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Linwood Proctor  
Mt. Ephraim Community, Dickerson Vicinity  
Private

1850-1873

This one and a half story log house was the home of an antebellum free Black family, who had owned the property on which the house stands since 1814. The house continued to be owned by ongoing generations of the same family until the 1960s. The site is now a park, and the house has been somewhat modified in appearance to resemble a "pioneer cabin", but its general form and log construction remain intact.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Linwood Proctor Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Banner Park Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Ephraim community

VICINITY OF Dickerson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

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 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
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

Nature Center

NAME

Banner Glass, Inc.

Telephone #: 874-2379

STREET & NUMBER

Banner Park Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 762

Folio #: 374

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This one and a half story log house serves as a storage shelter at Banner Park. Earlier it may have served as a "pioneer cabin" or cottage for park guests. The general form remains intact, but some alterations have been made.

The house consists of a single block, which faces east, in the direction of the former homeplace of William and Mary Proctor, the parents of the occupant, Linwood Proctor. The house had a three bay facade, whose fenestration was arranged in the typical fashion: a door centrally located with a window on either side. The exterior dimensions of the length were 20'4" and the width 16'6" -- dimensions similar to those of most log houses in the state. The house stood 19'3" from the ground to the peak of the roof, and approximately 10'6" from the ground to the top of the false p te

The logs were exposed outside and showed traces of whitewash. They were V-notched at the corners. The windows contained single hung sashes with six panes. The house was locked, and it could be seen through the windows that the interior had been gutted so that the original floor plan was not possible to discern. Probably the house was similar to the other log houses in the area, and had two rooms down and two up. Windows had been added to the southern gable end. On the northern gable end was a stone stove flue.

See the measured drawing of the outside of the house, included in this survey report.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		<b>Black History</b>
				<b>Local History</b>

SPECIFIC DATES                      1850-1873                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house stood on land owned by members of the same Black family since 1814. It had been purchased by David Moody from Leonard Hayes in 1814 as recorded in deed WR 46/168 and from the Bank of the United States in 1833 (J.S.W. 44/81). Later it was conveyed to William J. Proctor by the other heirs to David Moody, William himself being one (STH 280/145). Linwood Proctor lived on his father's land, and never received title to this parcel where his house stood. In 1964, the sixty acres of the Proctors was sold at public sale for \$10,150. In 1967, it was purchased by Banner Glass, Inc. and converted into a park (762/374).

Of all the log houses that once stood in the Mt. Ephraim community this house is in the best condition, and despite some modifications it still reflects more than the others, the appearance of log houses, with the exception of Frank Nichols house on Comus Road. Since the latter is now abandoned, the Linwood Proctor house is the best example of one that is still in use in Mt. Ephraim.

According to oral informant Paul Wilson and to Charlotte Ambush, granddaughter of Frank Proctor, this home had been the "original dwelling house" of the Moody family. It is unlikely however that this house was built in 1814 due to its presence of the large windows and stove flue, which would have been unusual in the homes of families of very modest

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Rockville, Md. Deeds: 762/374;  
WR 46/168; JSW 44/81; STH 280/145.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

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Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland 20753

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Attachment Sheet A  
Linwood Proctor Log House

