

F-5-99
Oliver P. Harding House
New Market vicinity
Private

Ca. 1780-1830

The Oliver P. Harding House is a two-story, three-bay stone house built between about 1780 and 1800 with a substantial interior remodeling of the center hall in about the 1820's. The staircase was relocated and enclosed with double doors opening from a small foyer formed just inside the main entrance. The doorway itself was also enlarged at this period. Retained from its earlier period are the 9/6 first story windows and an unusual feature of the interior, built-in drawers in the dining room on the east side of the staircase. This feature is found in at least one other house in the area, the Milton Mealey House (F-5-98) and has been reported in a third also nearby. Adjoining the house is a two-story kitchen wing with a large open fireplace with a bake oven opening and the original crane. Much of the interior trim featuring bull's eye corner blocks, fluted moldings, and hardware is still in place. A modern kitchen addition extends from the rear of the side wing. The only remaining outbuildings of the original farm, a stone smokehouse and a stone springhouse, are also of the same period as the house. Oliver P. Harding (1822-1900) was the owner identified on the 1858 and 1873 maps, although the property was probably in the Harding family since at least the first decade of the 19th century. The house is very significant in architecture because of the uncommon built-in drawers, possibly a link coming from a single builder or group of builders or a family connection, and for the unusual treatment of the interior staircase.

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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:
Rural Agrarian Intensification, A.D. 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

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

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Oliver P. Harding House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6509 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 Marcus B., Jr., and Alice B. Slater

street & number 6509 Green Valley Road telephone no.:

city, town New Market state and zip code MD 21774

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1007

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 246

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-5-99

<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
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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 Oliver P. Harding House is a two-story stone dwelling built about 1780-1790 with major interior alterations in the late 1820's or early 1830's and an extensive renovation period beginning in the late 1970's which added a one-story modern kitchen wing on the rear of the original side kitchen section. The house and two stone outbuildings of about the same date, a smoke house and a springhouse, are located on the east side of Green Valley Road (Md. 75) at the end of an approximately 500-ft. driveway, near New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. The house and outbuildings are the remaining structures of a farmstead which included a bank barn, demolished in the mid-20th century, and other structures. The principal elevation faces south and the smokehouse is located immediately east of the side wing of the house. The springhouse is located about 100 feet southeast of the house. Dates of the buildings are based on architectural evidence, historical maps, land records, and a personal interview with Mrs. Marcus B. Slater, Jr., one of the current owners.

The main section of the house is a three-bay structure with a center entrance which was apparently enlarged with a transom, sidelights, and a paneled soffit during the early 19th century alterations. The door has eight panels. The outline of a demolished entry porch is discernible on the stone wall surrounding the doorway. The first story windows are 9/6 and the second story sash is 6/6. The cornice is corbeled brick and the roof is modern composition material. Interior end chimneys rise at the gable ends. The west gable end has no openings except two small windows at the attic level. Adjoining the east gable end is the recessed, two-story side wing with a two-story open porch. The porch has been rebuilt to duplicate the deteriorated original porch, with plain posts and horizontal railings. The wing has two bays with a doorway on each level flanked by a 6/6 window. The north elevation of the main section also has three bays with a center doorway which originally opened on the rear of the center hall, a feature which was extensively remodeled in the early 19th century. The north side of the side wing is completely obscured on the first story by the modern kitchen addition. A single bay on the second story is visible and the roof has a dormer window added in the modern period of rehabilitation.

The interior of the house originally had a center-hall plan with flanking parlors. In the period about 1820-1830, the staircase was relocated to begin directly opposite the main door and was enclosed on each side. Double 4-panel doors with a molded architrave and bull's eye corner blocks were placed at the foot of the staircase. The doors to the side parlors were also given the same surround, but the doors are 5-panel types. The original exterior doorway was also enlarged and given the transom and sidelights as described in the previous paragraph. The east parlor has its original wide board floors, but the walls have been insulated during the most recent rehabilitation work. The change is noted in the additional trimwork around the deep paneled window soffits to bring the window surround out to the new wall surface. The windows have built-in drawers below the sills, with a curved apron panel dropping from the sill. This feature is found in both the north a

