

F-5-95

Alfred G. Gartrell House  
Mt. Airy vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1894-1900

The Alfred G. Gartrell House is a good example of a Queen Anne vernacular house of the late 1890's with shingled gables, german siding, paired sash, a one-story porch with scroll-sawn decoration and turned columns, and a standing seam metal roof. It was built about 1894-1900 and has a cut stone foundation in random ashlar courses, with drill marks visible in some stones. Since most rural buildings of the period has fieldstone foundations, this stone is unusual and may have been surplus material taken from the nearby B&O Railroad arch carrying the relocated Mt. Airy-Monrovia section of the line through the village of Plane No. 4. The arch is near the entrance to the driveway to the Gartrell House and originally passed over the road from Kemptown to Plane No. 4, but is now a dead end. A two-story meathouse on the Gartrell House property also has the cut stone for its lower level, the upper being a frame story with german siding. A small frame bank barn with alterations in the 20th century is also associated with the property. Alfred Gartrell (1853-1927) has not been identified as a B&O employee or contractor, but the siting of the house overlooking the railroad and the Plane No. 4 village and the similarity in the stonework of the house and the railroad arch seem to indicate a connection.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
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/other dependencies  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-5-95

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Alfred G. Gartrell House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4940B West Wind Drive  not for publication

city, town Mt. Airy  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 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 Courtney B. Layton et al

street & number 4940B West Wind Drive 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 1419

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 874

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

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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: 3

The Alfred G. Gartrell House is a two-story frame dwelling built about 1894 on the south side of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks just west of the dead end of Westwind Drive at the tracks near Mt. Airy, Frederick County, Maryland. The house faces north and is located about 250 feet north of another dwelling of about the same date on a separate parcel. Both dwellings share a driveway which runs southwest from the road end. The Gartrell house has as outbuildings a small frame bank barn located down the hill slope to the southeast and a frame and stone two-story meathouse located immediately southwest of the house. The outbuildings are of the same date as the house. The dates are based on architectural details and land records.

The house is in the vernacular Queen Anne style with a three-bay north elevation under a central cross gable with a shingled surface. The east and west gable ends also have shingles. A two-story rear wing extends from the rear of the house, giving it a T-shaped basic plan. The exterior is covered with german siding and the roof is standing seam metal with two interior central chimneys. The foundation is cut ashlar stone in random courses. Drill marks are visible in the stone, a distinct difference from the usual irregular field stone foundations common to most of Frederick County's vernacular dwellings of the 18th and 19th centuries. The foundation is exposed on the north elevation following the downward slope of the terrain. A one-story porch raised on stone piers shelters the first story of the north elevation. The area between the piers is filled in with lattice screens. The porch deck is wood and the roof is supported by turned columns linked by a scroll-sawn balustrade. The entrance is in the center bay and the windows in each bay on both stories are paired 1/1 sash. The door has a three-light transom and sidelights. The door has multiple raised panels in the Queen Anne style. Centered in the shingled cross gable is an arched window lighting the attic. The east and west gable ends have a single center bay. The rear wing has a two-story enclosed porch on the east side and a one-story shed extension on the west side. An interior chimney is at the south end of the wing, which also has a shingled gable.

The interior has stained pine trim with small carved mantelpieces in each of the two first story rooms, obviously intended for use with stoves rather than as open hearths. The door and window trim has corner blocks and molded architraves. The kitchen in the rear wing has been remodeled, but retains a tongue-and-groove wainscot.

**Meathouse:** The two-level stone and frame meathouse located south of the house has the same cut stone in its first story as that in the foundation of the house. The lower level may have been a cool storage room with the upper frame level for meats and other domestic items. The upper level has german siding and a rebuilt shed porch on the east elevation. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. Both levels have doors on the east elevation. The meathouse was built about the same time as the house.

