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Ca. 1840 - 1900

Oak Hill Survey District

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

Oak Hill is a fairly typical crossroads village centered on a church and a schoolhouse. Its principal growth took place in the last two quarters of the 19th century. Two dwellings remain from what was always a small settlement, serving both farm families and workers of the Legore and Barrick Quarries nearby.

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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  
Education  
Religion

Resource Type:  
Category: District

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Religion/religious structure/church  
Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Oak Hill Survey District

## 2. Location

street & number Oak Hill Road and Legore Bridge Road  not for publication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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" 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

Survey No. F-8-99

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contributing Resource Count: 4

(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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input 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** Ca. 1840-1900      **Builder/Architect**

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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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### 8.1 Significance

The Oak Hill Survey District exemplifies a small crossroads village of the last half of the 19th century. The Oak Hill Church of God was probably the central reason for dwellings being built nearby as religious structures were obvious gathering places. Legore and Barrick Quarries about 1/2 mile south on Legore Bridge Road and their various workers housing groups reinforced the center in the last quarter of the 19th century, and the children of the workers were sent to the school at Oak Hill. Architectural styles are typical of rural locations in Frederick County, reflecting vernacular farmhouses and churches in many villages in the county. The schoolhouse represents the community planning theme as a typical component of small villages; architecturally, a better example is the Grove Academy (F-8-90).

## 7.1 Description

The Oak Hill Survey District includes 4 buildings; two dwelling houses built about 1850, a former schoolhouse dated about 1870 now a residence, and the Oak Hill Church of God which may date in part from the 1840's. The district is located at the intersection of Oak Hill Road and Legore Bridge Road about 2 miles north of Woodsboro, Maryland. All of the buildings have been altered, usually by the application of new exterior wall coverings, rear or side additions, and replacement windows and doors. The church, a simple hall plan has a square tower which may be a later addition. The character of the district as a crossroads village is defined by the vernacular forms of the dwellings and the close proximity of the church and school to the intersection.

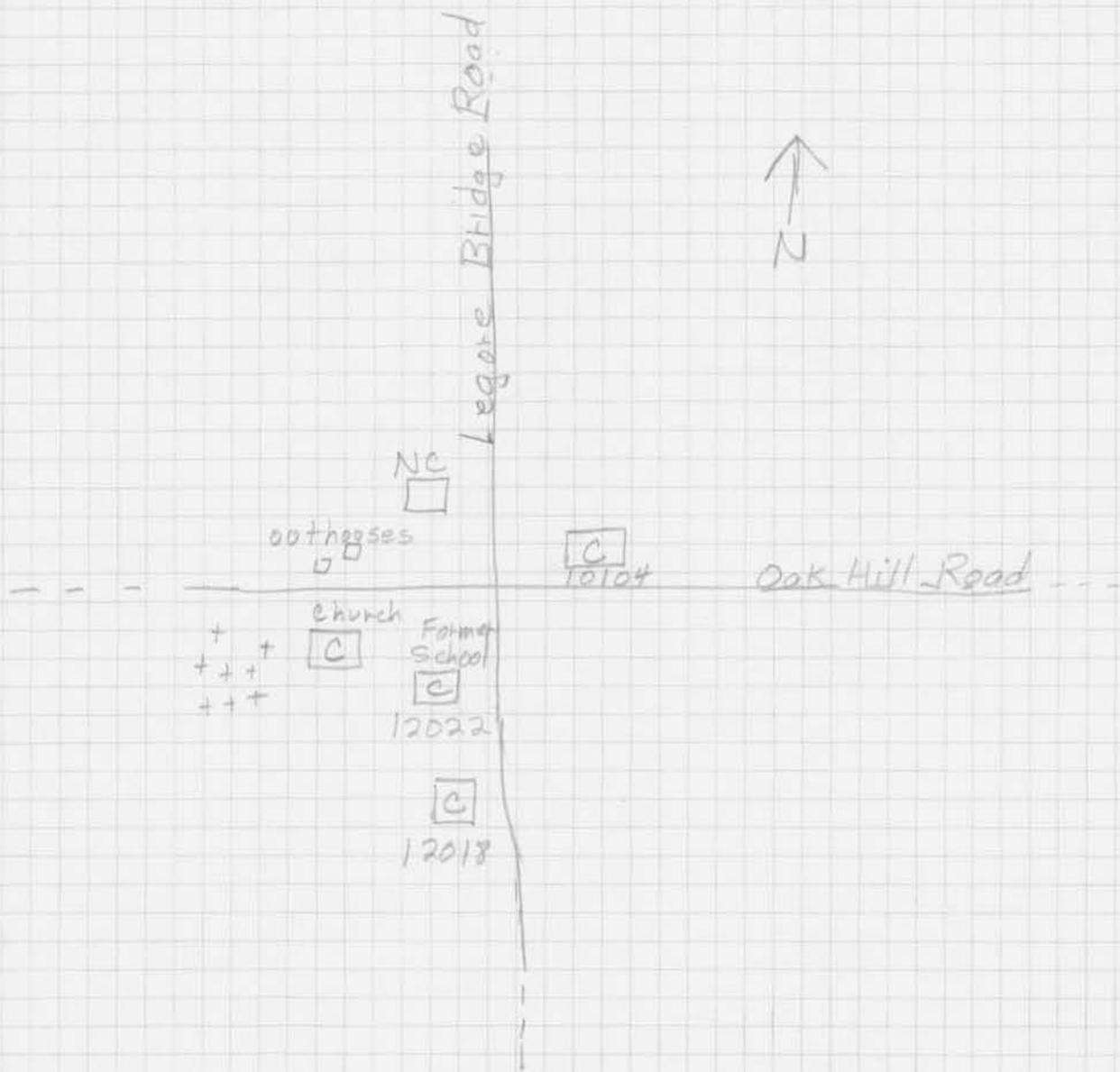
Following are brief descriptions of the resources:

