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Ca. 1850-1920

Centerville Survey District

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

The Centerville Survey District is a linear community of 11 log and frame mid-19th century houses along the southwest side of Coppermine Road which were once centered on a primary school which existed from the 1850's to the early 20th century. Although most of the houses have modern artificial siding, the general form of two-story, three-bay houses is still apparent. Small settlements such as Centerville often developed around a single structure such as a school, church, store, tavern, or mill which later disappeared or changed its function with the village remaining mostly intact long afterward.

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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 Periods:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

7.1 Description

The Centerville Survey District is a group of 10 dwelling houses and one archeological site located principally on the southwest side of Coppermine Road at the intersection of Whiskey Springs Road near Woodsboro, Frederick County, Maryland. The two-story houses are mostly mid to late 19th century in date and most have at least some log structure within later additions of frame and concrete block. The archeological site is the location of a public school which probably was built in the second quarter of the 19th century and was demolished in the first quarter of the 20th century.

The typical house in the Centerville Survey District is a two-story log central structure with a gable roof and a three-bay main elevation. One-story porches on the main facade are common to all the houses except the only house not on Coppermine Road, 11304 Whiskey Springs Road. Most of the porches have been altered, either by complete or partial enclosure. The entries are primarily in the center bay; only one house, 11403 Coppermine Road, has the double entry doors commonly found in German houses of the early and mid 19th century in Frederick County. Others of the type may exist in the survey district, but have been altered or concealed by enclosures. All houses have artificial siding of aluminum, vinyl corrugated metal, or composition shingle. Chimneys are interior, located at one or both gable ends of the houses. Roofs are mostly standing seam tin, with composition roofing on at least one house, 11411 Coppermine Road. Additions have been made to every house, usually extensions of the rear ell which was common to the basic plan. In some cases, these additions obscure the original plan and exterior, such as at 11305 Coppermine Road, which is set back about 50 yards from the road. Of all the contributing resources in the survey district, 11237 Coppermine Road is the best preserved example of the probably original form of the typical house.

Each dwelling house has small frame outbuildings, some of which may be of the same period as the main house but which have new exterior materials in whole or in part. The house at 11305 Coppermine has several large frame and metal animal sheds. Most properties include between 2 and 4 outbuildings.

Two non-contributing recently built houses, 11309 and 11405 Coppermine Road, are included within the survey district.

The archeological site is unverified by testing and is located on the district sketch map according to information from Mr. E.L. Long, owner of 11305 Coppermine Road.

8.1 Significance

The Centerville Survey District illustrates the settlement of small linear communities in the mid-19th century along roads near public schools, churches, stores, taverns, and other social, educational, religious, and economic activities. In this case, the probable magnet to development of the village was the school which stood near the junction of Coppermine and Whiskey Springs Road. The school (demolished in the early 20th century) is shown on the 1858 map with no houses or buildings other than neighboring farm houses nearby. By 1873 most of the houses now standing were built, although the village was not named on the C.O. Titus Atlas of Frederick County of that year. The houses have a low level of architectural significance because of alterations and exterior modern materials, but retain enough of their original form and detail to convey a sense of their mid to late 19th century origins.

The Centerville Survey District was compared to another small community in the Woodsboro Election District, Troutville, a group of 4 houses remaining from a larger village which developed around a mill, and Clemsonville, in the Johnsville Election District, where a former store and a dwelling house remain from a small crossroads village. These villages share several characteristics, one being the central activity which focused the community no longer surviving and another being the subsequent lack of growth and loss of some structures. As three such communities have been documented in two election districts, the assumption is that several more exist in other sections of the County. Their architectural significance is probably comparably low with the possibility of an exceptional structure surviving in communities not yet surveyed.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Centerville Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Southwest side of 11200-11400 block Coppermine Road not for publication

city, town Woodsboro vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 Multiple owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

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

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved

date of move _____

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

Contributing Resource Count: 11

(Description on separate sheet)