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1780-1830 **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 Oliver P. Harding House is highly significant for the architectural features of the dwelling which include the built-in drawers of the dining room and the unusual relocation and enclosure of the main staircase. The stonemasonry of the exterior is representative of the building style of the German tradition and the alterations of the mid-20th century to the exterior are only slight losses of integrity. One other house in the vicinity, the Milton Mealey House (F-5-98), is known to have the drawer feature in the dining room and a third house also nearby but undocumented is reported to have them as well. A common housewright or family influence may be revealed by further research and documentation of these houses. The Oliver Harding House's background is not yet clear, but the tract of about 36-1/4 acres passed to Oliver P. Harding (1822-1900) in 1863 by John Harding's will may indicate that the property, which includes parts of the tracts "Drummine", "Peace and Plenty", and "Darby's Delight" had probably been in the Harding family for at least 40 years prior to that date. Both the 1858 and 1873 maps show O. P. Harding as the owner.

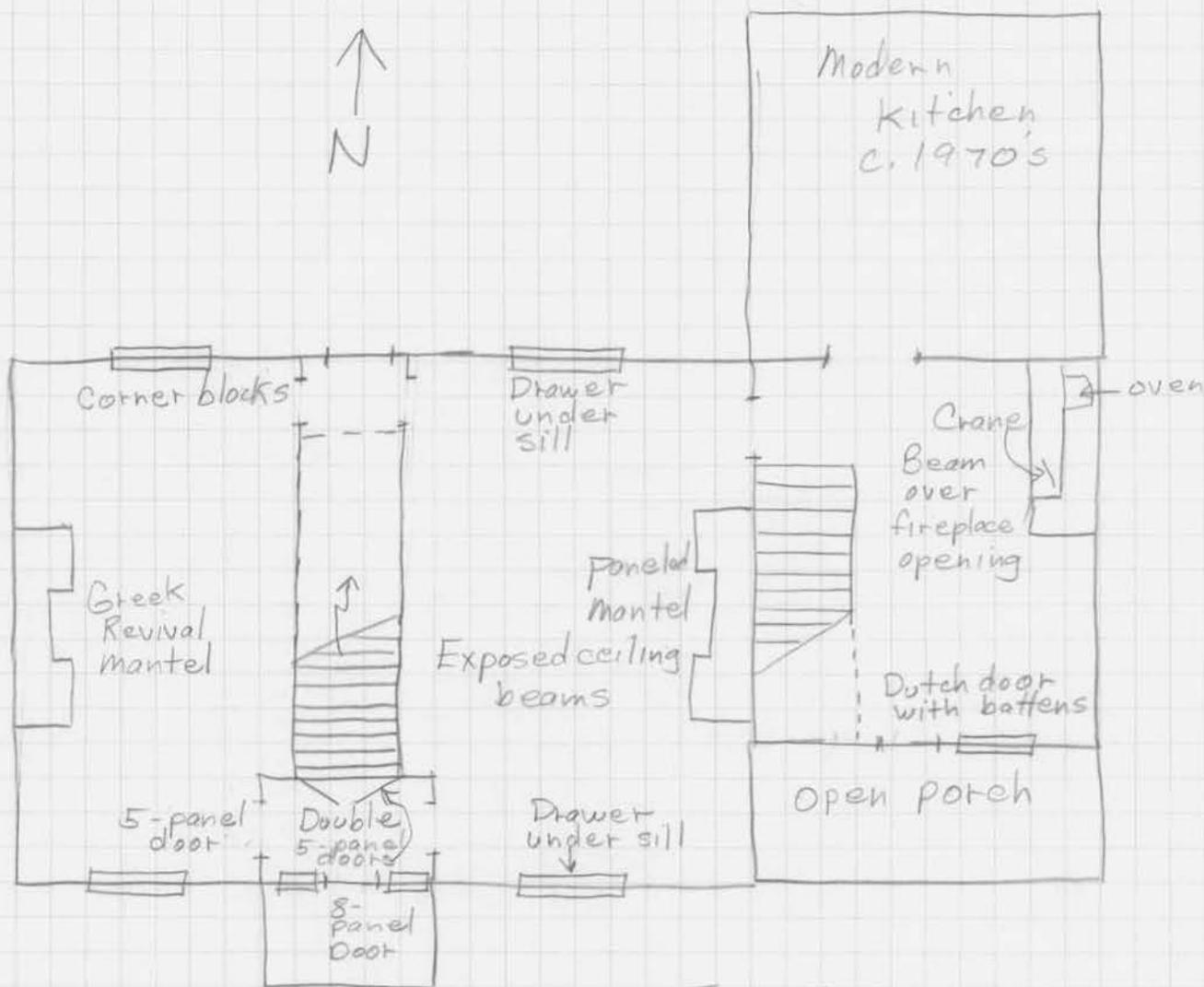
7.1 Description (Continued)

