

F-6-80

Ca. 1840

Meyerhoffer Farm

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

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Taneytown vicinity  
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 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/summer kitchen, garage, shed  
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-80

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Meyerhoffer Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 12221 Harney Road  not for publication

city, town Taneytown  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 Freda Meyerhoffer

street & number 12221 Harney Road telephone no.:

city, town Taneytown state and zip code MD 21787

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 549

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 175

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Frederick County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(Typed 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
<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 checked="" 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 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.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Arthur, Eric and Dudley Witney. The Barn, Arrowood Press, New York, 1972.  
Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.  
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 163.66 acres

Quadrangle name Taneytown, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 10, Parcel 2

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

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June, 1991

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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:

The Meyerhoffer Farm is located on Harney Road in the vicinity of Emmitsburg, Maryland. The principal elevation of the dwelling house faces east with the gable roofline running north to south. The property also includes a brick bank barn and a one story stone summer kitchen, both contemporary to the house, and a new garage and board and batten shed.

Built circa 1845, the 2 story house is constructed of 7:1 common bond brick and rests on a stone foundation. The gable roof of standing seam tin has two interior end brick chimneys which are decorated with a raised row of bricks. There is a molded box cornice with dentillation.

The main (east) elevation has a symmetrical 5 bay facade. The center door has a molded lintel with dentils and a 1 light transom. Windows are 6/6 with the same lintel treatment as the door. There is a pedimented entry porch with dentils in the pediment. The west elevation is three bays wide with 6/6 window openings with corner block lintels. A one story open porch with metal columns and a shed roof of standing seam tin extends to the last bay where the brickwork projects out to the porchline. The last bay has one 6/6 window. The north and south gable ends have 2 symmetrical bays wide with two 4 light attic windows and 6/6 windows with corner block lintels on the other floors. The south gable end also has a door and a window in the basement level.

The one story stone summer kitchen is situated several feet to the west of the house. The gable roof is covered in wood shingles. It has large stone quoining and a center brick chimney. The 2 bay main facade, facing east, has been covered with a board and batten enclosed porch. The west elevation has 4 light fixed windows in the upper half story and 6/6 windows on the first floor, symmetrically placed. A one bay wide board and batten addition extends to the south. The gable ends are one bay wide. The building was modernized and converted into office space.

The brick bank barn, located to the east of the house, rests on a stone foundation and is comprised of 4:1 common bond brick. The banked section faces north and has a recessed entry bay with sliding doors. The two projecting bays have square patterned ventilators. The south elevation has a vertical sided jetty overhang. On the ground level, stall doors are placed between brick piers. The west elevation, facing the house, is the most decorative facade. Beneath the gable peak, it has two side diamond ventilators with a diamond pattern in glazed headers in the center. The upper story level has a "sheaf of wheat" (X) patterned ventilator and two square ventilators, set with headers. The main level has three square ventilators with solid rows of stretchers and open rows of headers. Two doors in the foundation level have gauged arches. The east gable end has the same ventilator patterns as the west except for the glazed header diamond pattern. It also has randomly placed glazed headers in two courses. The barn is no longer utilized for agricultural purposes.

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Within its historic context, the Meyerhoffer Farm serves as one of the finer examples of 2 story, 5 bay brick houses with details such as the molded lintels with dentils. The integrity of the building is greatly preserved. The barn is one of the few of its type in the region and is more commonly seen in Pennsylvania. It also has a high level of integrity and shows important craftsmanship in the patterned ventilation.

