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Ca. 1840 - 1899

Ladiesburg Survey District

Ladiesburg, Maryland

Private

Ladiesburg developed in the early and mid 19th century on the Woodsboro Turnpike and in the 1870's was influenced to a certain degree by the construction of the Frederick and Pennsylvania Railroad. Mostly residential in use today, it includes a former schoolhouse, a possible store building and a farmstead.

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

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:**  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Economic (Commercial)  
Social/Educational/Cultural  
Transportation

**Resource Type:**  
Category: District

**Historic Environment: Village**

**Historic Function and Use:**  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Education/schoolhouse  
Commerce/Trade/warehouse

**Known Design Source: None**

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-8-97

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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ladiesburg Survey District

**2. Location**

street & number 12470-12529 Woodsboro Pike (Maryland Route 194)  not for publication

city, town Ladiesburg  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 checked="" 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	<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
	<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. 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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<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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: 13

(Typed on separate sheet)

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** Ca. 1840-1899 **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 Ladiesburg Survey District encompasses a small linear town with 13 contributing resources which developed in the early 19th century on the Woodsboro Turnpike (Maryland Route 194) and later was sustained by the Frederick and Pennsylvania Railroad which parallels the turnpike route on the east. The present town is primarily residential in use, with some early commercial buildings having been adapted to dwellings. The district includes a farmstead on the south end, and a former schoolhouse located on the east side of the railroad line.

The general architectural character of Ladiesburg is vernacular; most buildings are frame or brick, two-story, 4-5 bays in width. Many have been altered with artificial siding, rear and side additions, and replaced windows and doors. One dwelling, which is a duplex and contains a post office sub-station, has been so altered that its integrity has been lost. The only house which retains german siding is 12518 Woodsboro Pike. The farmstead at the south edge of the district contains a mid 19th century dwelling which has vinyl siding and approximately 8 outbuildings, some of which have wood siding and some with metal exteriors.

The overall integrity of the district is low due to the purpose of the village's buildings changing and alterations taking place.

Following are brief descriptions of the principal buildings:

Farmstead, 12470 Woodsboro Pike: A two-story five bay frame house with a standing seam roof, vinyl siding and a one-story porch is located on a slight hill overlooking the main road. A frame bank barn and seven other outbuildings are located west and south of the house. The house and barn appear to date from about 1840-50. The other outbuildings range in date from 1850 to the mid 20th century.

12467 Woodsboro Pike: A 1 1/2 story frame and possibly stone building with a gable facade on the west with 2 window bays and a stucco exterior covering. Two extensions on the south elevation are under a shed roof. The main roof is standing seam tin with an off-center interior chimney. Possibly a commercial building, the alterations obscure its original appearance to a considerable degree.

12506 Woodsboro Pike: A two-story five bay brick dwelling with a stone infill on the southeast corner. A metal awning shelters the center entrance. It has 6/6 windows, a modern metal roof, and one reduced size replacement window in the east elevation. Substantial proportions suggest this house may date from about 1840.