south windows of the room and, with its location next to the kitchen wing, indicates that the room was without doubt used for dining, where table items and flatware were probably stored in the drawers. Mrs. Slater has determined that the grained finish on the drawers covers original slate blue paint. The drawer feature is also found in a nearby stone house of approximately the first quarter of the 19th century, the Milton Mealey house (F-5-98), and has been reported by Mrs. Slater in a third house not yet surveyed located on Lime Plant Road. The mantelpiece is a simple paneled type. The ceiling beams in this room are exposed.

The west parlor has a more formal appearance with a Greek Revival style mantelpiece with slightly raised, elongated panels in the frieze and pilasters. The window soffits have beveled panels. A chair rail and baseboard are in place and corner blocks and architrave surrounds are at the door and window openings. The upper floor in the main section has been much altered in the mid-20th century, with interior walls separating the three rooms removed prior to a planned remodeling by a previous owner which was never carried out. The Slaters have replaced the walls in approximately the same positions, allowing for modern convenience. The kitchen wing on the east end of the house has a large cooking fireplace opening in the northeast corner with a bake oven opening and the original crane. A winding stair in the southwest corner was formerly partially open, but has been enclosed during the most recent rehabilitation in a resemblance to other enclosed stairs of the early 19th century period. The door on the south wall to the exterior porch is an originally battened vertical board door which was cut to provide a Dutch door which opens from opposite sides in each section.

Smokehouse: The fieldstone smokehouse located just northeast of the dwelling was built at the same time, about 1780-1820. It is a one-story building with a corrugated metal roof and a shuttered window in both the north and south elevations. The west elevation has vents in the gable above a vertical board door with a large box lock and key.

Springhouse: Down a slope to the southeast of the house is the one-story stone springhouse which has been given an oversized replacement roof to cover the open top of the building. The door on the north gable end is missing. Small vertical openings in the south, east, and west elevations served as vent holes. The springhouse has the same random fieldstone courses as the smokehouse and the dwelling and its date is therefore in the same period of the late 18th or early 19th century.