12018 Legore Bridge Road: A circa 1850 2 story dwelling which may have some log structure under the present composition shingle siding. The east elevation has 2 bays and an enclosed one-story porch. A corrugated sheet metal gable roof and interior end chimneys complete the building's main section. A rear ell is probably contemporary with the rest of the structure. The form is a typical vernacular dwelling of the mid 19th century in Frederick County.

12022 Legore Bridge Road: Currently a dwelling, the former schoolhouse circa 1870 is reasonably evident in the one story, gable-roofed main section. Shed dormers have been added to the standing seam tin roof and one-story enclosed shed additions are attached to each gable end. The exterior is covered in stucco. Most windows are replacements.

Oak Hill Church of God, 10053 Oak Hill Road: The probably original section is a one-story gable, roofed hall, built possibly in the 1840's. To this structure, a square bell tower was added on the east elevation at a later date, in which the current entrance is located. A modern canopy shelters the double wood doors. The bell tower has small square openings near the top and a composition pyramidal roof with a finial cross. A cross gable addition to the original section is located on the west end of the church. The walls of the entire building are covered with stucco; the roof is standing seam tin. Windows are 4/4 colored glass. A cemetery with burials dating from the 1840's to the present is located west of the church. Frame out-houses are located on the north side of Oak Hill Road across from the church.

10104 Oak Hill Road: The basic plan of a two-story, five-bay circa 1850 house with a rear ell is apparent in this dwelling; however, many alterations have removed or covered its historic fabric. A log section in the rear ell is exposed on the east elevation. The rest of the building may also contain some log structure under the present unpainted clapboard siding. A two-story polygonal bay is located on the west elevation. A one-story entry porch appears to be a replacement of a previous porch. The roof is modern standing seam metal. Chimneys are exterior at each gable end. Replacement 1/1 windows are located throughout the house, with fanlights on the second story of the bay.