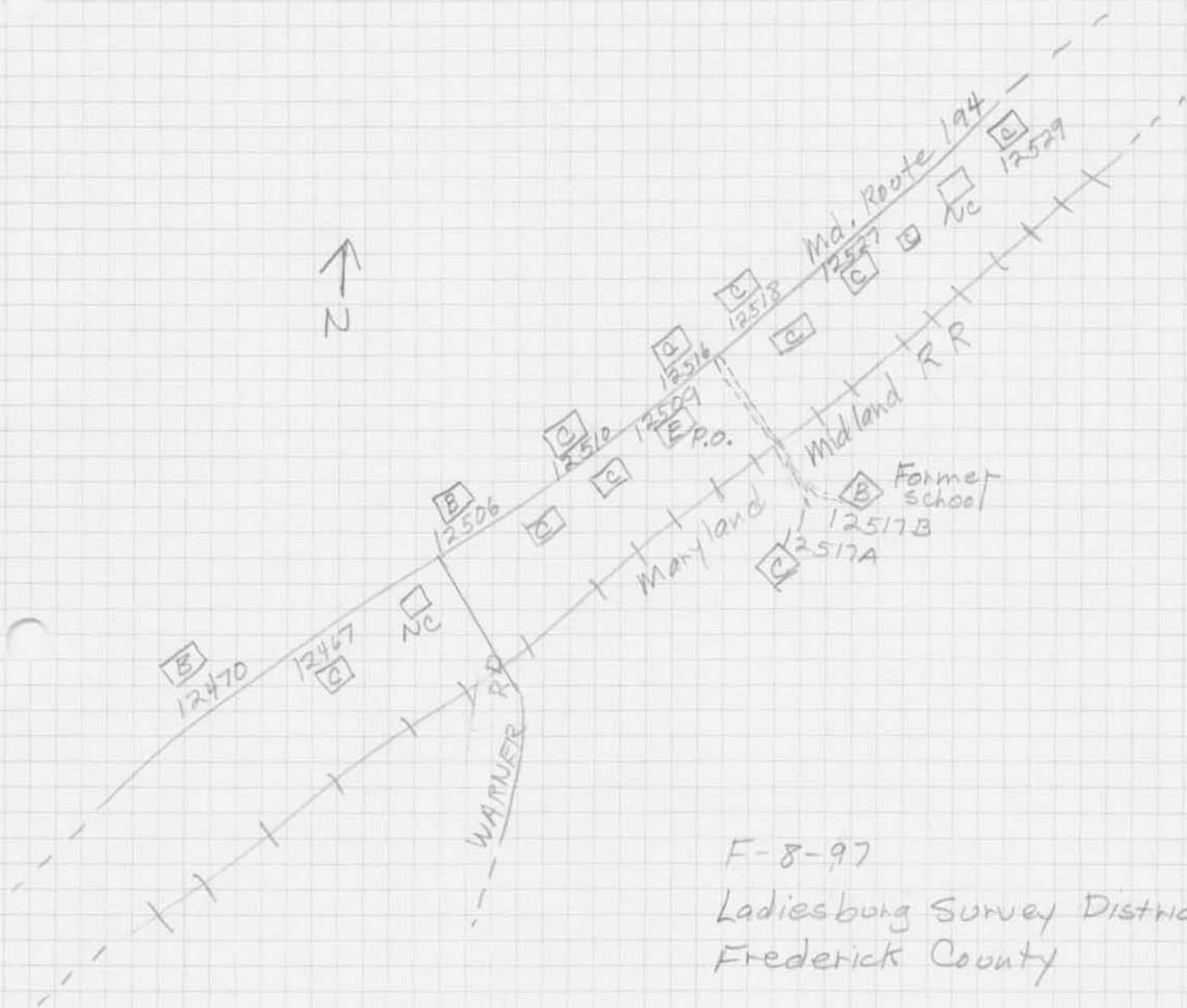
12517B Woodsboro Pike: Located east of the railroad line, this one story brick former schoolhouse has four bays on the east and west elevations and an altered 3-bay south elevation with a gable roofed entry porch. A recessed sign panel in the gable and the base of a belfry on the south end of the standing seam tin roof reveal its original use.

## 8.1 Significance

The Ladiesburg Survey District is a fair example of a transportation-related small town which developed first on a turnpike road in the second and third quarters of the 19th century and was further influenced by the arrival of railroad service in the last quarter of the 19th century. The integrity level of the district is considerably compromised by alteration and changed functions. Its layout in linear form along the former turnpike and the railroad are intact. The architectural quality of the buildings is fair, with the most significant being a schoolhouse of the third quarter of the 19th century and a brick dwelling of the second quarter.

In the context of turnpike and railroad towns such as Woodsboro, Loys, and New Midway, Ladiesburg is marginal in its significance because of the integrity compromises caused by alteration. Further research, however, into the origins and periods of growth of Ladiesburg may offer more definitive context data.

The Ladiesburg vicinity was largely settled in the early 19th century by members of the Birely family. Samuel Birely (1794-1877) is credited with naming Ladiesburg, reportedly because it was populated mostly by seven ladies and one gentleman. His name appears as the principal property owner in Ladiesburg on both the 1858 and 1873 maps. He was both a farmer and a commission merchant and was undoubtedly the owner of the warehouse, store and post office as well as many of the dwellings in Ladiesburg as shown on the maps.



