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Ca. 1816

Swan's Harbour

Rocky Ridge

Private

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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 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Agriculture

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/dairy, garage
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn, hogpen
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuildings/grain and
machine shed

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 Swan's Harbour

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9901 Longs Mill Road not for publicationcity, town Rocky Ridge 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 checked="" 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 J. Franklin and Marie Stambaugh

street & number 9901 Longs Mill Road telephone no.:

city, town Rocky Ridge state and zip code Md. 21778

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 764

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 236

city, town Frederick state Md.

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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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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.

(Description on separate sheet)

8. Significance

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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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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**

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.

(Significance on separate sheet)

7.1 Description:

Swan's Harbour is situated in close proximity to the town limits of Rocky Ridge, Maryland. This one and one-half story stone and log house faces west with a gable roofline oriented on a north/south axis. A complex of agricultural buildings encircles the dwelling house with the largest concentration directly located to the southeast; all appear to be more recent than the dwelling house.

The house was constructed in two sections; a three room plan stone section, circa 1816, and a single pen log section, circa 1850. The rectangular stone section, of uncoursed fieldstone, is one and one-half stories and 3 bays wide with a gable roof of standing seam tin. Some of the window openings have jack arches for lintels. Two brick exterior end chimneys are located on the south elevation. The log section is one story and measures approximately 16 feet x 24 feet. Sheathed in german siding, it is 2 bays wide with a gable roof of standing seam tin.

The principal facade, facing west, has two openings located on the northern half of the elevation; a off-center door and a 1/1 window. The basement level has a 6 light fixed window. An entry hood (recent addition) covers the door. The east elevation is covered in stucco; it includes an off-center door and two windows (1/1). A recent shed roof dormer is located in the roof. The basement level has a 6 light fixed window with an segmentally arched brick lintel and a segmentally arched brick door opening. A open porch with a standing seam tin flat roof extends across the facade to include one bay of the log section. The south elevation has symmetrical window openings (1/1) with stone jack arches. Log beam ends are visible at the gable eaves. The exterior brick chimney is placed in the center of the elevation. The north elevation has one window opening in the upper floor and is otherwise concealed with the attached log section which extends north.

The west facade of the german sided, log addition has two 2/2 windows, symmetrically placed. The east elevation has a door and a window; the north elevation has no openings.

The interior has a three room plan, indicative of the German influence, in the main section combined with a single pen in the log addition. The interior has been much altered throughout the house but has a few original details. The large room to the south has a large stone fireplace centrally placed, original chair rail and door surrounds. A smaller room is partitioned to the west. The room to the north has a boxed staircase to the upper story. The upper story is divided into two rooms; a bathroom has been added. Walls have been covered with plywood and ceilings with acoustic tile. The basement contains an arched fireplace and hand-hewn logs that were whitewashed.

Many of the outbuildings date from the mid-twentieth century when the Stambaugh family began their beef and dairy cattle operations. Some outbuildings are older, however, dating from the late nineteenth century. A grain and machine shed with exposed rafters is covered in vertical siding with sliding doors opening on the west elevation. A late nineteenth century bank barn has a louvred vent window in the gable end and has been covered in aluminum siding. A garage, also sheathed in aluminum siding, has sliding doors. An older shed close to the house has been covered with new vertical siding.

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Considered within its historic context, Swan's Harbour is important in exemplifying the three room plan, one and one half story stone house type in a region where 2 story stone houses were more popularly constructed. There are no other houses with the same proportions and dimensions in the region similar to Swan's Harbour. Although the interior has been greatly altered, the form and plan remain intact, providing a significant illustration.

According to the original deed (in possession of the current owner), Swan's Harbour was a tract of 295 acres which was purchased by George Ott in 1816. Before the Ott purchase, the land was a portion of three tracts owned by two early speculators, James Brooke and Jacob Valentine. Between 1858 and 1873, John A. Koontz sold the property to a neighbor, George W. Barrick, who lived there until his death in 1895.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