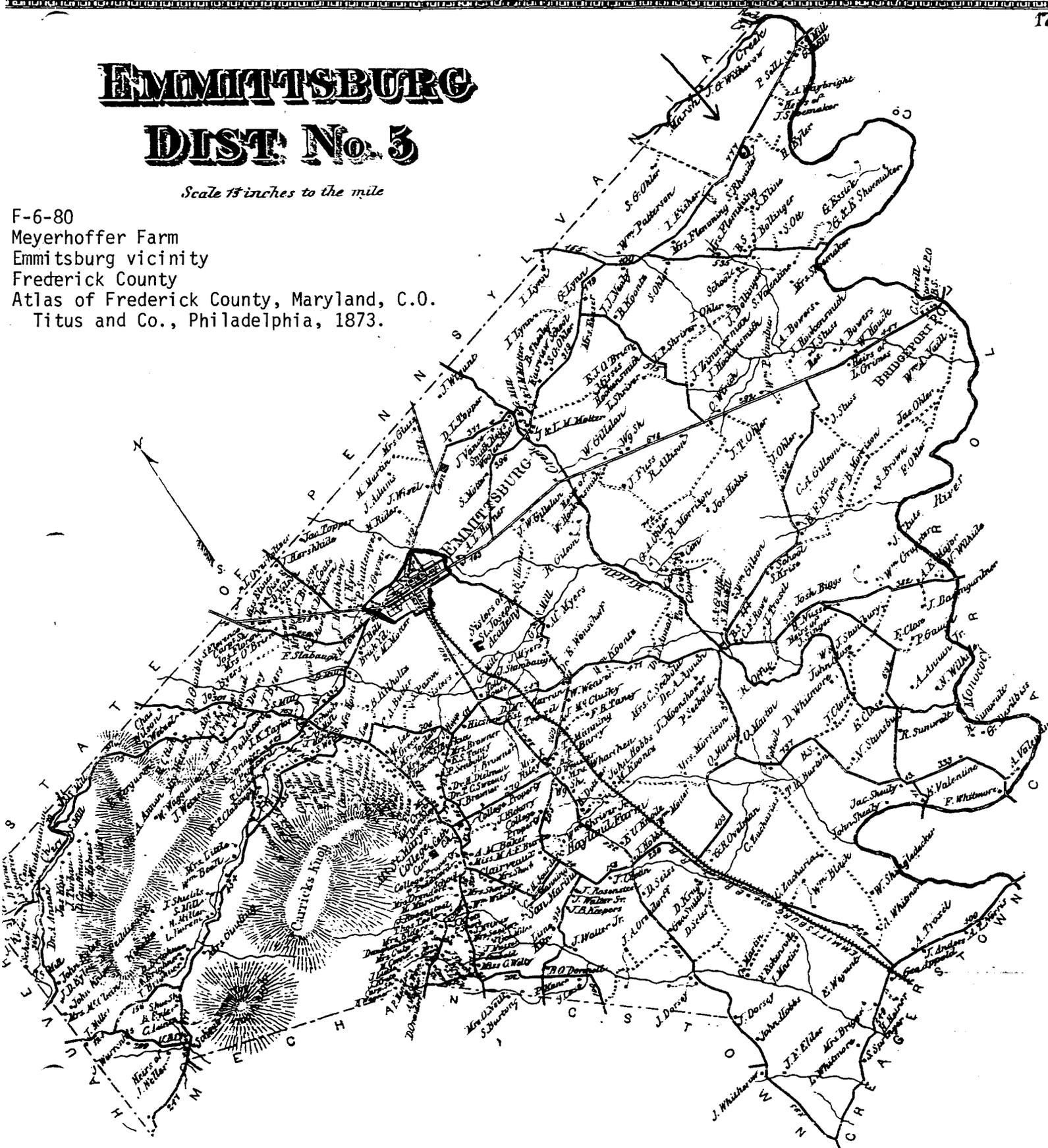
The Meyerhoffer Farm was probably constructed by 1840. The farm was owned by William Walker in 1858 and S. Rhoades in 1873. The proximity of the farm to Pennsylvania explains architectural influences evident in the buildings that appear unusual for the area. These Pennsylvania-German influences are particularly noted in the patterned ventilation of the brick bank barn. Although the English introduced Pennsylvanians to decorative brick construction, it has become largely associated with Pennsylvania-German building traditions (Arthur and Witney, The Barn, 102).