# 8. Significance

<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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. 1894-1900                      **Builder/Architect**

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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 Alfred G. Gartrell House is a good example of a vernacular Queen Anne house of the late 1890's. The exterior unity of the design is carried out with shingled gables and dark stained interior wood trim. The setting and environment of the house have a bearing on its orientation and possibly on its construction and materials. The railroad village of Plane No. 4, most of the remaining buildings of which are located north of the railroad tracks and the creek, was given a small boost in development by the relocation of the B&O line between Mt. Airy and Monrovia in the late 1890's and early 1900's. Alfred G. Gartrell (1853-1927) and his wife Lillie purchased the lot of 5-3/4 acres in 1894 from Joseph J. Cain, who was apparently a merchant in Plane No. 4. The deed specifies a right of way to be reserved for Cain's use for access to an adjoining lot on the west, where the 1873 map shows a water tank was located. The road in the right of way was "not to be less than 20 feet wide with sufficient room at the railroad switch to turn around with four horses and a wagon. . ." In 1900, the B&O purchased 6 acres from the Gartrells, presumably to construct the stone arch bearing the railroad over the road from Kemptown to Plane No. 4. This underpass is a cut stone arch similar to the one at Bartholows Road west of Plane No. 4; a drawing of the Bartholows Road arch is included in the B&O's purchase deed of the Bartholows road site at DHH 7/90, 26 June 1900. The cut stone in the foundation of the Gartrell House and the lower level of the meathouse could have been surplus material from the arch construction at Plane No. 4. If so, the Gartrell House could have been built as late as 1900, although construction on the arches along the line may have been underway in the late 1890's prior to the recording of the deeds. No information has been discovered to identify Gartrell's occupation, but the proximity of the house to the railroad and the apparent use of cut stone of the same type as in the railroad arch strongly suggest that he was connected in some way with its operations at Plane No. 4.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-95

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.I. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966  
Land Records of Frederick County  
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 8.5 acres

Quadrangle name Damascus, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 89, Parcel 135

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

state	code	county	code
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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 1994

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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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#### 7.1 Description (Continued)

Bank barn: The small frame bank barn located to the southeast has a tongue-and-groove exterior and a serpentine bargeboard decoration. The roof is corrugated metal. Louvred vents are located near the top of the west wall and on the gable ends. A one-story modern addition is on the south gable end and the stall level on the west is now enclosed as a workshop.