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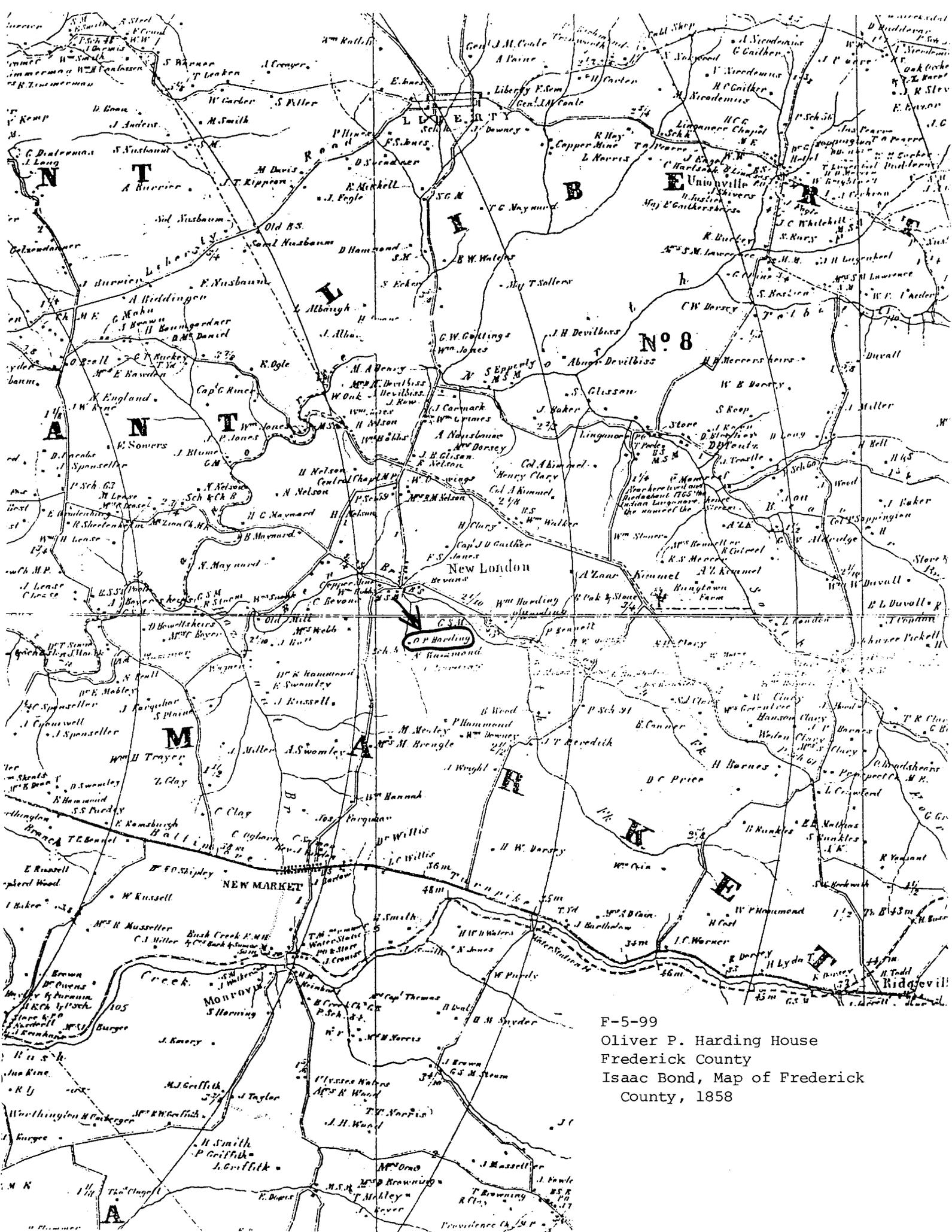
Janet L. Davis
May 18, 1994

