

Memo to file

February 27, 2015

From: Casey Pecoraro
Inventory Registrar

Re: F-8-26
Frederick's Contentment (Content Farm)

The property documented in the following DOE form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments and opinions in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Office has neither concurred nor disagreed with the recommendations presented in the form.

No photographs or map were submitted with the form.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Content Farm (Frederick's Contentment) Inventory Number: F-8-26

Address: 7101 Boyers Mill Road Historic district: yes no

City: New Market Zip Code: 21774 County: Frederick

USGS Quadrangle(s): Walkersville

Property Owner: Jack R. & Rosalyn L. Gannon Tax Account ID Number: 13301859

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 17 Tax Map Number: 69

Project: Boyers Mill Road Improvement Agency: Frederick County Div. of Public Works

Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed & Associates, Inc.

Preparer's Name: Heidi Campbell-Shoaf Date Prepared: 11/21/2005

Documentation is presented in: MIHP form F-8-26, 1858 Bond Map

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

This farm complex, historically known as "Frederick's Contentment," sits mere yards from Boyers Mill Road. The approach to the house is down a short lane past the barn that is adjacent to the main road an illustration of how some rural roads began as simple farm lanes, more convenient to the work buildings than to the dwelling. The two and a half story frame and stucco covered stone house is sited in a swale behind other farm buildings with surrounding fields rising up around it and retains much of its original fabric.

The house is L-shaped with a modern garage addition. The older portions of the house were built in two sections. The first part is stucco covered stone. This portion of the house, according to the 1979 MIHP form for the property, was built shortly after 1790. Oriented to Boyers Mill Road, it has three bays and faces west toward the road. The entrance is in the north bay of the west (front) elevation. Windows have wide mortised and tenoned frames with 6/6 light sash at the second story and 9/6 at the first story. The sash appear to be modern replacements and not the same ones shown in the 1979 photograph of the building. Pairs of louvered shutters present in 1979 are also now gone. An early 20th century hip-roofed porch shelters the front. The porch rests on a concrete block base. The square columns and dentiled trim appear to be the same as those present in 1979, but the railing has been replaced. The entire building is covered with a standing seam metal roof. Forming an L against the stuccoed stone section of

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Date

the house is a late 19th century frame addition, situated to project forward or to the west. It is covered with German siding and has 6/6 light replacement sash. In 1979, the addition had 2/2 light sash which were probably original to that section of the house.

The frame bank barn and accompanying gabled frame equipment shed appear to be mid-late 19th century buildings. The Pennsylvania type bank barn with symmetrical gable roof rests on a stone foundation with its forebay facing east. Near its southwest corner is a mid 20th century metal stave silo. The barn and adjacent shed are painted red with white painted in "vent windows," a practice which was fairly common in the region in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. A concrete block milk house is located adjacent to the west end of the barn. In addition there is a concrete block horse stable located east of the barn. It appears to date from the mid 20th century.

Property History:

Built about 1790 by Frederick Sheetenhelm, a German immigrant to Frederick County, the house is a product of Germanic presence in west-central Maryland. The use of stone construction and the wide mortised and tenoned window frames support the 1790 date attribution. The multiple appendages reflect growth and change over time. The property remained in the Sheetenhelm family for almost a century, and the farmstead reflects the agricultural practices of mid Maryland a major wheat producing region in the late 18th and 19th centuries.

Evaluation:

The property meets National Register criteria A and C as an 18th century architectural example representing west-central Maryland's cultural traditions. Although the house has received a modern garage addition, and some window sash have been replaced, other important character defining features remain intact, such as the setting, and location, most materials like the standing seam roof, stuccoed walls, window frames, German siding and porch on the house and the materials of the support buildings.

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Frederick's Contentment
McKaig Area

Circa 1790

Frederick's Contentment, a two and a half stone frame structure, was built in two separate sections, the stone structure being the original of the two. The principal facade of the stone wing is three bays wide. The main entrance, a six panelled wooden door, occupies the first bay. Original 6/6 windows framed by wooden louvered shutters occupy the remaining bays. A three bay entrance porch spans the facade of the stone wing. The porch is supported by plain wooden columns and covered by a standing seam tin roof. Beneath the roof is a wooden boxed cornice with dentil trim.

The north wing covered by German or novelty siding, is two bays wide occupied by original 2/2 windows framed by wooden louvered shutters. Both the north and south wings rest on a stone rubble foundation. The structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof, beneath which is found a boxed cornice with return.

Frederick's Contentment is significant as an example of early rural German architecture by one of the early German settlers of the Frederick County area.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Frederick's Contentment

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Boyer's Mill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

McKaig

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 69/ P 17

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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr and Mrs. Albert Miller, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Woodville Road

CITY, TOWN

Mount Airy

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21771

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 729

Folio #: 308

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Frederick's Contentment, a two and a half story frame and stone structure, faces west from the east side of Boyer's Mill Road. The home was built in two separate sections, with the frame north wing added at a later date.

The principal facade of the stone wing is three bays wide. The main entrance is located in the first bay. It consists of a six panelled wooden door with replaced hardware. An entrance is located on the inside section of the north wing. The four panelled wooden door features original hardware. The remaining bays of the stone structure are occupied by six over six original windows framed by wooden louvered shutters.

The south wing is constructed of stone covered by stucco. The structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof. Beneath the roof is an original boxed cornice with return. Two slightly corbeled brick chimneys rise from the structure; on the south end of the stone structure and the interior of the frame addition.

A three bay entrance porch spans the facade of the stone wing. The porch is supported by three unadorned columns with plain capitals. The porch is covered by a standing seam tin roof. Beneath the roof is a boxed cornice with dentil trim.