4940 B West Wind Dr.

Lot Size, Description,  
Original Tracts,  
Miscellaneous

Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

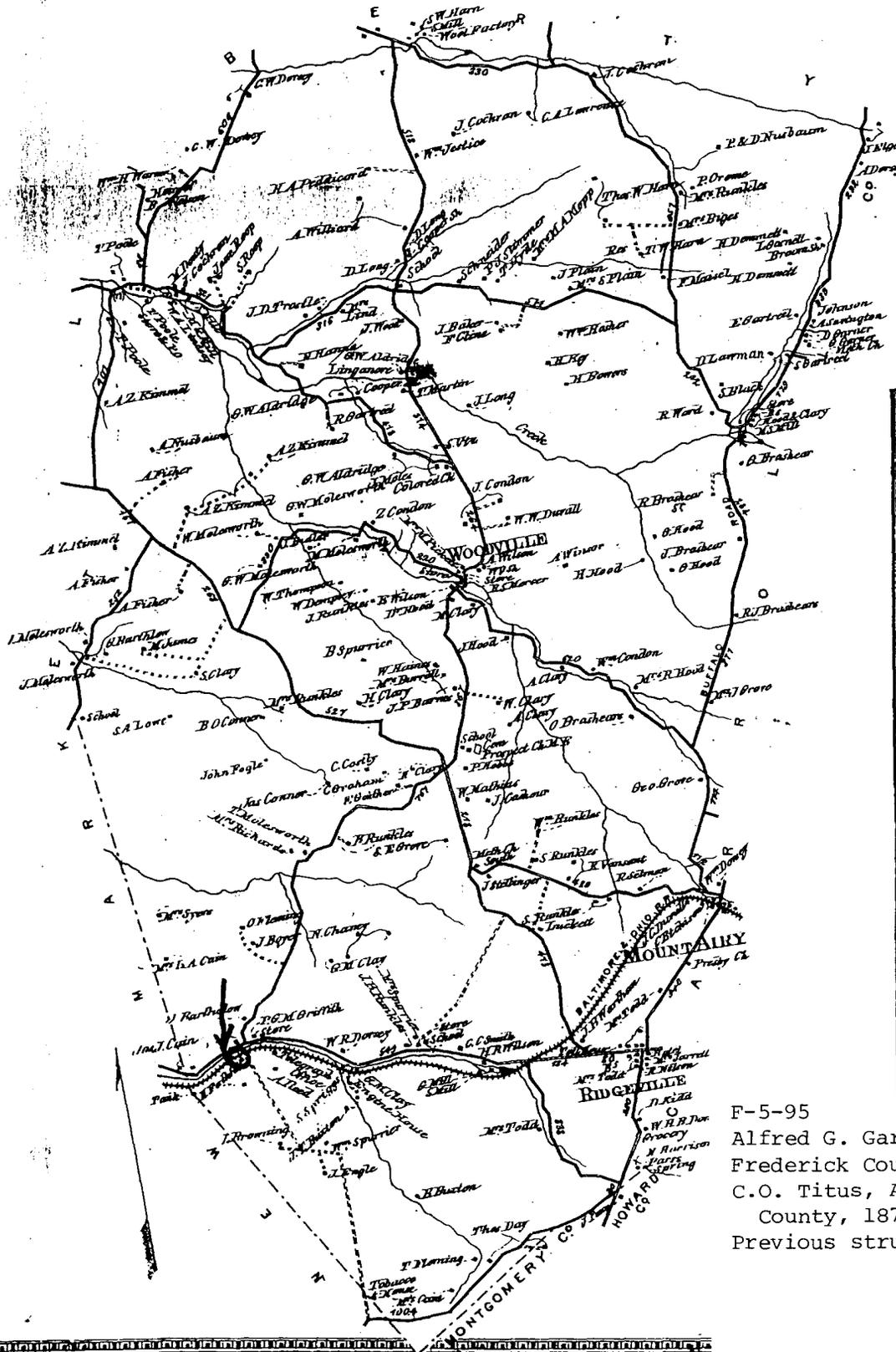
Cost

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1419/874 26 May 87	Courtney B. & Maubel C. Layton + wife	Mildred M. Horden & Courtney B. Layton	9 1/2 a. less 1 acre conveyed to Willard A. Horden for Daniel W. Layton 8.5 a	\$55,250
494/587 17 Aug 51	Daniel W. Layton	Jesse M. Smith	1) 8 a. 407/249	
407/249 1 May 37	Jesse M. Smith	Valeria O. Runkles et al		
331/555 29 Mar 20	Valeria O. Runkles et al	Lillie M. & Alfred S. Bartrell	2 tracts containing total of 100., 2 R., 5 sq. p. saving & excepting therefrom the part since sold to the B & O Railroad Co., leaving as a remainder sq. situated on the south side of the B & O R. R. tracks	\$3,500
DHH 1/189 2 Feb 1893	Lillie M. Bartrell	John B. & Mary M. Barthelow	"Resurvey on Dorsey's Search" 4 3/4 a. 5 p.	\$95.62
JLJ 7/182 21 Jul 1894	Lillie M. Bartrell, wife of Alfred Bartrell	Joseph J. & Magdalen C. Cain	part of "Resurvey on part of Dorsey's Search" part of "Addition to Dorsey's Search" "Beginning for said lot at a stone at the Railroad crossing a short distance east of telegraph office at Plain (sec) No. 4... running south... and west, then leaving said Railroad south... (and) East... containing 5 3/4 a. Joseph J. Cain reserves ROW across said lot to the land adjoining it on the west side, this road to be situated on the north side of said lot, along side of R. R., said road not to be less than 20 ft. wide with sufficient room at R. R. switch to turn around with four horses and wagon..."	
DHH 7/248 13 Sept 1900	B. & O. Railroad Co.	Lillie M. & Alfred S. Bartrell	6.53 a.	\$1700