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Janet Davis  
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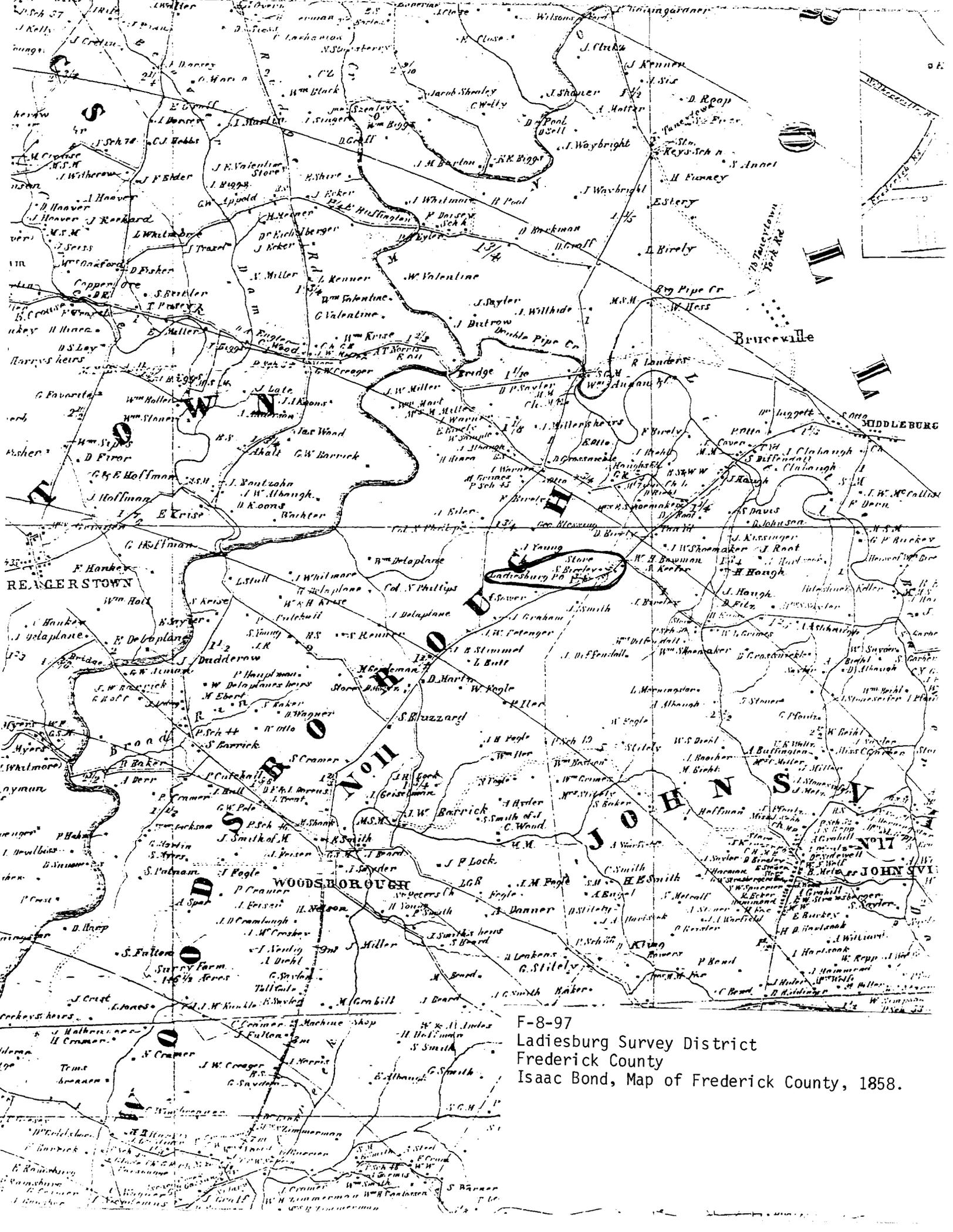
# WOODSBOROUGH

## DIST No. 11

Scale 1/4 inches to the mile



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 C.O. Titus Atlas of Frederick County, 1873



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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858.



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USGS Woodsboro, Maryland  
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View north on Woodsboro Pike

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12506 Woodsboro Pike, east elevation

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12467 Woodsboro Pike, west elevation

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12517 B Woodsboro Pike, south elevation

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