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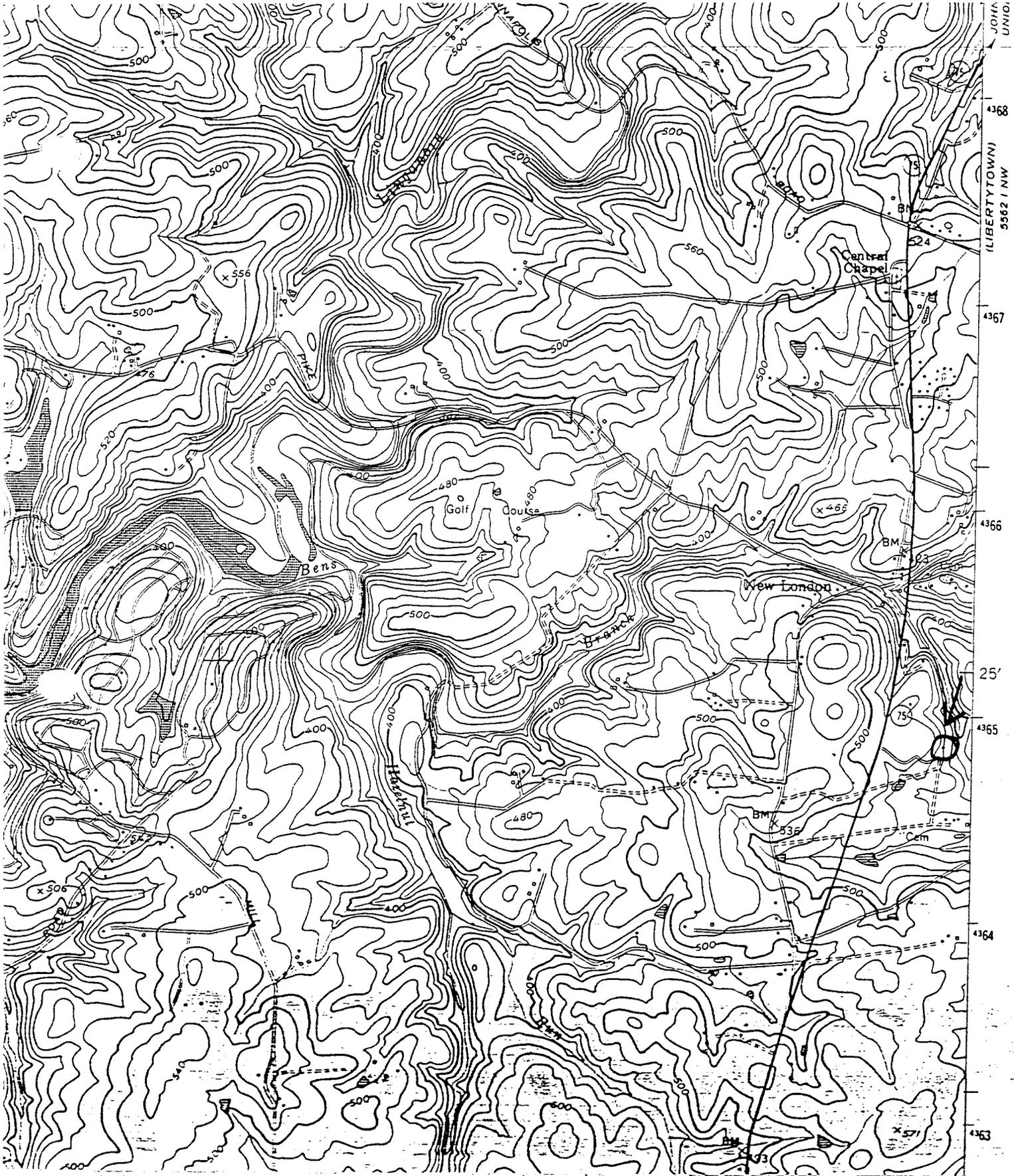
6509 Green Valley Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1007/246 23 Dec 76	Marcus B. Jr. & Alice B. Slater	Jean du Pont McCConnell, Sole stockholder &	57.68 a. distributtee of Kent Road Corp.	
870/706 15 Feb 72	Kent Road Corp.	Frances Jean Schulte	57.68 a.	
817/601 5 Jan 70	Frances Jean Schulte	Fehr Realty, Inc.	57.68 a.	
726/26 10 June 65	Fehr Realty, Inc.	Nankirk E., Jr. & Cynthia Fehr	143.377 a.	
726/22 10 June 65	Nankirk E., Jr. & Cynthia F. Fehr	Isabel Noel Davis, undan	143.377 a.	
368/333 24 Nov 28	H. Stanley & Isabel Noel Davis	H. Noel & Mary Louise Haller	14	
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310/74 29 June 14	H. Stanley Davis	Nettie R. Wood trustee in Equity 7409		#3,750
JLJ 11/111 15 May 1895	Lydia A. Wood	William P. Maulsby, Jr., assignee of mortgage	Equity 5682	
AF 8/85 2 Nov 1883	Lydia Wood	Oliver B. & Belinda Harding	mortgage E. 136 1/2 a. "Darley's Delight" part of "Pearse & Plenty" part of "Drummins"	

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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858



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USGS Walkersville, Md.
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Oliver Pollarding House

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Shiloh Janet Lewis

May 1955

Approx. 1/2 mi. S.W. of Crownsville, Md.

South elevation

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Old Mill Pond, Frederick County

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

May 1974

Neg. 100-111-111, (100-111-111)

North side, down

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Oliver P. Homing House
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Harris

May 1974

Reg. sec. 2 Ald. SHPO, Charlestown, Md.

Main foyer and staircase

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Oliver P. Harding House

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Photo: Harriet Davis

May 1975

Neg. loc. is Md. State Arch. Greenmount, Md.
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east quarter

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Center Office - 1200

Frederick County

Photo: Joint Post

May 1974

1500 So. Md. State Highway, Md.

Smithers, North, east side view

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PHOTOGRAPH



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Friedrich County

Proctor Road at Paris

May 1902

Proctor Road at Paris, Friedrich County,

Springfield, Northwest corner of

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