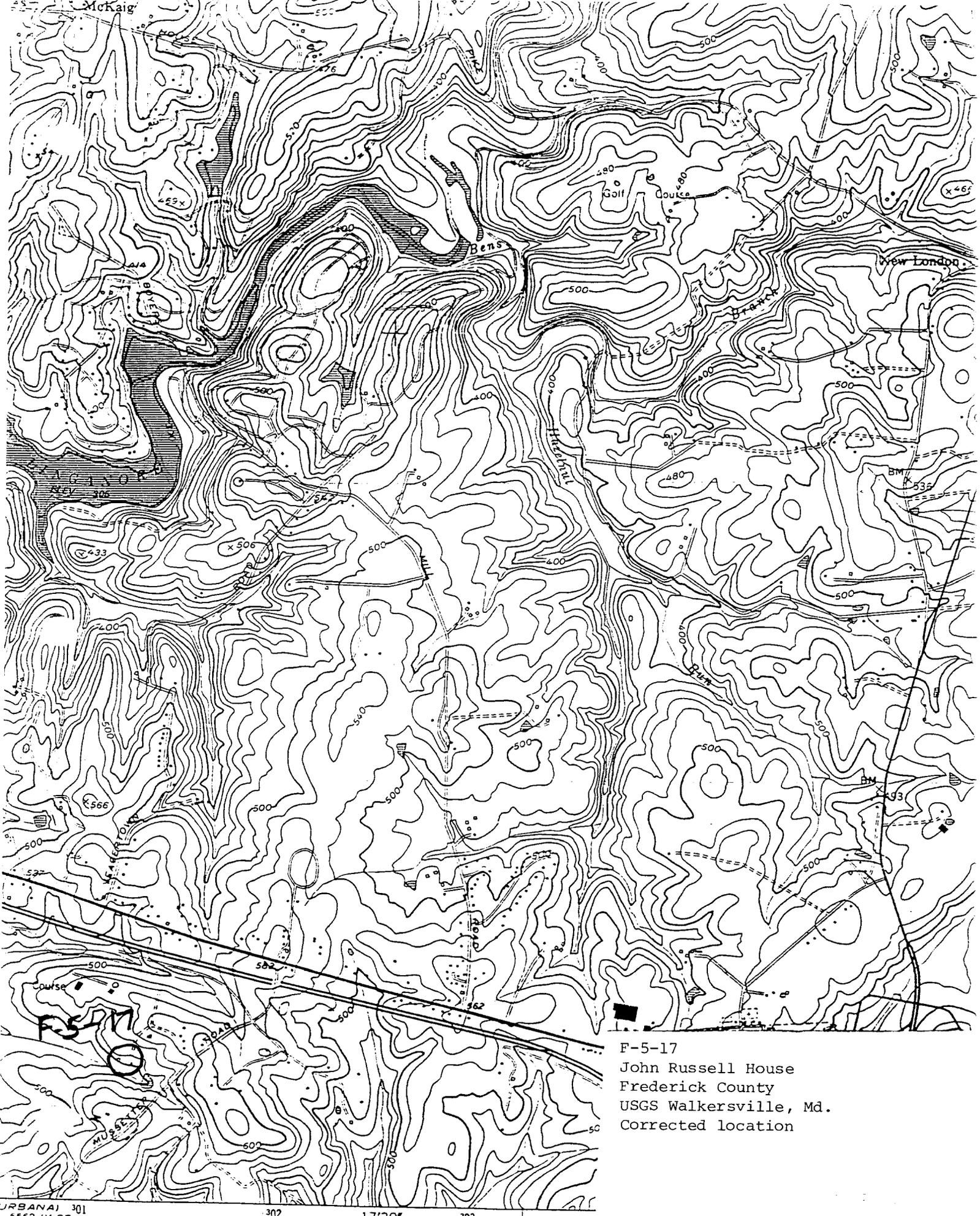
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

The John Russell House - Description

The meathouse is a square frame structure with an exterior of brick and stone chimney and a four light transomed front entrance. The third outbuilding is a vertical frame square building which is believed to have once been used as a wash shed. Also located on the premises are a frame bankbarn and wagon shed.



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John Russell House
Frederick County
USGS Walkersville, Md.
Corrected location



JOHN RUSSELL HOUSE
W/S MUSSETIER RD
SOUTH ELEVATION

F-5-17

CEW 10/27



JOHN RUSSELL HOUSE

F-5-17

CEW

10/77

W/S MUSSEATER RD

NORTH ELEVATION



John RUSSELL HOUSE OUTBUILDINGS
W/S MUSSETER RD
NORTH ELEVATION

CEW 10/77
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