

F-7-99

Hendry-Davis Farmstead
Urbana vicinity
Private

Ca. 1865-1875; 1902-1920

The Hendry-Davis Farmstead is centered on a two-story frame dwelling built about 1875 with a five-bay main elevation and a cross gable, segmental arched windows and doorway, and a two-story rear wing with a two-story open porch. Outbuildings include a frame summer kitchen, a frame meat house, a garage, a bank barn, a second frame barn, a wagon shed/granary, a hog barn, and a chicken house, all dating from the period about 1900-1920. The interior of the house has grained woodwork of a high level of craftsmanship. The farm was established about 1865 by Charles Hendry (1798-1877), one of several properties owned by him on the tract "William and Elizabeth", which had been inherited by his wife Eleanor Burgee Hendry. In 1874, Richard Davis (1829-1906) bought the farm of 141 acres and probably built the present house. The agricultural outbuildings mostly date from the period 1901-1920 when the farm was owned by Vernon T. Watkins (1872-1943). The farmstead is moderately significant for the architecture of the dwelling, a largely unaltered example of the late 19th century vernacular house with influences of the Renaissance and Italianate Revivals, and the high quality of craftsmanship in the grained interior woodwork. The agricultural outbuildings are also moderately significant for the number and variety of surviving buildings of the first quarter of the 20th century.

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Urbana

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, A.D. 1815-1870

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/kitchen

Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Agriculture/subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hendry-Davis Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3437 Price's Distillery Road not for publicationcity, town Urbana 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 Mehrle W. & Mildred J. Murphy

street & number 3437 Price's Distillery Road telephone no.:

city, town Ijamsville state and zip code MD 21754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 632

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 118

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-7-99

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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 9

The Hendry-Davis Farmstead is centered on a two-story frame dwelling built about 1875 and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings, including a frame summer kitchen and a meat house of about the same date and a bank barn of about 1900, a wagon shed/granary, a hog barn, a chicken house, and a garage, all of about 1902-1920. The farmstead is located on the east side of Price's Distillery Road about one mile south of Fingerboard Road (Md. 80) near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead is located on a hilltop at the end of a driveway running east from Price's Distillery Road past a non-contributing modern residence on a parcel subdivided from the original farm property. The principal elevation of the house faces northwest. The domestic outbuildings are located east and south of the house, except the garage, which is located north of the house, and the agricultural outbuildings are grouped south and southwest of the domestic buildings. Dates of the structures are based on land records, architectural evidence, and a biographical sketch of Vernon T. Watkins, the owner of the farm from 1902 to 1920, in Williams & McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910).

The dwelling has a five-bay main elevation with a cross gable and a one-story porch. A two-story rear wing extends from the northeast corner of the house and has a two-level open porch on the west side. The exterior is covered with german sidir and the roof is standing seam metal. An interior end chimney is on the east gable end and a probable matching chimney on the west gable has been replaced by an exterior brick chimney in the mid-20th century. The window and door openings on the northwest elevation have segmental arches and the windows have louvred shutters in a matching profile. The sash is 1/1 on the main elevation. The doorway has a two-light transom and narrow sidelights. The door is a four-panel type. The center cross gable has a round-arched 1/1 window. The porch has simple brackets and pendants with chamfered posts. The pilasters at the wall junction of the porch have a molded paneled base, indicating that the porch posts are replacements of the original supports. The wood deck remains in place. The east and west gable ends have a single bay with 1/1 sash on the first story and 2/2 on the second. In the side gables and the rear wing the window and door openings have flat arches and louvred shutters. The two-level porch of the wing is integral to the structure and has a plain balustrade railing on the second story level. The doorways on both levels have two-light transoms and four-panel doors. The south end of the wing has a single arched 2/2 attic window and an interior chimney.

The interior of the house has a central hall plan with a single room on each side. The most striking feature of the interior trim is the finely grained woodwork of the door and window surrounds. The doors from the hall to the side parlors have two-toned finishes resembling oak on the pine surfaces. In the second story west room, a corner closet and an adjoining door are both finished in a lighter color grained to resemble maple. A simple pediment with an applied medallion finishes the top of the closet.

