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Ca. 1853-1899

C. Repp Farmstead

Johnsville, Maryland vicinity

Private

The C. Repp Farmstead exemplifies a typical agricultural group of the second half of the 19th century, containing an 1853 dwelling house, a circa 1899 frame bank barn, and several domestic and agricultural outbuildings. The scroll-sawn decoration on the porch of the house is particularly rare.

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Union Bridge
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 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/meathouse
Domestic/secondary structure/chicken house
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage facility/corn crib

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic C. Repp Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10570 Fountain School Road not for publication

city, town Johnsville 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 checked="" 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 Samuel K. Kemp

street & number 10570 Fountain School Road telephone no.:

city, town Union Bridge state and zip code Md. 21791

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 806

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 723

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

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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: 12

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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 type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<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 1853-1899 **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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7.1 Description

The C. Repp Farmstead is an agricultural grouping consisting of a brick 1853 dwelling house with five domestic outbuildings and six agricultural outbuildings including a circa 1899 frame bank barn, a frame and log hog barn, two corn cribs and several concrete block non-contributing structures. The farmstead is located on the north side of Fountain School Road about .2 mile east of the intersection of Dotterer Road near Johnsville, Maryland.

The dwelling house is a four-bay, two-story building with a rear ell built in 1853, according to a stone in the west gable inscribed "Built by C. Repp and Wife August 1853." A two-story frame addition filling in the angle of the ell was completed in 1990. This addition has vinyl siding, 1/1 aluminum sash, and a concrete block exposed foundation. The principal facade of the house is the south elevation, which is sheltered by a one-story porch extending around to include the west elevation. The porch has elaborately designed scroll-sawn trim and turned columns on a concrete deck, undoubtedly a replacement of the original floor. The porch appears to date from the last quarter of the 19th century. The facade has double entry doors in the style of German houses in the region. The sash is 6/6 and wood louvred shutters flank the windows. The roof was originally wood shingles, which are still in place under standing seam tin. The soffit has been recently covered in aluminum. The interior end chimneys appear to have been rebuilt above the roof. A third chimney is located at the north gable end of the ell. The foundation is stone and is exposed at the north end of the ell.

The interior plan (see sketch) reveals the two-room German origin of the type, but with the insertion of a small parlor behind one of the front parlors. This may be a "retiring" room for the farmer's wife, a feature found in some mid 19th century Victorian period houses. It has a small fireplace on the diagonal in one corner. Interior woodwork in the front rooms is grained and a mantel in a second floor bedroom is grained to resemble marble. The floors on the first floor are hardwood, but are covered by linoleum. Early 20th century wallpaper is in virtually every room except the southwest parlor which is painted. Mantel pieces are painted wood with simple trim, except as mentioned in the 2nd floor bedroom.

Domestic Outbuildings:

Meathouse: The concrete block meathouse is located about 50 feet southeast of the house. It is approximately 4 feet square and has a gable roof.

Chicken house: The concrete block chicken house is located about 50 feet southwest of the house. It is rectangular with a shed roof and windows east elevation.

Springhouse ruins: The stone base of the springhouse is visible about 75 feet northeast of the house. Rubble from the deteriorated walls litters the site.

Garage: The concrete block garage is located northwest of the house and appears to be about 1940 in date.

7.2 Description (Continued)

Chicken house/equipment shed: About 100 feet north of the house is a second chicken house with an addition on the west for equipment storage. This is a frame building with a gable roof of corrugated sheet metal.

Agricultural Outbuildings:

Hog barn: The hog barn is a partially deteriorated frame and log structure with a stone base. It is located just east of the chicken house/equipment shed.

Bank barn: The bank barn is a frame building on a stone base erected about 1899, according to Mr. Kemp, the current owner. It has plain louvred vents in the gable ends, a standing seam metal roof, and two concrete tile silos flanking the ramp to the barn floor.