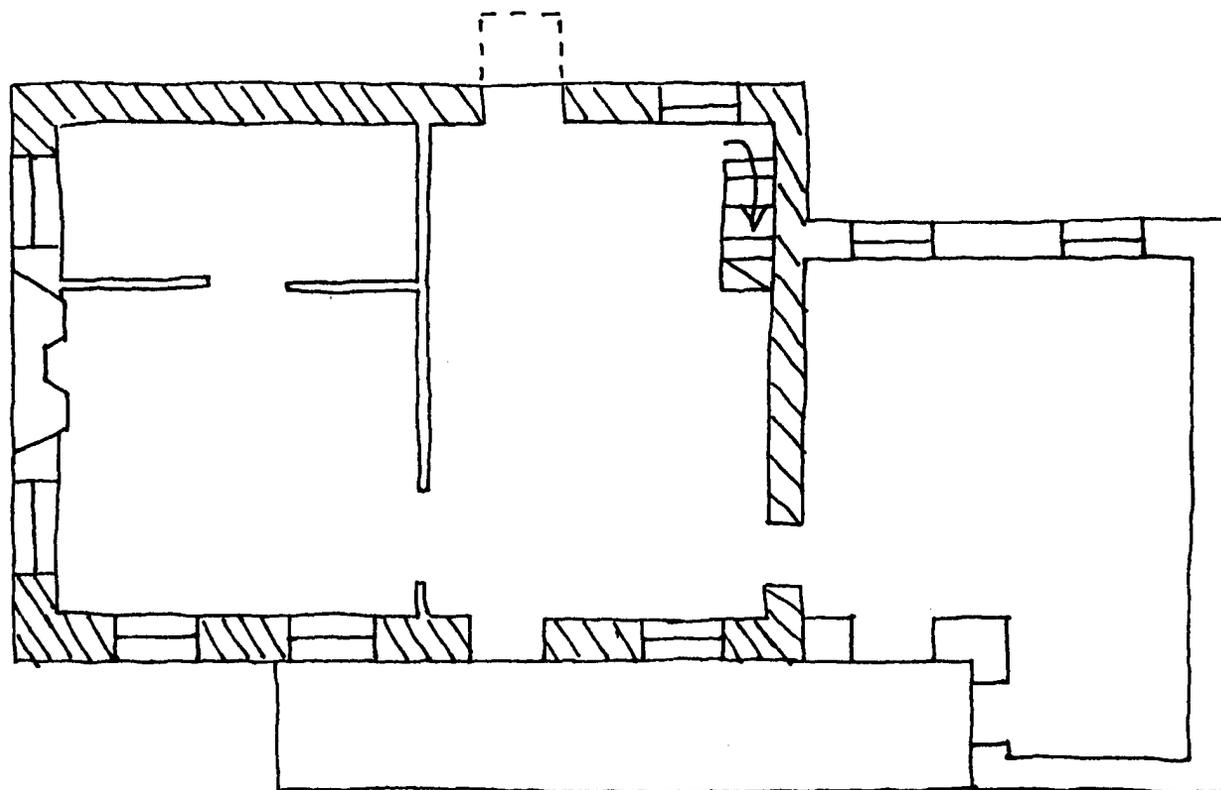
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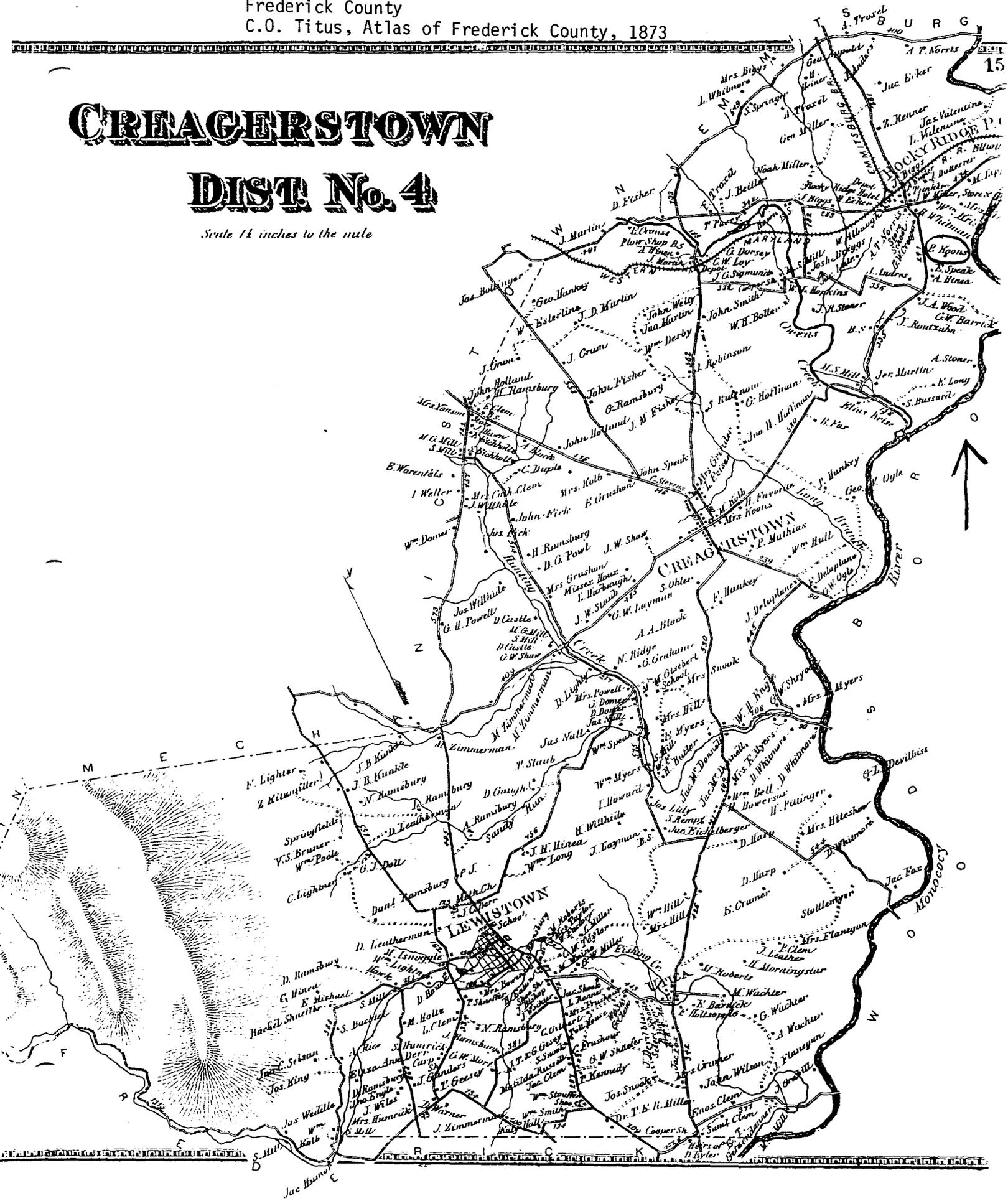
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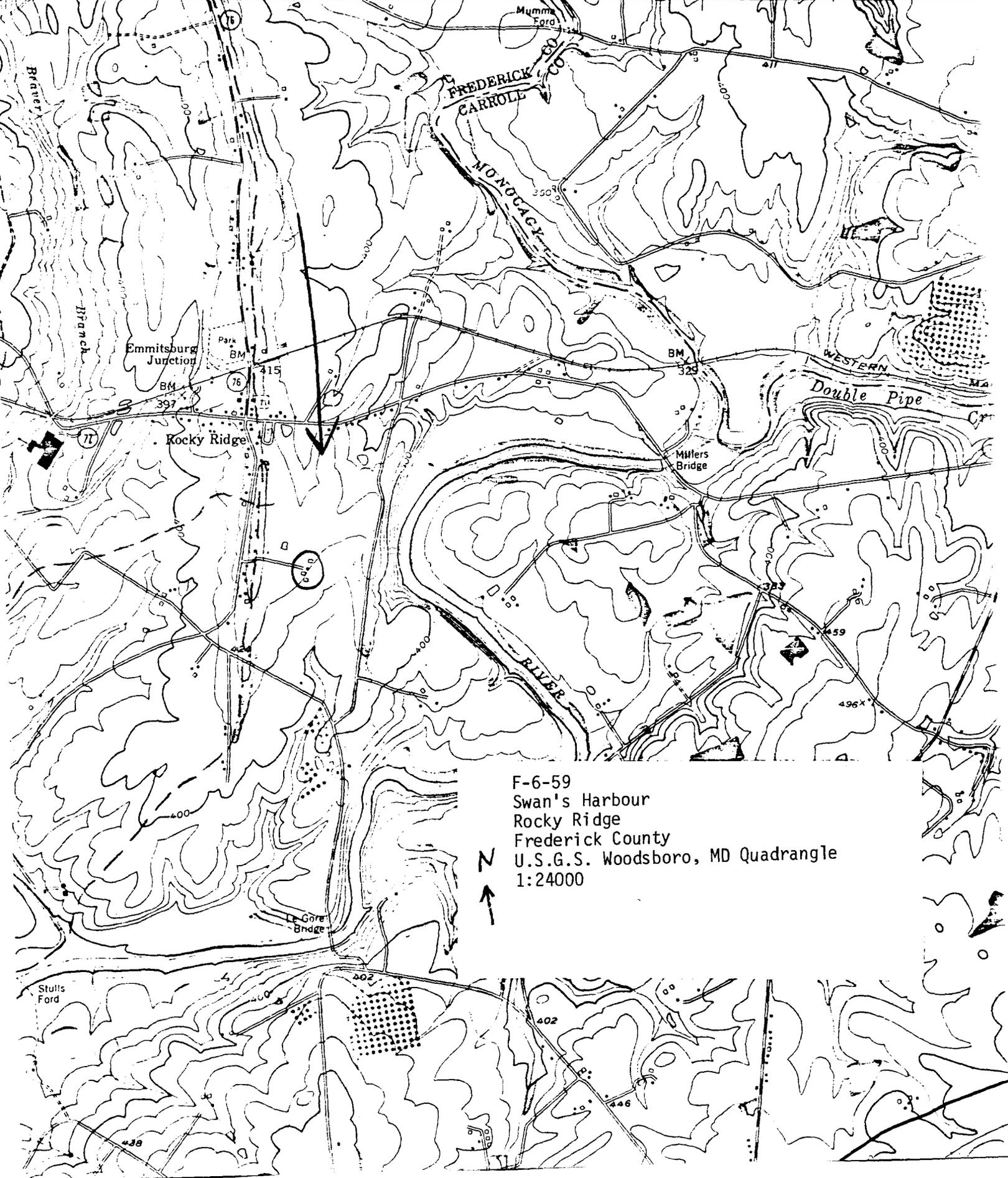
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U.S.G.S. Woodsboro, MD Quadrangle
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SWAN'S HARBOUR

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West elevation

1/3



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East elevation

2/3



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Agricultural outbuildings

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