8. Significance

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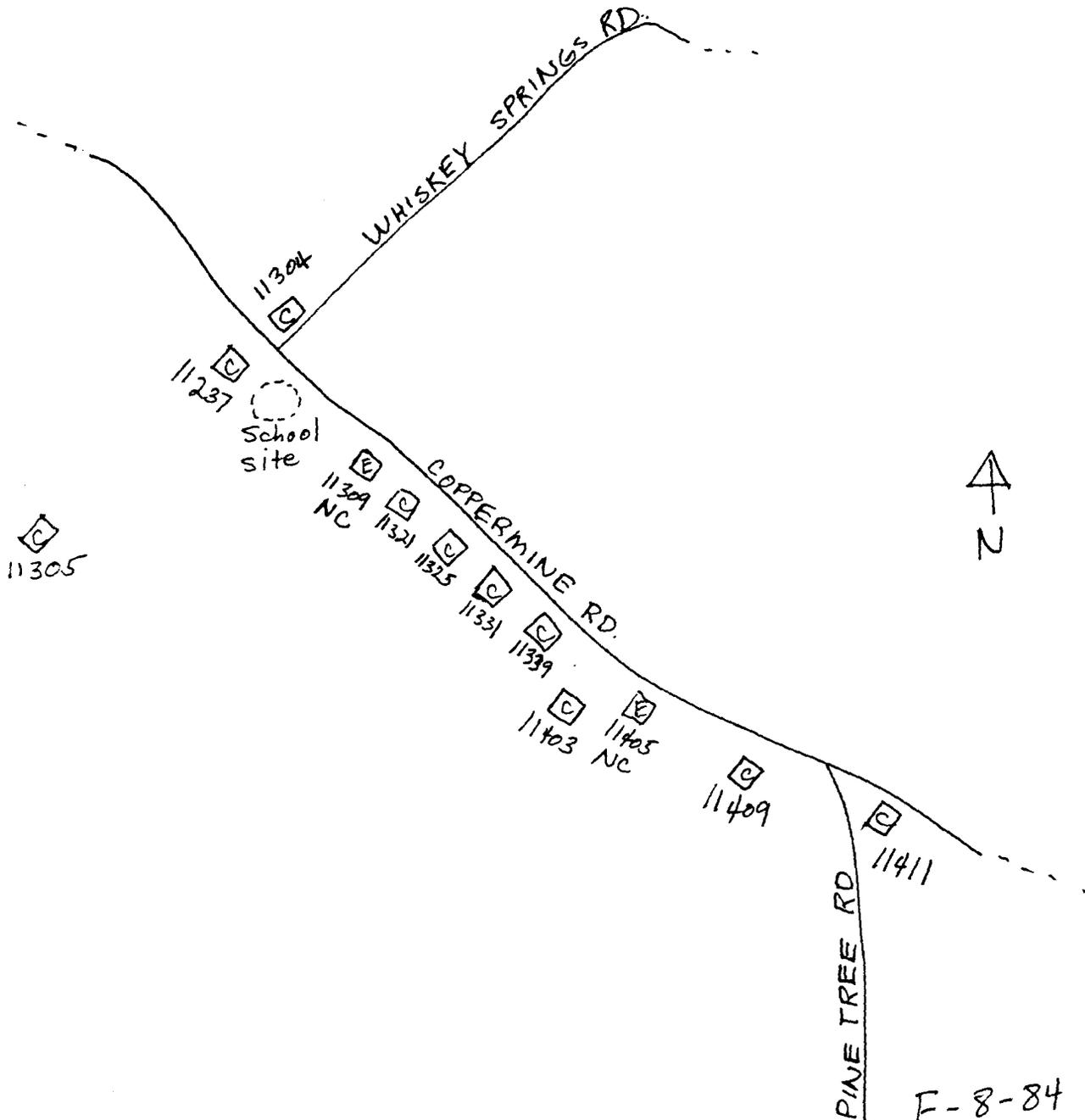
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Ca. 1850-1920 **Builder/Architect**