Site of frame corn crib: The driveway from Fountain School Road leads directly into the agricultural outbuilding group and a frame corn crib stood on axis in the center of the group. The current owner demolished the corn crib several years ago. Its site remains a grass-grown circle in the complex.

Corn cribs: A circular, open sided wire corn crib and a frame corn crib are located roughly in line with the site of the demolished crib just north of the circular track within the outbuilding group.

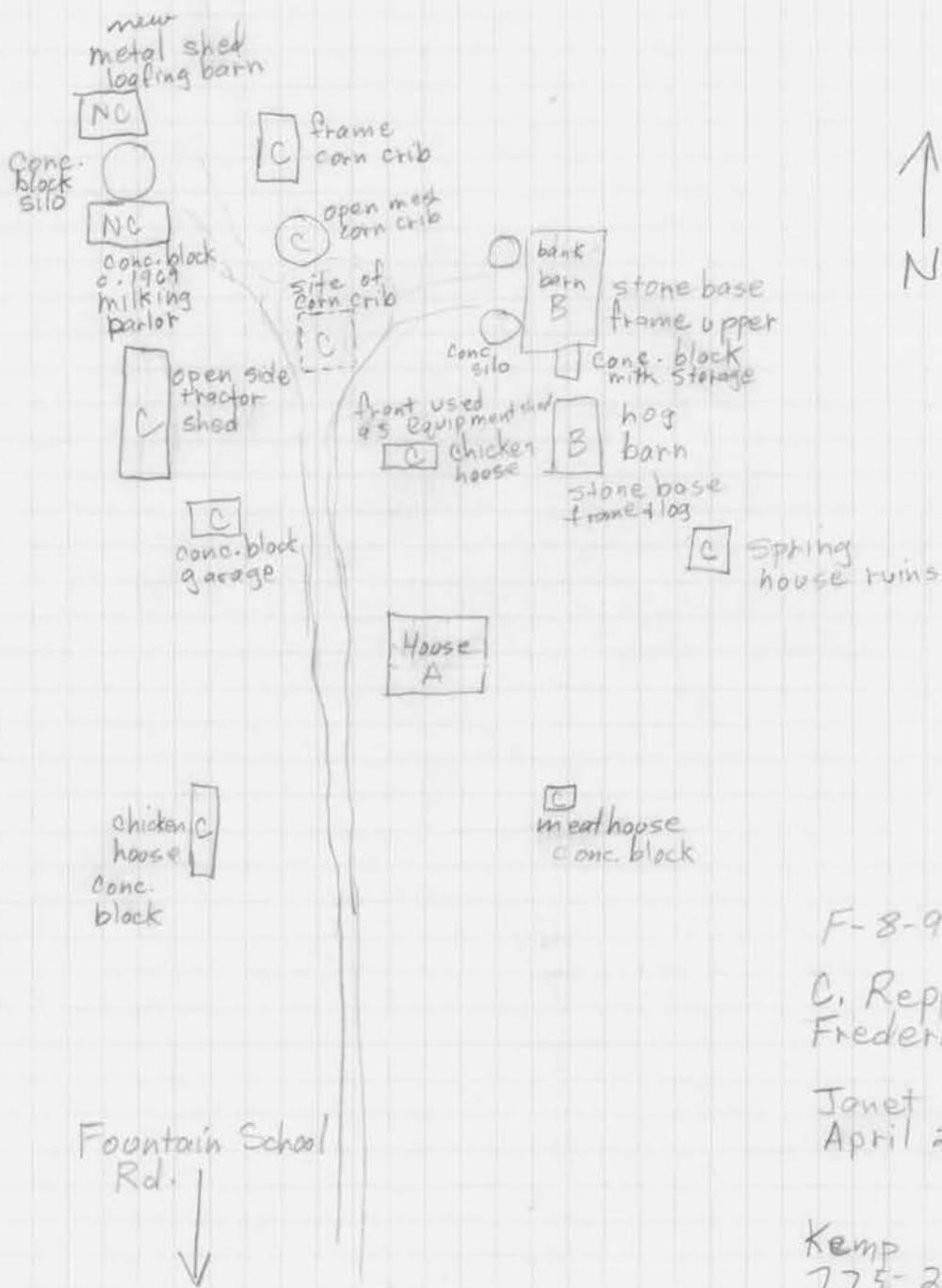
Tractor shed: An open sided frame tractor shed stands on the west side of the agricultural group, facing the site of the corn crib. A shed metal roof covers the structure.