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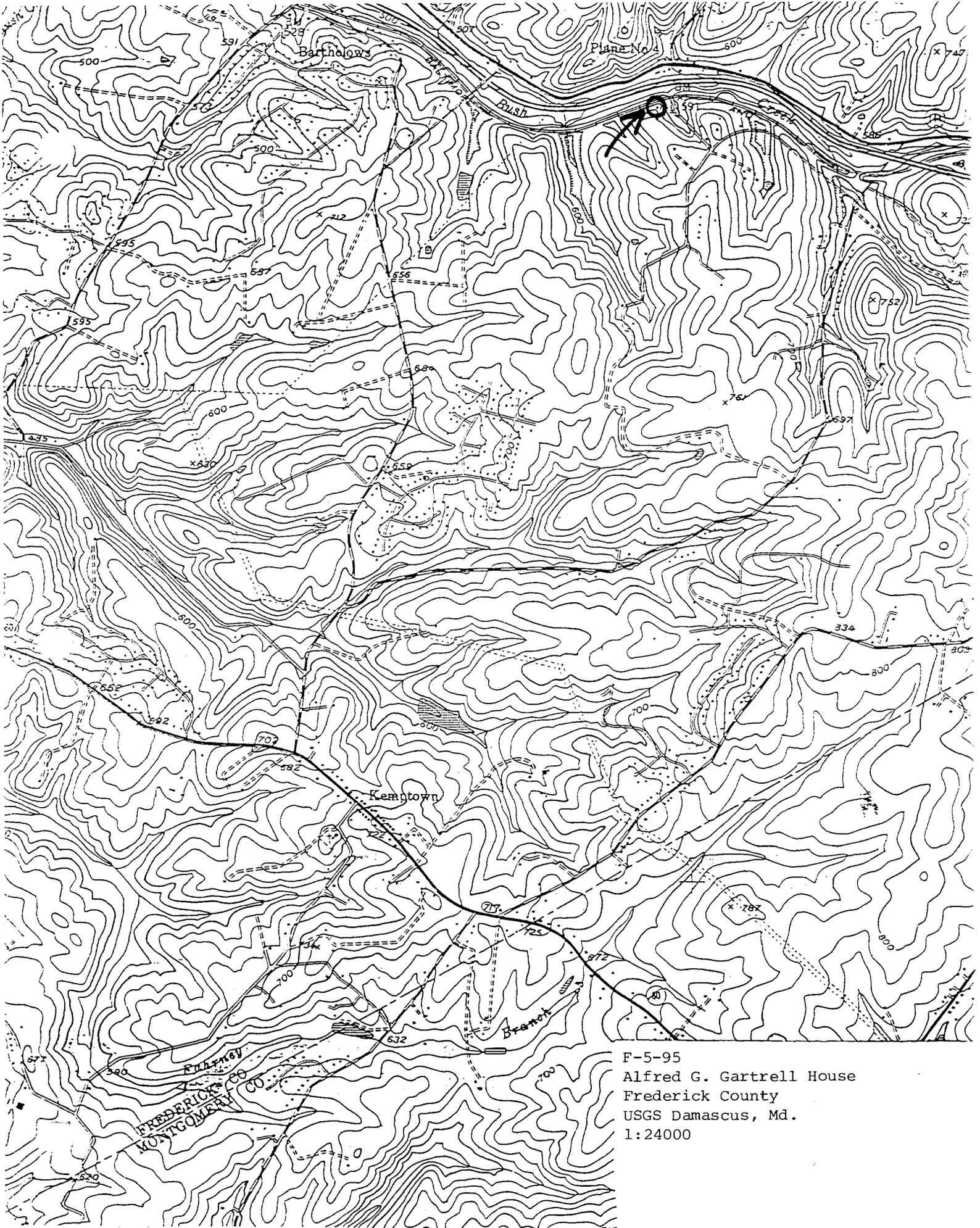
# WOODVILLE DIST No. 18

Scale 1 1/2 Inches to the Mile



**JOHN**  
John  
Scale 3/4

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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick  
County, 1873  
Previous structure on site



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USGS Damascus, Md.  
1:24000



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Alfred G. Cottrell House

Frederick County

Prince of Wales

April 1902

Loc. 1 Md. State, Frederick, Md

North station

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Alfred G. Surtwell House

Frederick, Md.

Photo: Janet Davis

April 1922

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Alfred E. ... house

Frederick County

... Janet Davis

April 1934

... ..

Springmont house ...

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Alfred C. ... House

Fredrick County

Projo ...

April ...

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