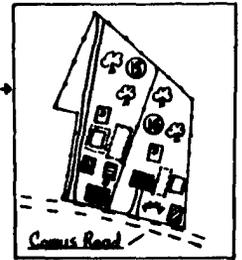
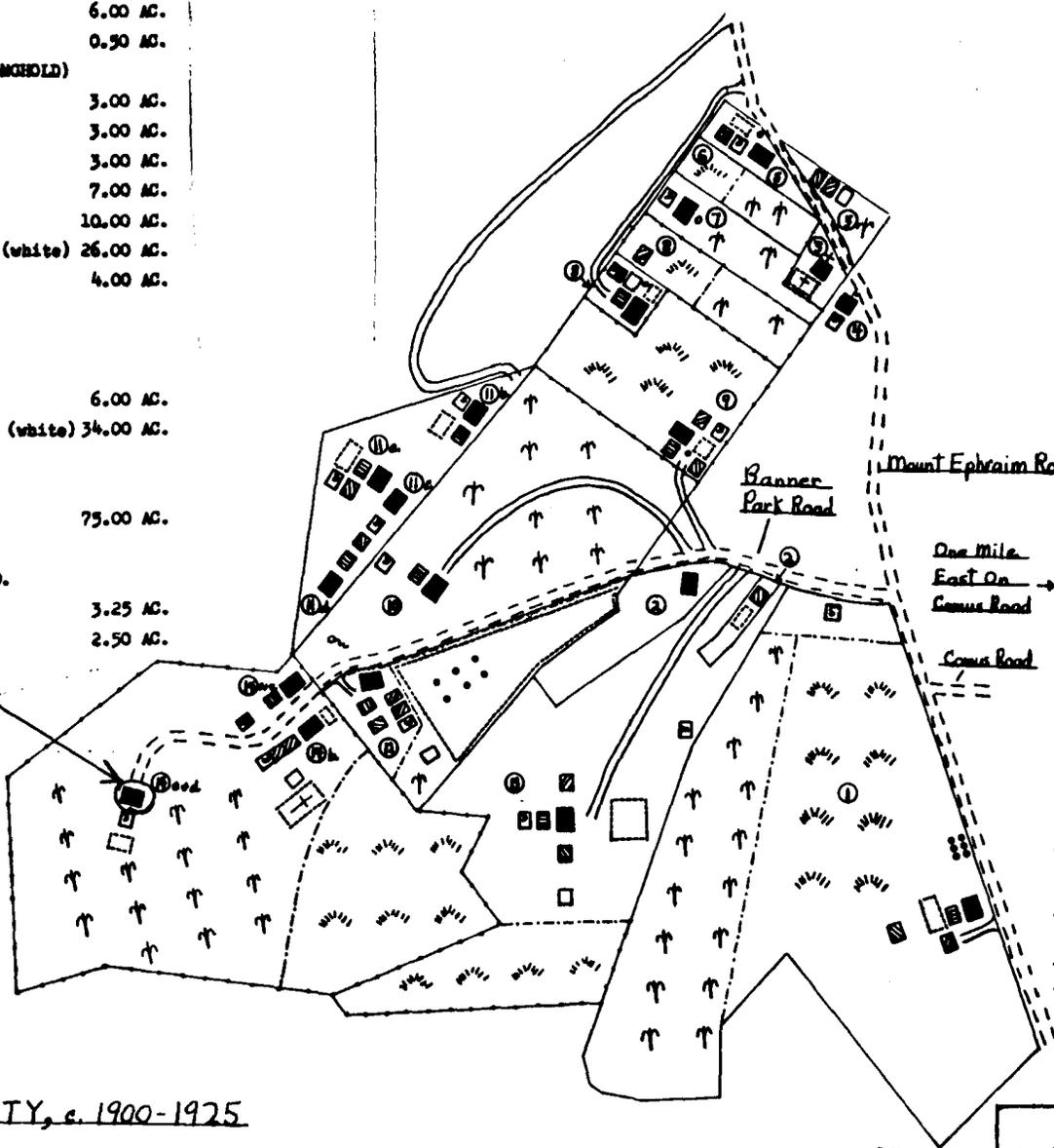
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economic means in that period. It is probable that the house was built later, in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. A dwelling is shown on this location for Levi Moody -- probably the son or grandson of David Moody -- in Titus' Map of Frederick County of 1873. This house is probably that dwelling. Thus, this is one of the few log dwellings of antebellum free Blacks to have survived in Maryland.

CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
LODGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
JEWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
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STREAM FLOW	

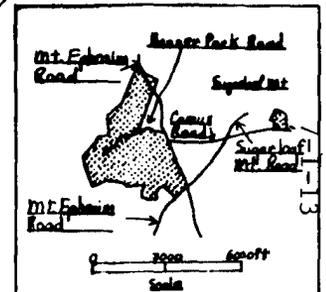
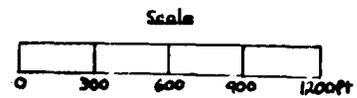
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  2. FRED NICHOLS HSTD. 6.00 AC.
  3. BELL'S CHAPEL 0.50 AC.
  4. COMSTOCK SCHOOL (STRONGHOLD)
  5. WILLIAM HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
  6. NANNAH HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
  7. JAMES HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
  8. BENE HALLMAN HSTD. 7.00 AC.
  9. MOSES HALLMAN HSTD. 10.00 AC.
  10. CHARLIE HARRIS HSTD. (white) 26.00 AC.
  - 11a. DAVID PROCTOR HSTD. 4.00 AC.
  - b. RACHEL PROCTOR HSTD.
  - c. LAURA PROCTOR HSTD.
  - d. CHARLIE PROCTOR HSTD.
  12. FRANK PROCTOR HSTD. 6.00 AC.
  13. CLINTON NICHOLS HSTD. (white) 34.00 AC.
  - 14a. MOODY FAMILY HSTD.
  - b. MORRIS POSEY HSTD.
  - c. WILLIAM PROCTOR HSTD. 75.00 AC.
  - d. LINWOOD PROCTOR HSTD.
  - e. HARRISON RAWLINS HSTD.
  15. ARTHUR WOOD HSTD. 3.25 AC.
  16. ARTHUR NAYLOR HSTD. 2.50 AC.