Non-contributing buildings: Two buildings, one a circa 1969 concrete block milking parlor, the other a loafing barn with metal walls and roof, are located at the northwest edge of the agricultural group, separated by a concrete silo.

8.1 Significance

The C. Repp Farmstead is a fair example of a typical farm of the second half of the 19th century in Frederick County. It has a variety of outbuildings of both domestic and agricultural types, although most have been altered or are deteriorated. The late 19th century bank barn is in good condition and represents a period in the last decade of the century when many barns were replaced or rebuilt, reflecting a period of prosperity in Frederick County agriculture. Architecturally, the elaborate and well-preserved porch decoration is rare in farmhouses of the late 19th century. The other best example of this level of craftsmanship is at the Stephen Haines Farmstead (F-8-95) which is within 2 miles of the Repp House and was built in 1849. The proximity and close dates of construction suggest the same craftsman may be linked to each house.

The historic context of agriculture and the periods of development and change in Frederick County are not yet fully researched. The role of farmsteads such as the Repp Farm are not fully known. Research remaining to be done on the Repp Farm includes a complete title chain, full description of the remaining and original outbuildings, and correlation with other forces in agricultural development such as government regulation of milk production. Research in newspapers and other local documents may reveal possible house carpenters, brickmasons, and barn builders who can be linked to the Repp Farm. At this point, the identity of C. Repp is unclear. According to Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County, C. Repp may be Charles C. Repp, but little other information is known about him.

