

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

Property/District Name: Vernon Dorsey House Survey Number: F-5-27

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, the Veron Dorsey House, located at 12602 Lime Plant Road in southeastern Frederick County, does not appear to meet the Maryland Register criteria for inclusion as an individual property. The two story stone farmhouse was constructed c. 1837 as the dwelling for a tenant farm. The original log section on the east facade of the house was destroyed by fire in the 1980s. The fire also gutted the interior. Subsequent to the fire, a two story frame addition was constructed in the location of the former log section. This area of Frederick County still retains numerous fine examples of stone houses dating from the latter part of the 18th century through the first half of the 19th century. Even prior to the fire, this house would have been nothing more than a representative example of a modest house of the period. The loss of the interior and the large modern addition have so compromised its integrity that it does not appear to warrant inclusion in the Register under Criterion C for architecture. It is not known to have any association with significant events or people, and thus does not appear to be eligible for the ~~Maryland~~ Register of Historic ~~Properties~~ under Criteria A or C.

While the property does not appear to merit individual listing, it would likely contribute to an historic district. The surrounding area, which retains numerous historic farmsteads within a largely unaltered setting, may consititute an historic district.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory

Form F-5-27, 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 n Kurtz 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: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling-single residence

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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Vernon Dorsey House  
New Market vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1837

The Vernon Dorsey House is an extensively restored stone dwelling built about 1837 which originally had a log wing on the east gable end. The wing and the interior of the stone section were gutted by fire in the early 1980's. The exterior appearance of the house were compatibly restored by the current owner with a frame wing replacing the log, covered with beaded and stained wood siding. The stone section retains its three-bay elevation, with replacement divided light 6/6 sash and modern french doors replacing the original paneled door in the side-hall entry configuration. An extended one-story porch across both the stone and the frame sections is modern, with skylights above windows and doorways and extended stone pier supports on the exposed cellar level on the south elevation. The house was probably built by William or Maria Higgins in about 1837 and was sold to Harry W. Dorsey in 1854. Under both owners, the farm was a tenant property. In 1871, Harry Dorsey sold the farm to his son Harry, Jr., for the benefit and support of another son, Vernon W. Dorsey, and his children. Two Vernon W. Dorseys, father and son, are found in Names in Stone, the most comprehensive cemetery listing for Frederick County. The father lived 1830-1902 and the son from 1862 to 1903. One of the Dorseys was described by a Dorsey descendant as "the greatest fox hunter of his day".

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New Market  
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, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Vernon Dorsey House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 12602 Lime Plant 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                   | <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 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 James S. and Valerie Marshall

street &amp; number 12602 Lime Plant Road telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code MD 21771

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1255

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 322

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-5-27

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                     |
| <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: 1

The Vernon Dorsey House is a two-story stone dwelling built about 1837 with a late 1980's frame two-story addition and rear wing located on the north side of Lime Plant Road about 2,000 feet west of the intersection of Detrick Road near New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. The house faces south from a sloping site 500 feet from the public road. The building was gutted by fire in the early 1980's, leaving the stone exterior walls and parts of the first floor, but destroying the original two-story log side wing. The frame addition approximates the appearance and scale of the log wing, with beaded, stained weatherboard siding. The interior is completely rebuilt in materials and finishes compatible with the exterior's early to mid 19th century appearance. The date of the building is based on general exterior appearance, historical maps, and land records.

The Dorsey House stone section has a three-bay south elevation and a modern one-story porch extending across both the stone section and the modern frame wing on the east gable end. The stone foundation of both sections is exposed on the south elevation, with both stone and wood square piers under the porch on the stone part and frame supports under the porch on the frame section. The stone piers were substantially rebuilt in the restoration and remodeling of the house. The porch itself has a wood deck and a plain square balustrade across the entire facade. The stone section has replacement 6/6 sash and french doors in the east bay main entrance. In the frame section, the first story has a second set of french doors and a modern window at the southeast corner. The roof of the porch has skylight openings over the windows of the stone section and above the french doors in the frame section. The stone section has a corbeled brick cornice and both sections have a replacement composition shingle roof. An interior brick chimney is located at the west gable end. On the east gable end of the frame section is an exterior modern brick chimney with an enclosed base on the first story. The rear or north elevation of the stone section has three bays mirroring the arrangement of the south elevation. A replacement door is located in the east bay. The modern section extends to the north in a similar plan to extant early 19th century houses with original wings. A small shed porch is located on the west side in the angle between the stone and frame sections. On the east side is a second shed porch, extending into a frame pergola. Surrounding the north elevation are modern brick paved terraces.