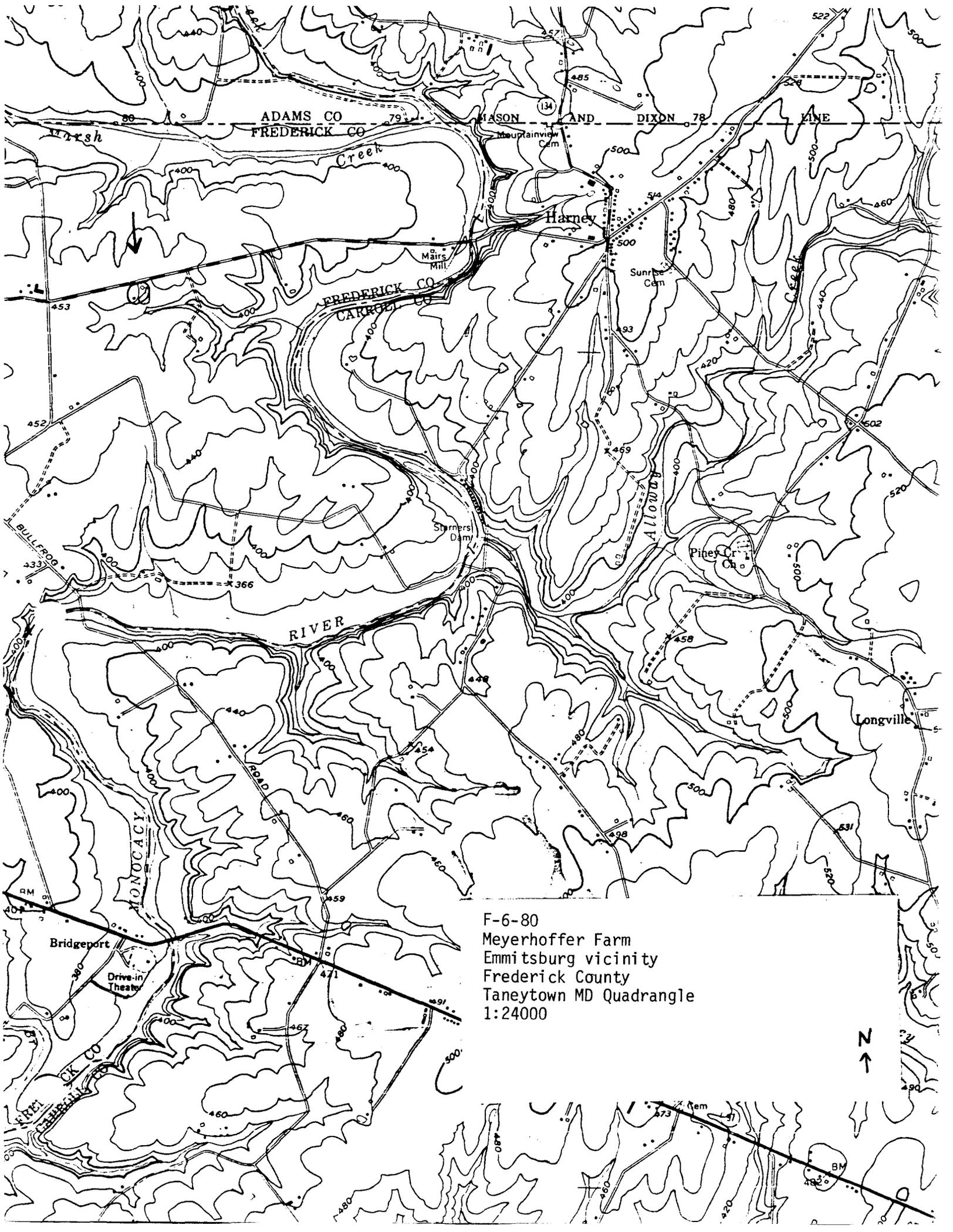
# EMMITSBURG

## DIST. No. 3

Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile

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East elevation

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west elevation and stone summer kitchen

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Bank Barn - northwest corner view

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Bank Barn - west gable end

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