the Lot #1, of Little Pine Mountain owned by George Smith in C.M. 4/617 (red). You can see from the composite that there is a clear determination that Parcel 38, is owned by Robert C. and Ruth Donovan by deed 697/359, is a portion of the 5-1/2 acres in W.I.P. 9/125 (purple), so I did not take the time since you are really ardent about getting this finished.

The only parcel left that touches any portion of either of the questioned parcels is a parcel with no parcel number but with the deed reference of 643/73, and the name John Isanogle. At this point we must assume that the Assessment office has done their job and that the location of the parcels and their indentification parcel numbers are all proper. I traced back this Isanogle parcel in deed 643/73, which is 8 Acres and 31 perch of land. I platted this 8 Acres and 31 perch parcel. It is carved from 5 tracts of land containing in the aggregate of 138 acres and 129 square perch as acquired by George S. Wagerman by a deed recorded in 442/405. I traced this 138+ acres back to a deed recorded in 1908, 284/282, as owned by a Bruce L. Long and shown as five different parcels. The first parcel of this deed being known as "Frenchmen's Purchase", 7 acres and 38 perch; the fourth parcel being a part of "Brooks Discovery" containing 63 squre perch of land; the fifth being described by metes and bounds as containing 29 acres and 35 perch of land. I platted the 29 acres & 35 perch. This lies north of the questioned parcel and is not a portion thereof. I then traced back the 93 acres and 122 perch parcel to 4-18-1876, to a deed recorded in Liber T.G. 7, folio 483, and found a metes and bounds description. I platted this description and it is not a portion of the questioned parcel and also lies to the north. I then traced back the 7 acres and 38 perch parcel and the 63 square perch parcel to a deed recorded in Liber W.I.P. 11, folio 267, 3-15-1890, and found metes and bounds. As of this time I have not platted these two parcels because of the time factor and because they are small parcels.

At this point I have searched title to all of the parcels that surround both of the questioned parcels and still have not produced any positive results. I find it very hard to comprenhend the fact that this much land could be unaccounted for and not be taxed by the Assessment Office. I decided to take a look at the plats of the land as surveyed by Sutcliffe. The plat indicates that the 62.9969 acres is a part of "The Least of Two Made Bigger" being an old survey record in THO 1/142 and part of "Williams Increase" in T.H.O. 1/264. So as a last ditch effort I decided to get a copy of these old survey records to see what they look like inrelationship to the land as it appears to day on the tax map. This turned into a real experience in that the description was so off the wall that it was hard to comprehend why someone would want land with such an odd shape. Next thing that I find strange is that this too plats over-lap at certain points. However, I can see that a portion, what appears to be about 46 acres is defenitely the subject parcel as shown on Sutcliffe's plat. So, I guess I could trace this parcel forward from the date of the Survey which is 1798. The chances of bring a property or even a portion of a property forward intact this length of time is very remote. One of the reasons that this is very difficult is tax sales. A person could own the property and not pay their taxes and the Treasurer (whom ever it was at the time) would sell the property for taxes and there is no way to know that when you bring a title forward in this manner. Another reason that this is a very difficult task is Judgments. The exact same thing can happen. A person can get a Judgment against the land owner and the property is sold by the Sheriff and you just loose the property and never know what happens to it. The only way around this, and believe me, this is an impossible task would be to ascertain who all of the Treasurer's for Frederick County were, their terms, and then run them in the Land Records