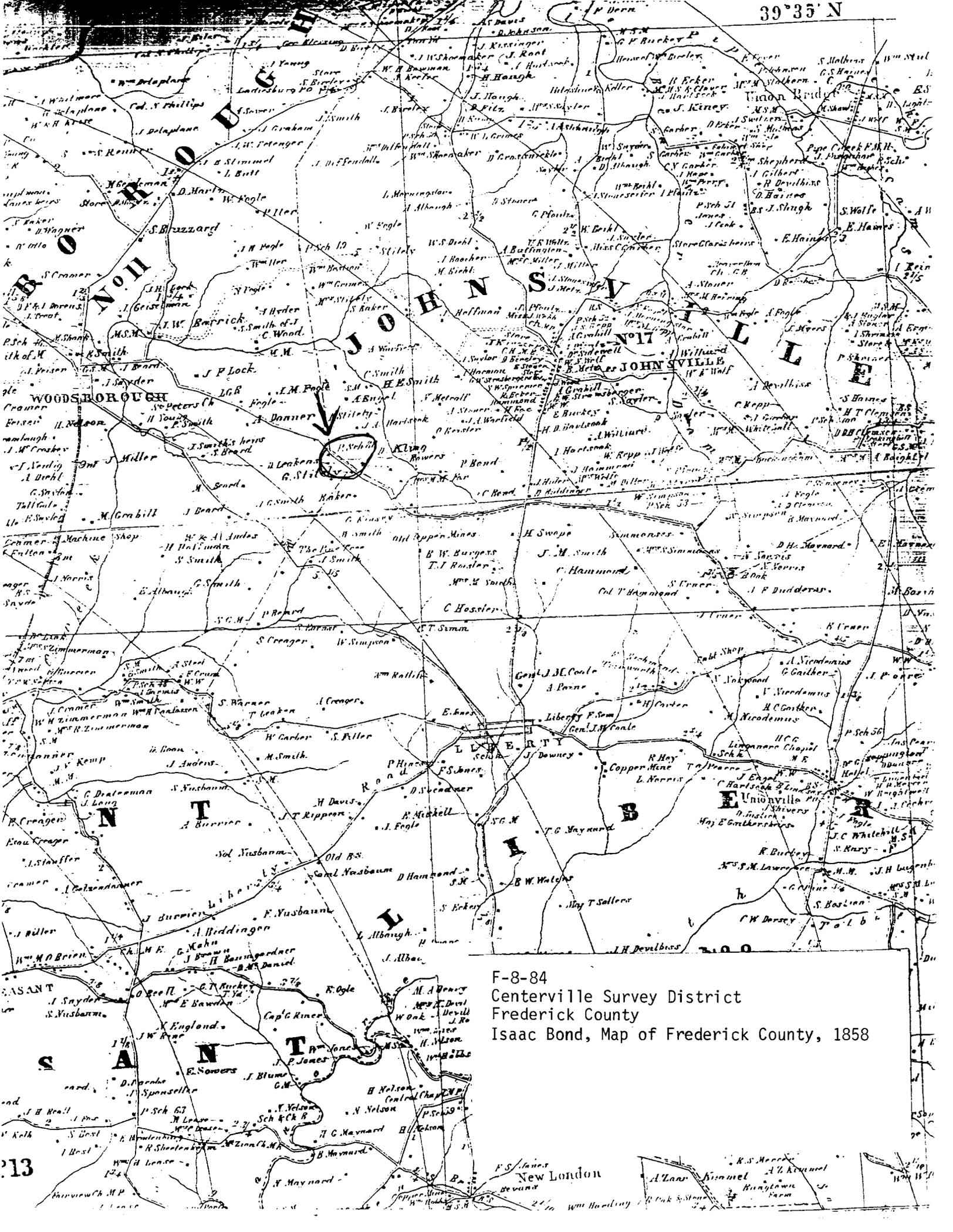
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