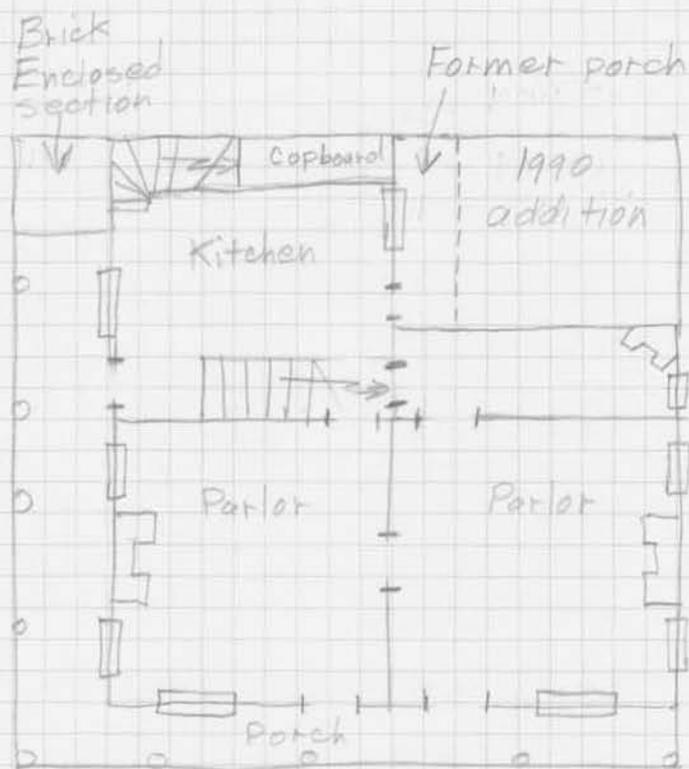


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April 23, 1991

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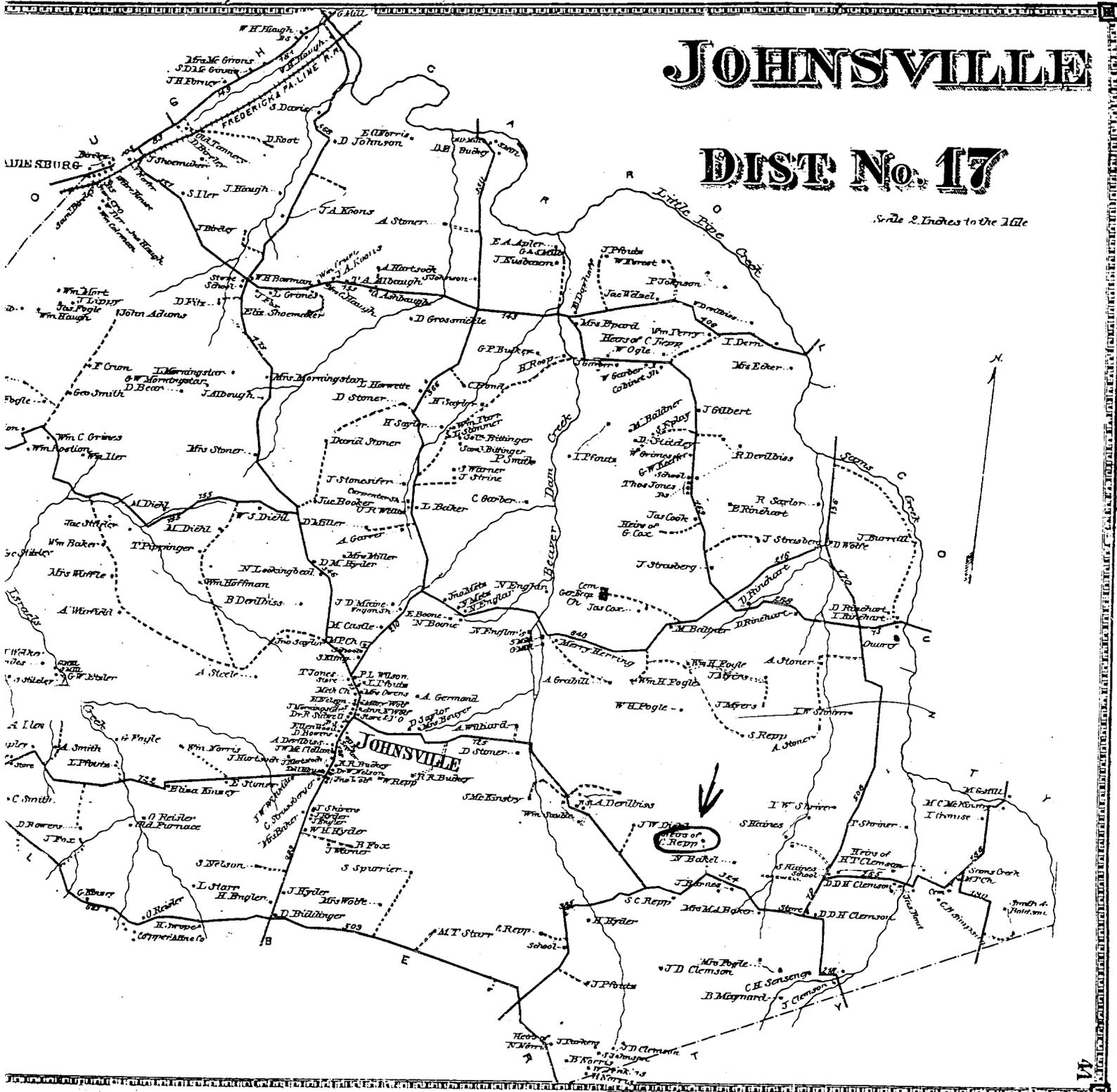