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Source:  
Steven Doolittle  
Sugarloaf Regional Trails  
Oral Informants:  
Charlotte Ambush  
Frances Bowie  
Clarence Naylor  
Paul Wilson

MT EPHRAIM COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925



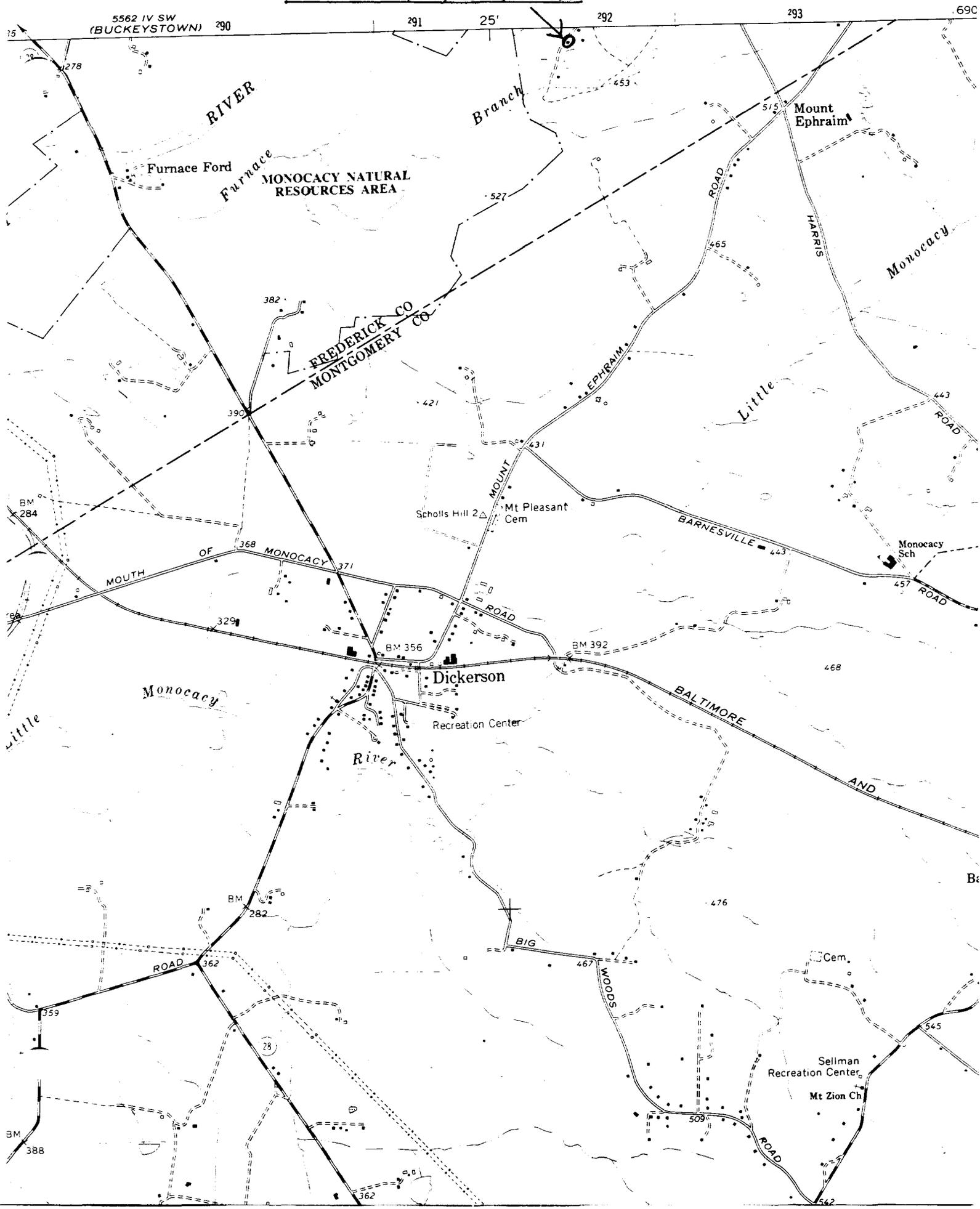
INWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

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Linwood Proctor Log House  
Pooleville Quad, 1970, PR 1978

POOLEVILLE  
7-1-13 MARYL  
7.5 MINUTE S

5562 IV SW  
(BUCKEYSTOWN) 290





Linwood - Proctor House

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East elevation

Banner Park

6179

Mt. Ephraim, Md.