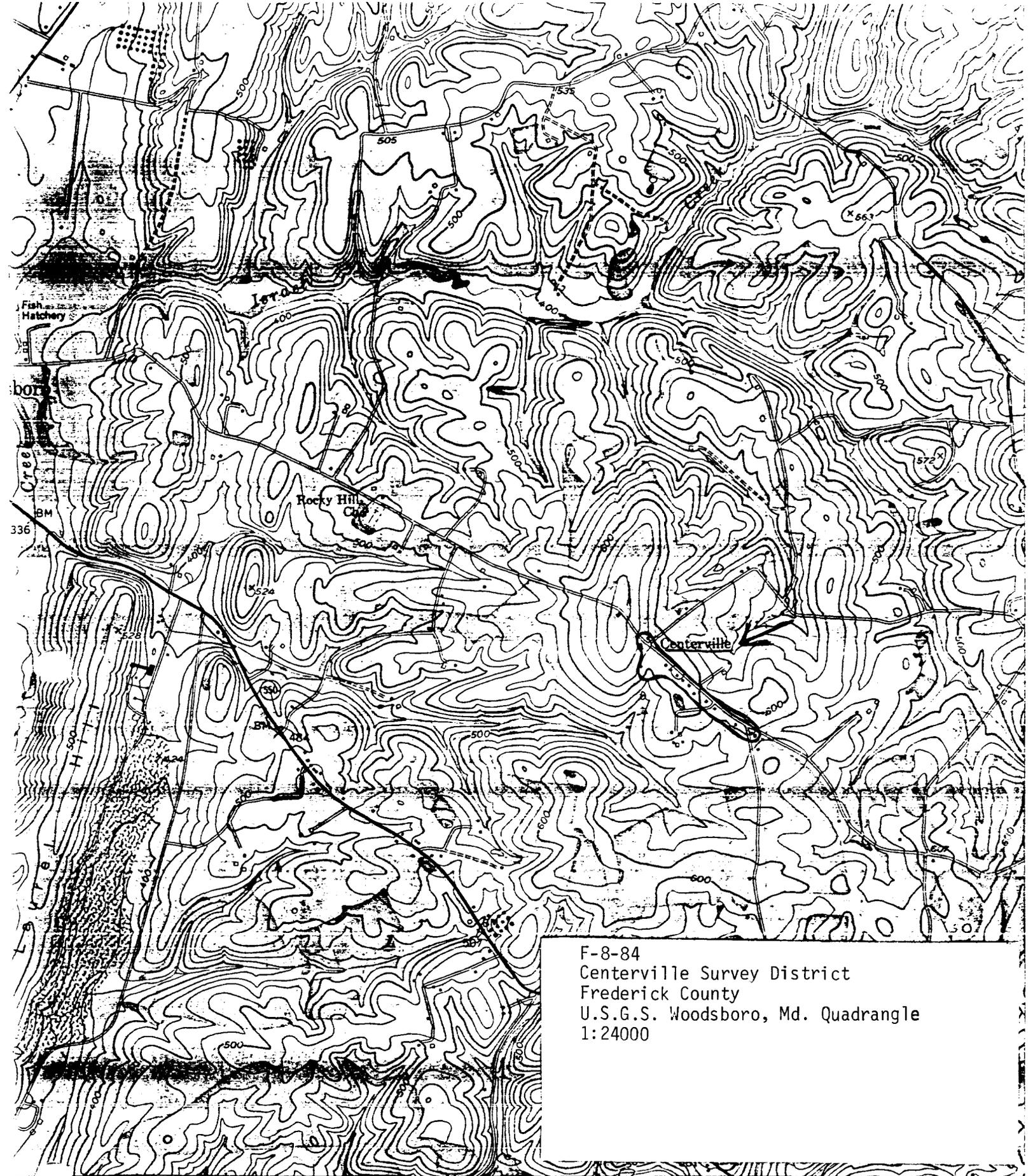
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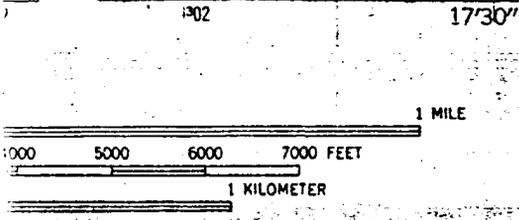
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District
Frederick County
Resource Sketch
Map
Janet Davis
May 21, 1991



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 Centerville Survey District
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858



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 Centerville Survey District
 Frederick County
 U.S.G.S. Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle
 1:24000



LIBERTYTOWN 1.8 MI. 77°

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty

Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route State Route



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Photo: Mary Shipe

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11237 Coppermine Rd., east elevation

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11305 Coppermine Rd., general view from
southeast

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View southeast on Coppermine Road

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View northwest on Coppermine Road

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11411 Coppermine Rd., east elevation

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