8. Significance

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1865-1875; 1902-19¹⁹²⁰

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 Hendry-Davis Farmstead is moderately significant in architecture for the largely unaltered exterior of the dwelling and for the mostly intact finely grained interior wood trim. The house is a good example of the vernacular dwelling of the last quarter of the 19th century, displaying in its five-bay elevation the segmental arches, cross gable, round-arched gable windows, and bracketed porch the influences of the Renaissance and Italianate Revivals and the basic form of a German-influenced rural dwelling in its plan of a main section and perpendicular rear wing. The grained interior trim is in excellent condition and shows the work of a skilled craftsman of the late 19th century, as yet unidentified. The farmstead is also moderately significant for the number and variety of surviving outbuildings of both domestic and agricultural use. Among bank barns in the Urbana Region, the Hendry-Davis barn is among the less common for its not having been altered for dairy use. The farm was established about 1865-1875 by Charles Hendry (1798-1877), whose wife Eleanor had received the tract "William and Elizabeth" from her mother Jane Burgee in 1864. The farm appears on the 1873 Titus Atlas map as one of several properties on this large tract owned by Charles Hendry. In 1874, Richard Davis (1829-1906) purchased about 141 acres of the tract for \$2,100. The architectural features and finish of the house strongly suggest that it was built during Davis' ownership. Mrs. Murphy, the current owner, recalls that a deteriorated log dwelling was formerly located down the hill to the south of the present farmstead. This may have been the house indicated on the 1873 map. The Davises sold the farm in 1896 and, after several interim owners, Vernon T. Watkins (1871-1943) bought the farm in 1902. According to his biography in the 1910 History of Frederick County, he made several improvements to the place. Most of the agricultural outbuildings were probably built during his 18-year ownership.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-99

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.1 & 2, pp. 559, 306, 1210.

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprint
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 723.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10 acres

Quadrangle name Urbana, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 10 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 97, Parcel 225.

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 January 1994

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

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.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

Domestic outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The small frame summer kitchen is located immediately east of the rear wing. It has German siding and a corrugated metal roof. On the south elevation is an off-center replacement door. No other openings in the exterior are visible except for a small arched opening on the west gable end, which is boarded. Although no evidence of a chimney is apparent on the exterior, Mrs. Mildred Murphy, the current owner, said the building has only been used as a summer kitchen and currently as a storage building. It probably dates from the late 1890's.

Meat house: The frame meat house is just southeast of the rear wing of the house. It has a two-level height, incorporating a small loft above the meat storage room on the first level. The exterior is covered with board and batten siding and the roof is corrugated metal. Two doors are on the west gable end, one on each level. The meat house probably also dates from the 1890's, but could be as early as the 1870's.

Garage: The small frame garage located north of the house was probably built in the period 1900-1920. It has vertical siding and an open side on the south gable end. The roof is corrugated metal.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Bank barn: The frame bank barn was probably built about 1900. It has tongue-and-groove siding and a corrugated metal roof. The south elevation has adjoining loafing sheds added from the 1940's to the 1970's. The stall level of the barn has not been altered for milking parlor use, as is more common among bank barns of the early 20th century. Mrs. Murphy confirmed that the farm has raised beef cattle since the early 1900's and a few dairy cows were only kept for domestic use. A non-contributing concrete silo stands next to the ramp on the north elevation.

Frame barn: A second frame barn is located just west of, and at a slight angle to, the bank barn. It is a rectangular building with sliding doors on the north side. Its date is unknown, but its weathered vertical siding and mortise and tenon construction suggest that it was built in the early 20th century. It has a corrugated metal roof and an open shed on the south side added in the 1940's.

Wagon shed/granary: The wagon shed is located north of the bank barn. Built about 1900, it was constructed to store both corn and wheat. The north side crib has flush tongue-and-groove siding to store wheat, and the south side crib has vented vertical boards in which corn was stored. The gable end surfaces are also covered with tongue-and-groove. The roof is corrugated metal. According to Mrs. Murphy, by the 1950's, both cribs were used for corn storage.

Chicken house: The rectangular frame chicken house is located just north of the wagon shed. It has board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof. The vertical board door in the west elevation is flanked by 3/3 windows, with a

7.2 Description (Continued)

vertical pair of windows on the south side. The chicken house was built in the early 20th century.