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Linwood-Proctor house

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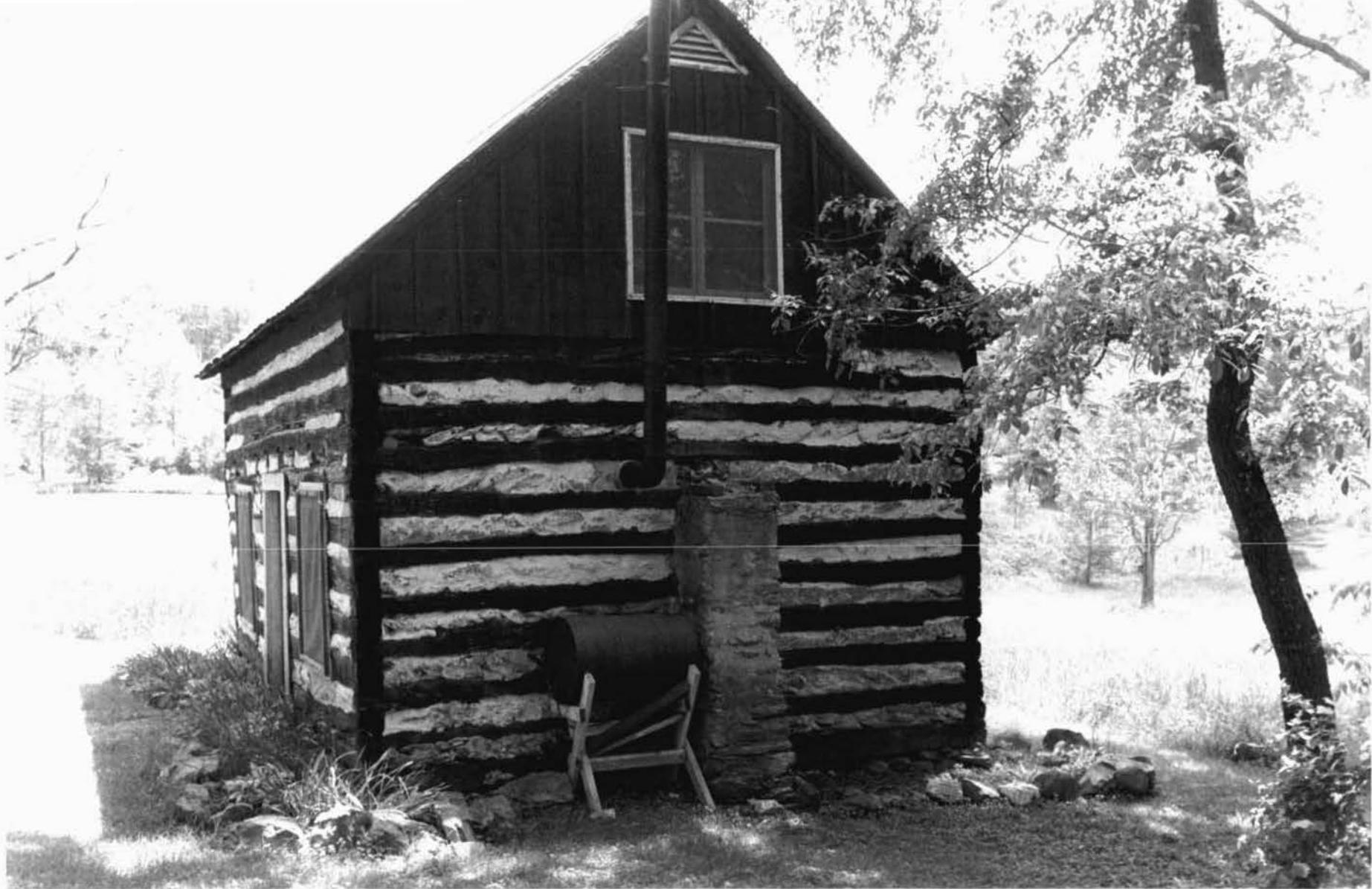
Southwest elevation

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Junwood-Proctor house

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North elevation

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