# 8. Significance

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| <b>Period</b>                                 | <b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b> |   |   |  |
| <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/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                         | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                    | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications              | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

**Specific dates** C. 1837 **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 Vernon Dorsey House is minimally significant in architecture for the general exterior appearance of the stone section, built about 1837 by William or Maria Higgins and purchased by Harry W. Dorsey in 1854. The building had a log wing which was destroyed in a fire in the 1980's. The same fire also gutted the stone section and the house has been extensively restored in compatible materials, but with certain alterations to the south elevation porch and the frame section which replaced the burned log wing. The house retains to some extent its early 19th century appearance due to the use of beaded siding over the new wing, divided 6/6 lights in the replacement windows, and the retention of the exposed stone foundation on the south elevation. Modern features are the extension of the porch across the entire principal facade, skylights in the porch roof, and french doors installed in place of the original paneled entrance doors. The house was probably the center of a tenant farm under the Higgins and Harry Dorsey periods of ownership. In 1871, Harry Dorsey sold the farm to Dr. Harry W. Dorsey, Jr. with the stipulation that all rents and profits were to be applied for the benefit of Vernon W. Dorsey and his children and to be disposed of after their deaths. Vernon Dorsey was another Dorsey son, described in the 1966 historical notes of Hanford W. Hopkins, a Dorsey descendant, as "the greatest fox hunter of his day". It is not clear whether Vernon Dorsey Sr. (1830-1902) or Vernon W. Dorsey (1862-1903), son of V. W. Dorsey, was the famous fox hunter. In 1903, the Dorsey farm was sold to another investor, but remained described in deeds as the "Vernon Dorsey Farm" until the early 1930's.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-27

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.  
Hopkins, Hanford W. Map of Part of the northeastern section of Frederick County, Maryland, 1966. Map and annotated card file keyed to sites on map in Historical Society of Frederick County.

Land Records of Frederick County

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 7 acres

Quadrangle name Libertytown, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 80, Parcel 136.

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May 1994

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.

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

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Vernon Dorsey House  
Frederick County

Survey No. F-5-27

9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

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, p. 1448.

12602 Lime Plant Rd.

| Liber/Folio                           | Grantee  | Grantor   | Lot Size, Description,<br>Original Tracts,<br>Miscellaneous  | Cost       |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|------------|
| 1255/322<br>25 Sept 89                | James S. &<br>Kalerie B. Marshall                          | Alexander Med.<br>Shakenstein   | 70. Sect 1, Lot 1 Plat Book 22/170<br>Kimball Farm Estates   | \$50,000   |
| 1125/673<br>23 Sept 80                | Alexander Med.<br>Shakenstein                              | Mary Kimball<br>Griet & John H.<br>Sisdale, atty in fact for Roger M. Kimball Jr. |  |            |
| Will Record<br>HDR 1/143<br>25 Oct 48 | Mary Elizabeth<br>Kimball                                  | Dr. Frank H. Hedges<br>Sr.  | 25 Oct 48<br><del>332/448, 2 Apr 32 "Brookland"</del><br>414/279, 1 Nov 38 "Kimmel Farm" Second Parcel                   |            |
| 414/279<br>1 Nov 38                   | Frank H. &<br>Mary S. Hedges                               | Farmers & Mechanics<br>Trust Bank,<br>exec. of LWT<br>of Frank L. Stoner, dec.    | 174 1/4 a.<br>Kimmel Farm  | \$23,000   |
| 382/472<br>31 May 32                  | Prathy J. Kimmel<br>et al, Attorneys<br>P. J. Kimmel Pres. | Frank L. Stoner,<br>assignee of<br>mortgage by John W. DeGrange et al             | parcel commonly known as Vernon Dorsey<br>Farm 174 1/4 a.  |            |
| 316/335<br>31 Mar 16                  | John W. &<br>Annie C. De<br>Grange                         | William H.<br>Detrick & wife  | Vernon Dorsey Farm 174 1/4 a.<br>STH 281/20, 13 Jul 07 John W. to William H.   | \$10,000   |
| Will Record<br>SPT 1/370              | William H.<br>& John H.<br>Detrick                         | Louis S. Detrick  |  |            |
| STH 271/17A<br>6 Sept 05              | Louis S. Detrick   | Casper E. Cline<br>et ux  |  |            |
| DHH 17/660.<br>7 Oct 03               | Casper E. Cline  | Frank L. Stoner<br>trustee  | 174 1/4 a.   | \$4,365.25 |
| CM 8/141<br>13 Aug 1871               | Harry W. Dorsey<br>Jr. (Dr.)                               | Harry W. Dorsey<br>Sr.  | 1) 80 1/4 a. ES 4/359, 7 Jan 1854<br>2) 94 a. ES 7/158, 24 Feb 1855<br>for the benefit of Vernon Dorsey and<br>his heirs |            |