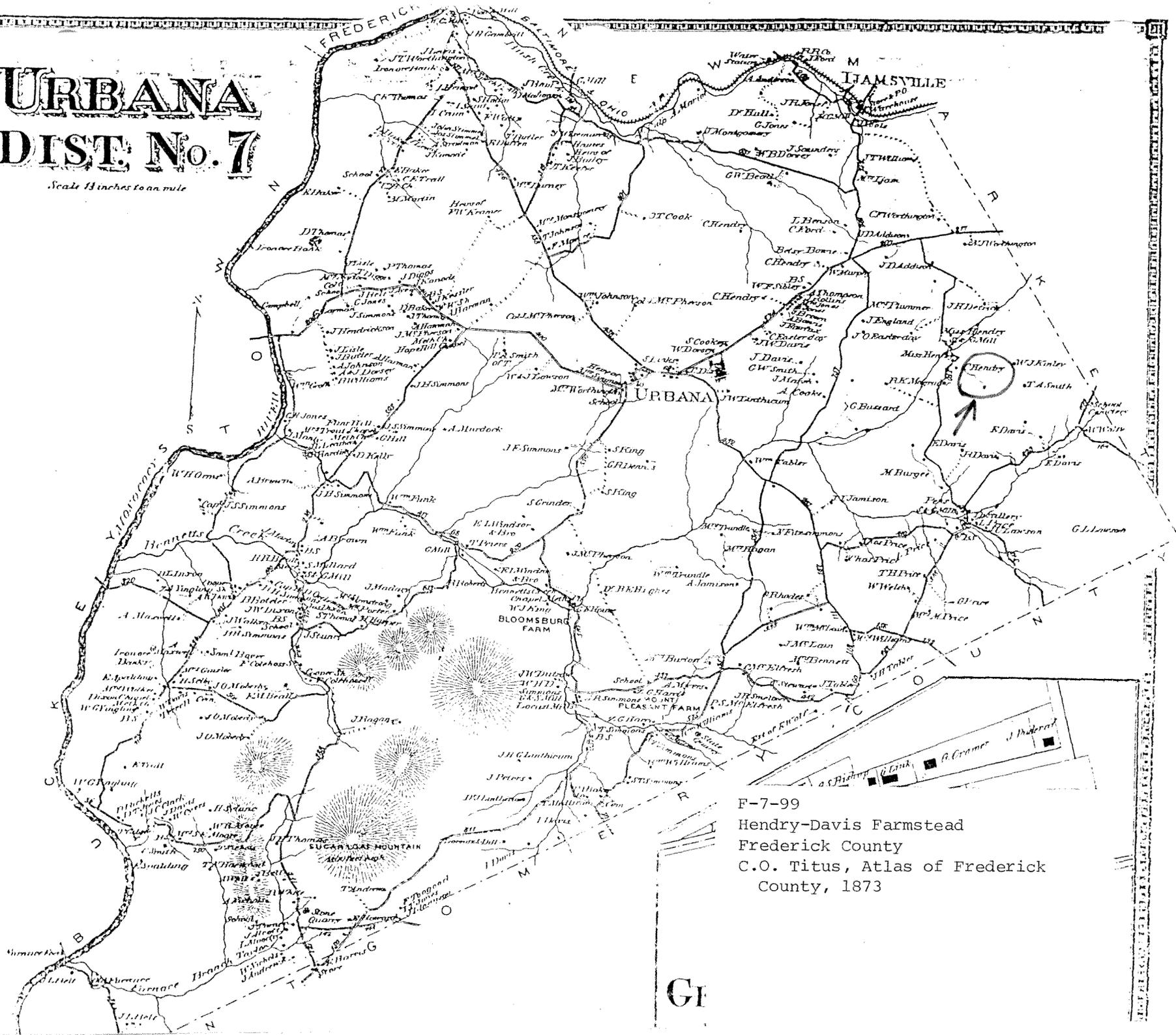
Hog barn: The deteriorated frame hog barn is located northwest of the frame barn. It appears to have been built about 1920. The siding is board and batten and the shed roof is corrugated metal. On the west elevation, the low doors and surrounding siding are greatly deteriorated and patched with sections of plywood and corrugated metal. The floor of the barn is revealed on this side as a poured concrete slab.