The north wing is constructed of wood covered by German or novelty siding. The wing is two bays wide with 2/2 windows occupying both bays. The windows are framed by original wooden louvered shutters. Two small 2/2 windows are found in the front gable beneath the standing seam tin roof and wooden boxed cornice with return. Both the north and south wings rest on a stone rubble foundation.

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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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
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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 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 Circa 1790 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frederick Sheetenhelm

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Frederick's Contentment, a two and a half story frame and stone structure, was built by Frederick Sheetenhelm from land acquired from Sebastian Derr in 1790.¹ Frederick Sheetenhelm, a recent German immigrant, acquired one hundred acres at the time and surveyed the land in 1790 calling it Frederick's Contentment. A home was built shortly thereafter.

The land remained in the Sheetenhelm family until 1884, when an heir of Reuban Sheetenhelm, the grandson of Frederick Sheetenhelm, sold the property to Robert Lease.² The property has passed through a number of owners to the present day.

Frederick's Contentment is a significant structure in the history of the McKaig area. As part of the land tract Frederick's Contentment, the house is an example of early rural architecture by Frederick County's German settlers. A section of the original one hundred acres remains today in the possession of the Sheetenhelm family.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber Folio

²Ibid., Liber A.F. 7; Folio 750.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Frederick County Land Records

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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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NAME / TITLE

Deborah Sheetenhelm, Intern

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

1/14/80

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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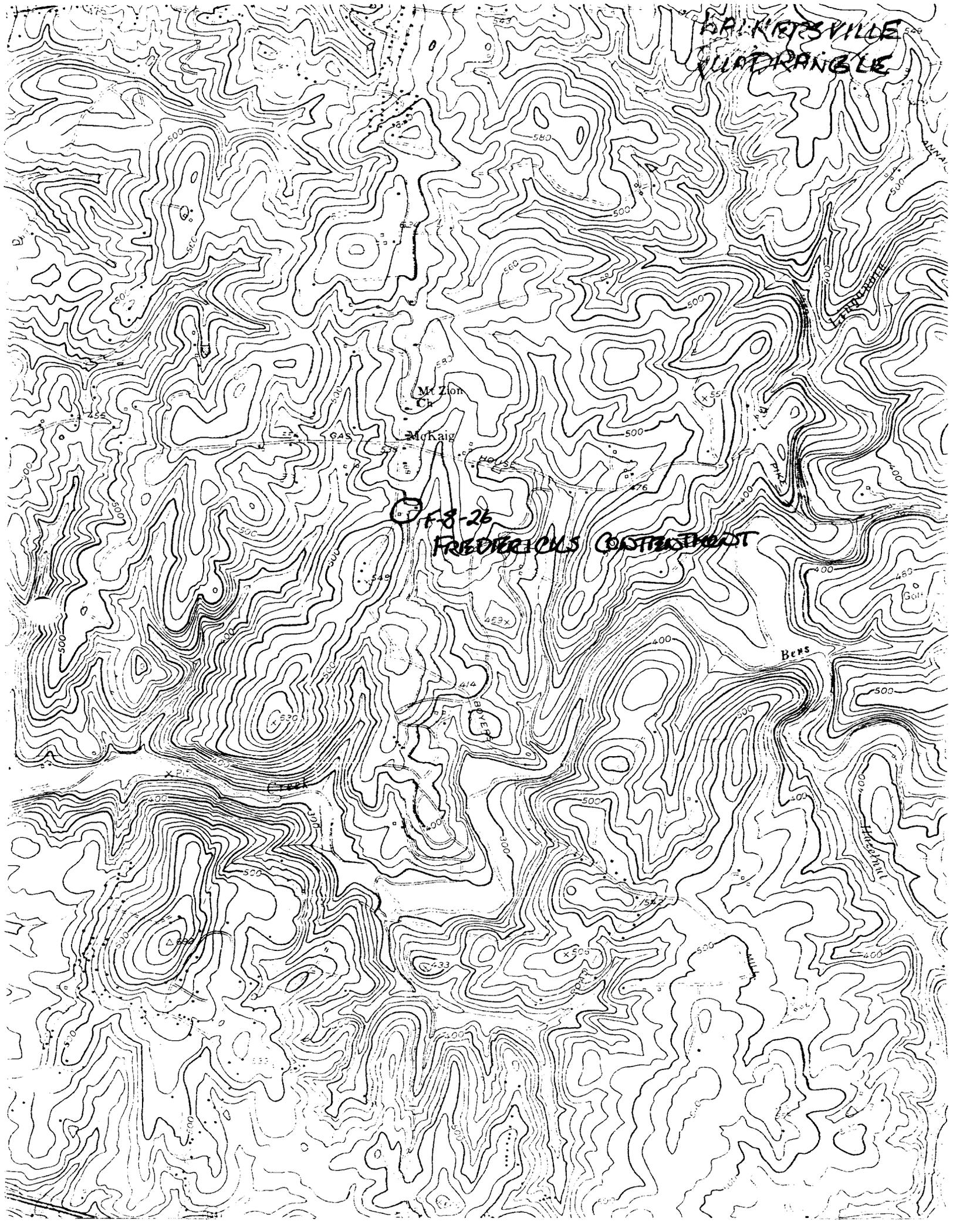
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Contentment

e/3 Boyer's Mill
Rd.

Southwest elevation

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Frederick's

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Mill Rd.

northwest elev.

DES 8/10/79



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Friedrich's
Contentment
west elevation
Detail porch
DES 8/10/79