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12602 Lime Plant Rd. (cont)

| Liber/Folio                | Grantee          | Grantor   | Lot Size, Description,<br>Original Tracts,<br>Miscellaneous   | Cost     |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|---|----------|
| 2) ES 7/158<br>24 Feb 1855 | Harry W. Dorsey  | William M. Merrick, trustee                                       | Equity 2383 Equity Period ES 2/652<br>94a.<br>HS 5/256  |          |
| 1) ES 4/359<br>7 Jan 1854  | Harry W. Dorsey  | Maria Higgins   | <del>343a.</del><br>80 1/4 a.   | \$3,050  |
| 1) HS 5/380<br>6 Jul 1837  | Maria Higgins    | James Higgins<br>et al, heirs of<br>estate of James<br>L. Higgins | part of lands of James L. Higgins, dec.   |          |
| 2) HS 5/256<br>6 Jul 1837  | William Higgins  | James Higgins<br>et al, heirs of<br>estate of James L.<br>Higgins | 94a.  |          |
| WR 31/459<br>15 May 1807   | James L. Higgins | John James  | parts of "Dispute Continued", " <del>Butcher's</del><br>Delight", "Kendricks Gap", "Establishment"<br>343a. | \$13,720 |
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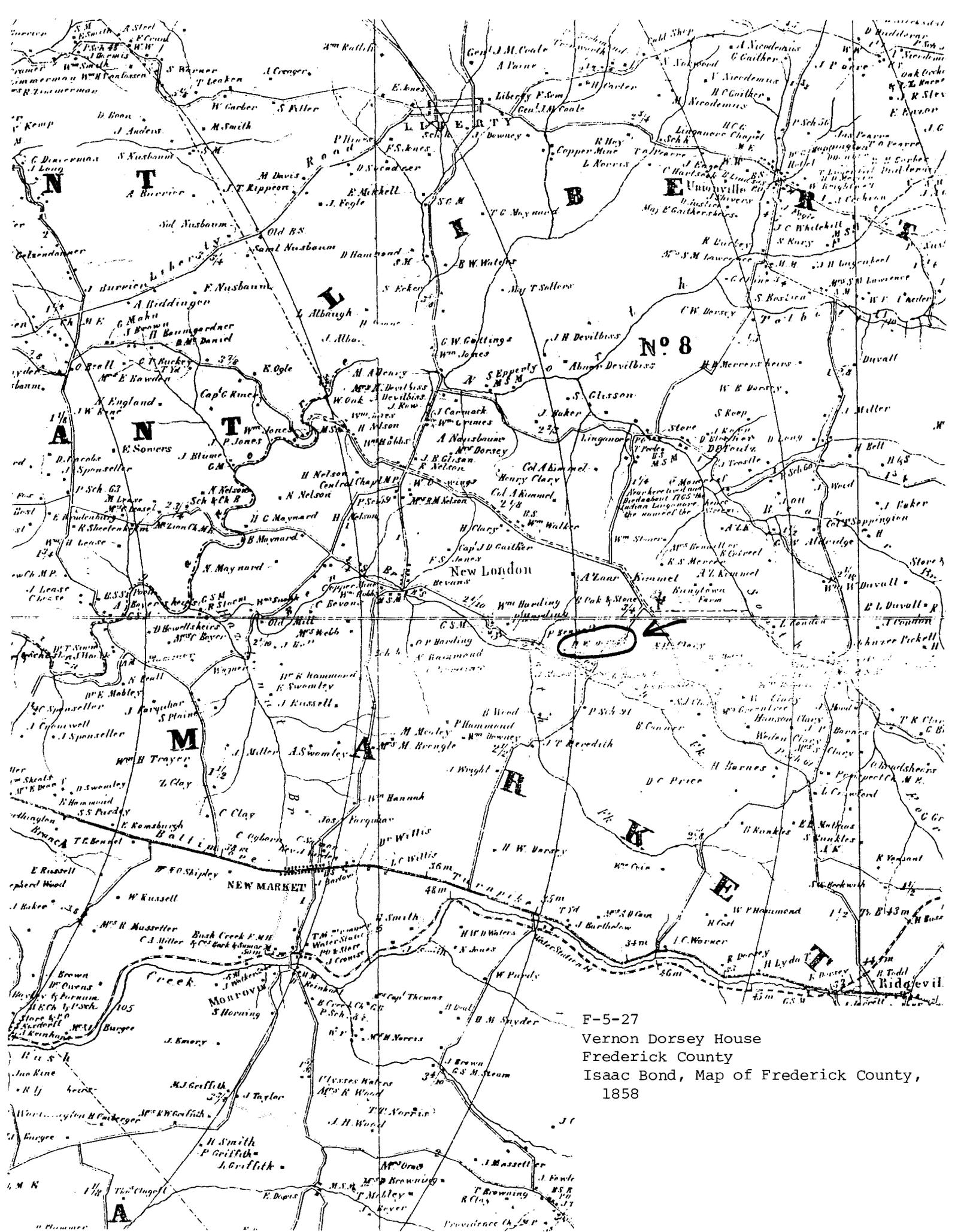
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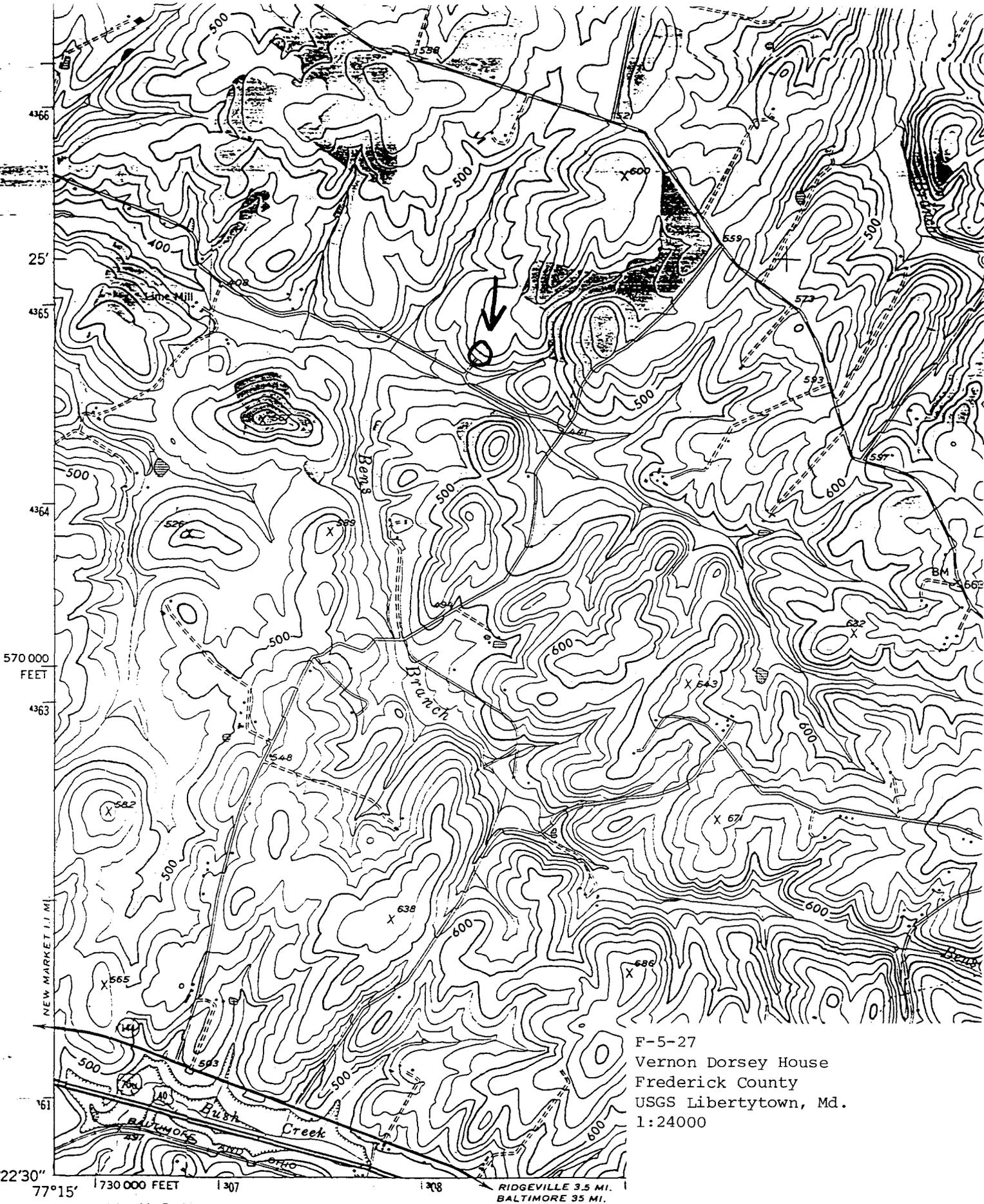
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1858



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 Vernon Dorsey House  
 Frederick County  
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Vernon Dorsey House

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

April 1994

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

South elevation

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Vernon Dorsey House

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Northwest corner view

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North east corner view

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