3437 Prices Distillery Rd.

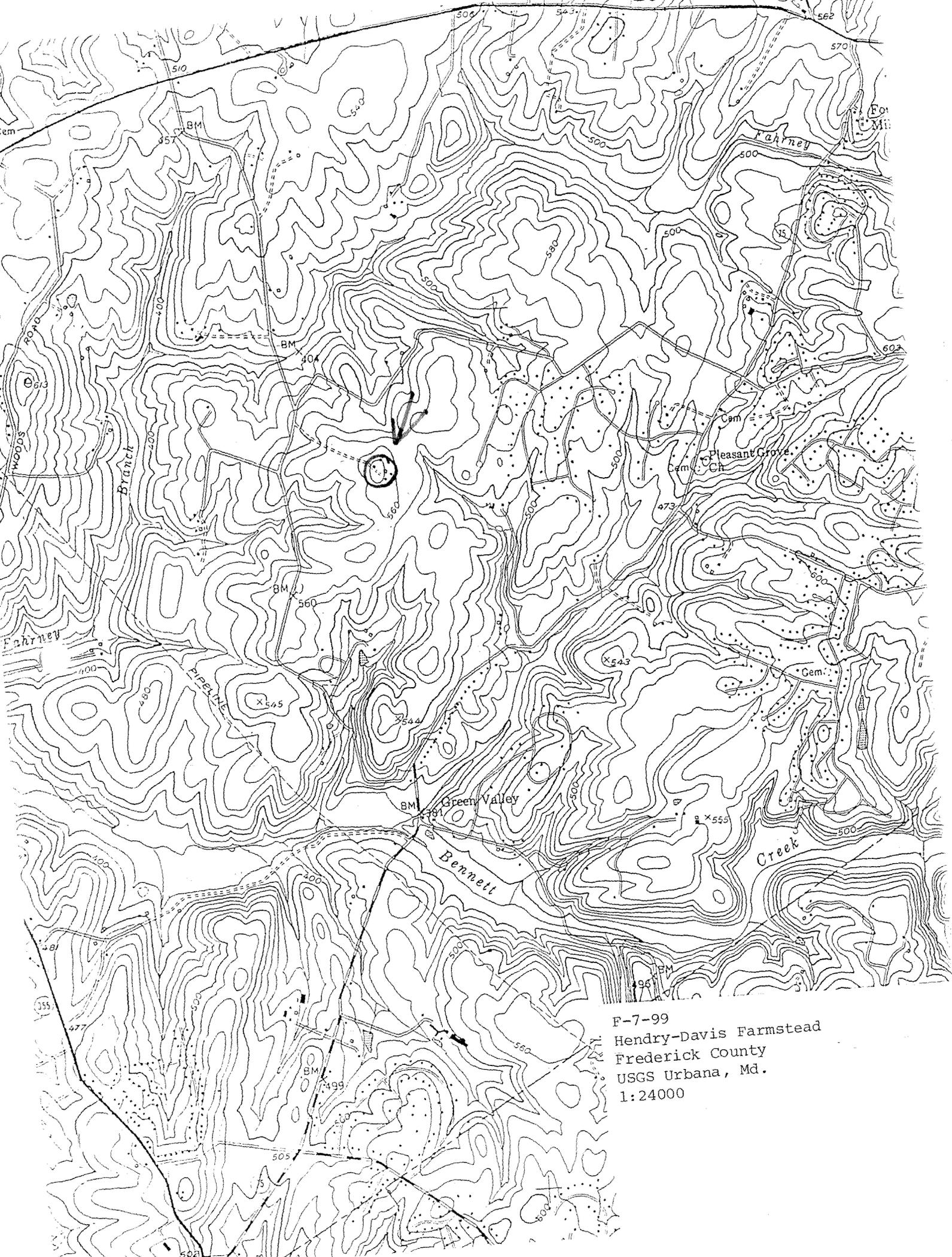
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1789/44 13 May 91	David Wm. Murphy & Robin Cheryl Murphy	Mildred Murphy	Lot 1, Sect 1 of "Murphy's Manor" plat Book 46/94	#200.000
632/118 26 Jan 60	Mehrlor W. + Mildred J. Murphy	Charles E. + Mamie C. Murphy	part of "William and Elizabeth" 138 A. 1 R., 35 p. - 1/2 A. conveyance of 137 A., 3 R., 35 p.	
433/464 16 Mar 42	Charles E. + Mamie C. Murphy	Dallas W. Sr. + Mary M. Kehne		
331/67 29 Mar 20	Dallas W. + Lula A. Kehne	Vernon J. + Edith P. Mathews		
DHH 13/144 17 Jan 02	Vernon S. Mathews	Rufus H. Howard Magruder	137 A., 3 R., 35 p.	#4600
DHH 13/144 17 Jan 02	Rufus H. Magruder	Edward + Annie V. Nichols	TG 4/438, 11 Apr 1874	#3800
DHH 11/539 28 Aug 01	Edward Nichols	William + Ellen M. Gaither		#4215
JLS 14/137 29 Apr 1896	William Gaither	Richard + Ann C. Davis	141 A., 2 R., 35 p. less 3/4 A. conveyed to Mary E. Davis	#4000
TG 4/438 11 Apr 1874	Richard Davis	Charles + Eleanor Hendry	part of "William and Elizabeth" 141 A., 2 R., 35 p.	#2100
JWLC 1/622 21 May 1861	Ellen Hendry daughter of Jane Burgee	Jane Burgee	entire tract of "William and Elizabeth"	#100
	Singleton Burgee	Adam Baper		

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Scale 1/4 inches to an mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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Hendef-Gavin Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: James Davis

December 1999

Neon loc. 1st of 1999 "owner's" loc.

North of 1st of 1999

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