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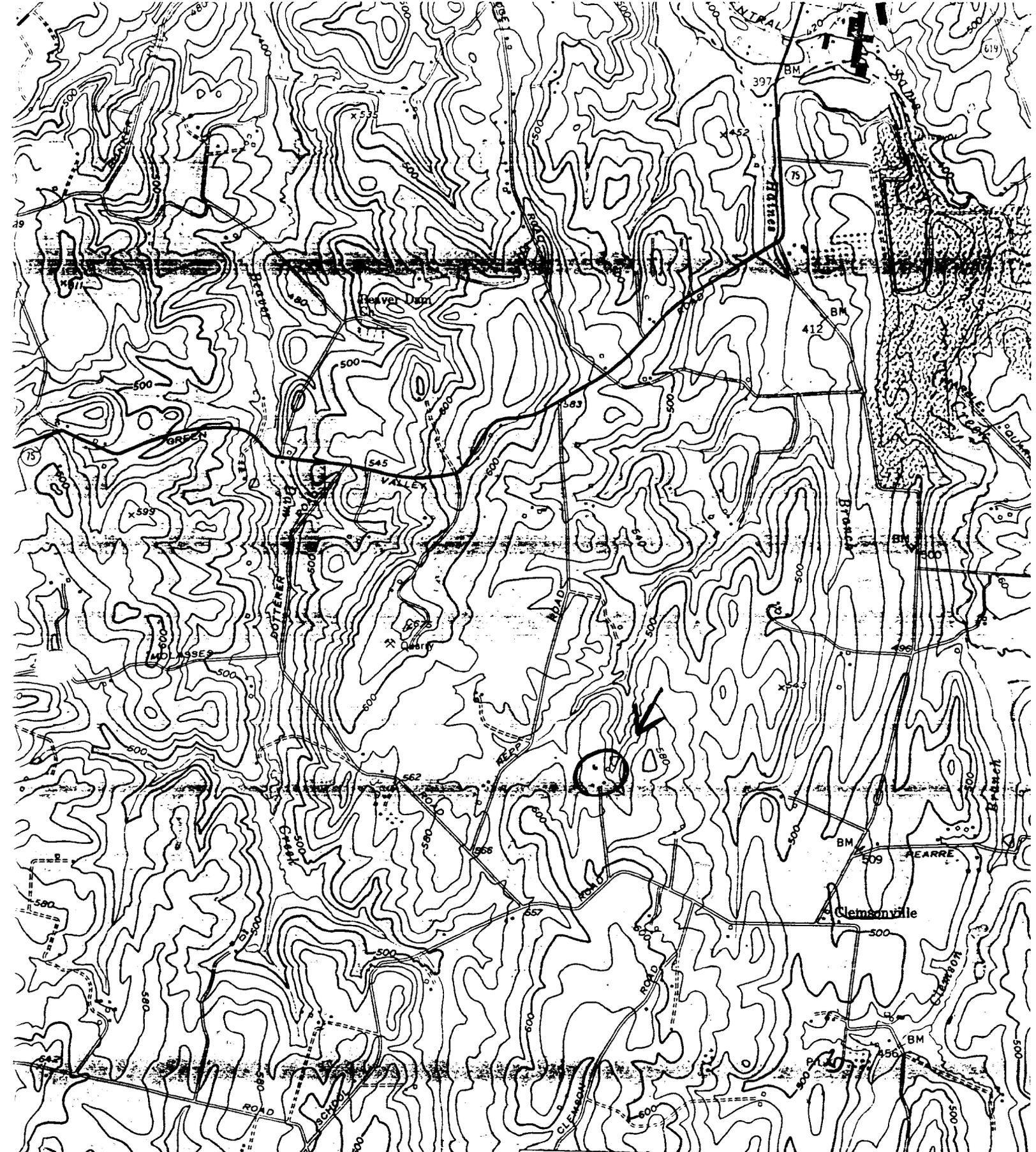
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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873