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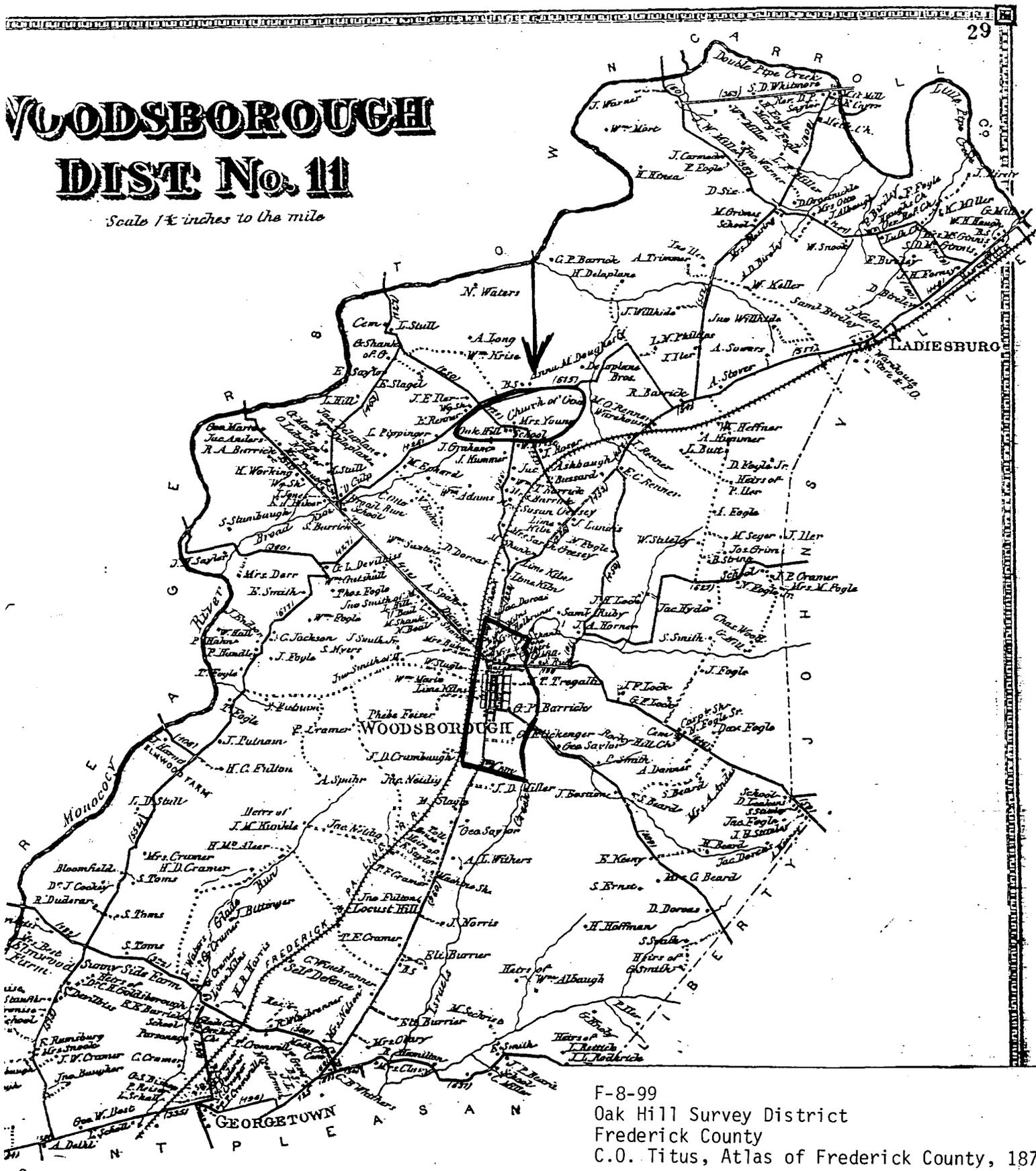
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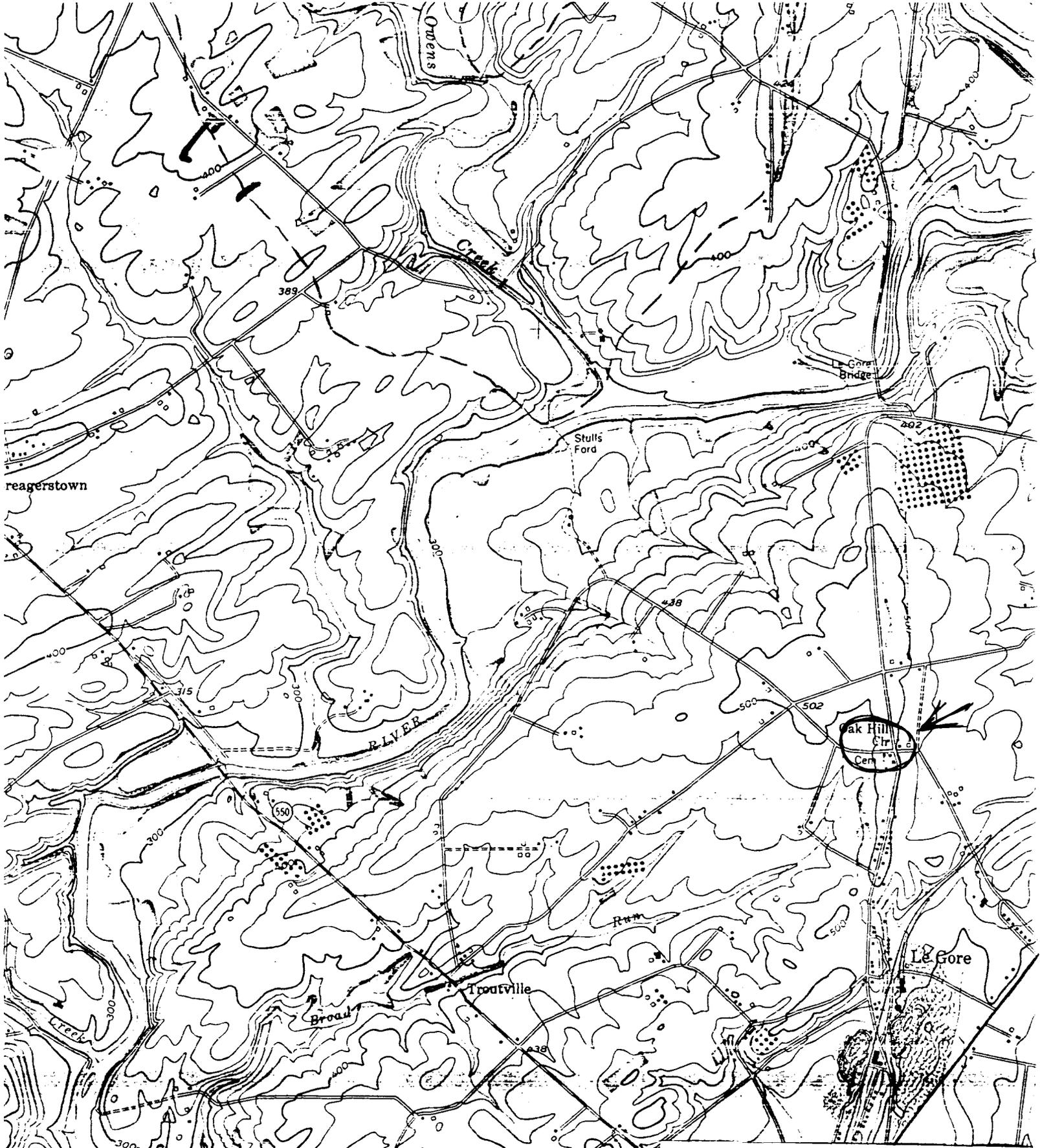
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## DIST No. 11

Scale 1/4 inches to the mile



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



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USGS Woodsboro, Md.  
1:24000



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Oak Hill Church of God, east elevation

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12022 Oak Hill Road, former schoolhouse, north-  
east corner view

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10104 Oak Hill Road, south elevation

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