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 C. Repp Farmstead
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858



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House, southwest corner view

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House, north elevation

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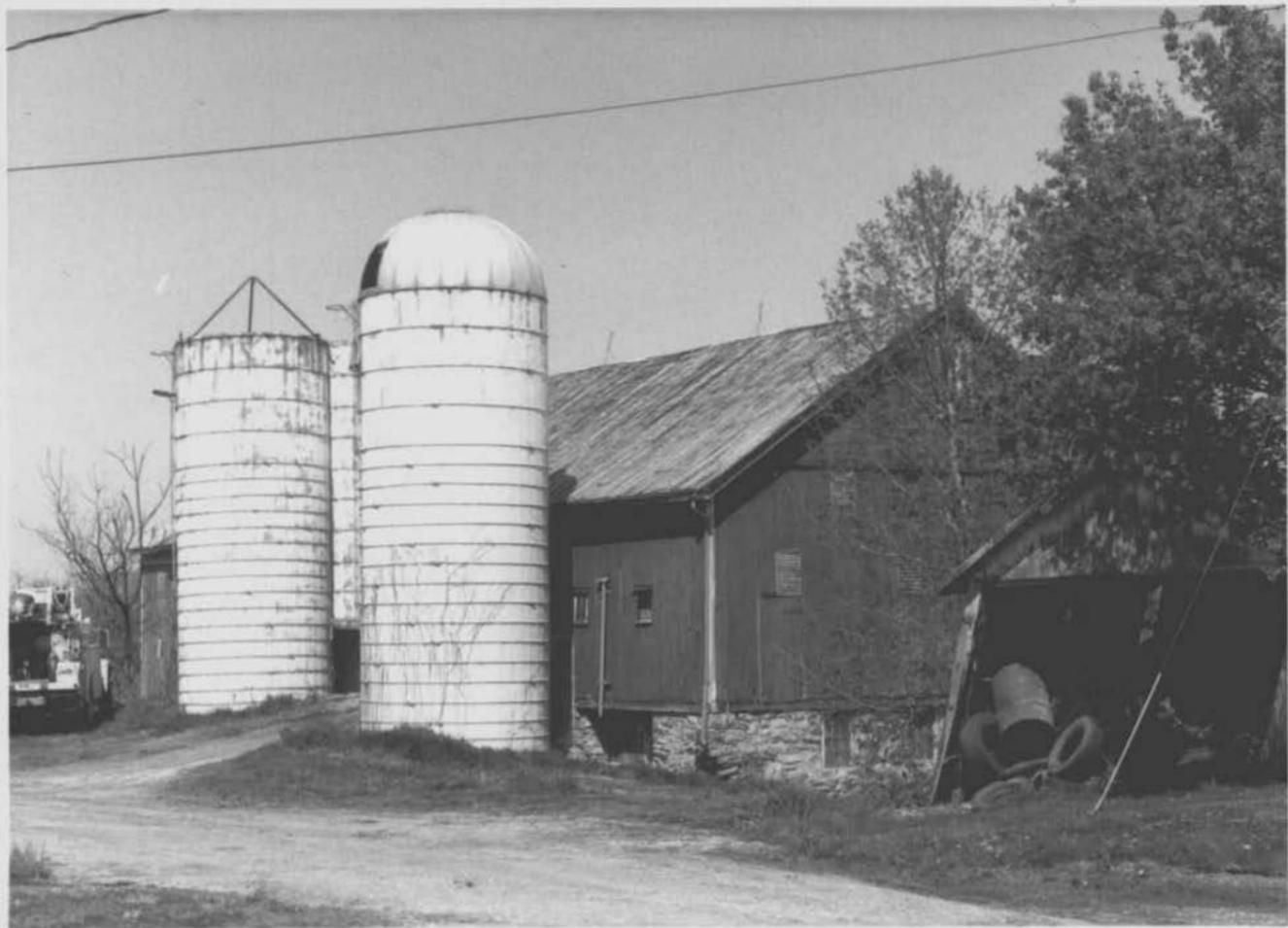
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House, detail of trim

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Bank Barn, south west corner view

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