

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Good Intent Inventory Number: CARR-925

Address: 1341 Francis Scott Key Road City: Keymar Zip Code: 21757

County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: Union Bridge

Owner: Robert Bilo Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 184,25 Tax Map Number: 27 Tax Account ID Number: 10-005418

Project: MD 194, Bridge No. 6035 over Big Pipe Creek Agency: MD SHA

Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property is located within a historic district? X yes ___ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: CARR-923
 NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district X yes Name of District: Bruceville Historic District
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource X yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___ yes ___ no

Criteria: X A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Good Intent historic property is significant architecturally for its large and imposing manor house, located on a rise and distinguished by an imposing entrance set off by an allee of trees, plus its agricultural outbuildings, located on an adjacent parcel (map 27, parcel 25) and for its integrity as a farm, located on the banks of Big Pipe Creek. It is most significant for its association with the original settlers and founders of Bruceville, namely the Key and the Bruce families, and the town they settled, Bruceville. Good Intent is a direct product of the intermarriage of these two illustrious families.

Good Intent, before the road was altered to bypass the town in 1939, was directly connected to the village of Bruceville, which was located just south of it and across the creek. It is a component of the Bruceville Historic District, which is located in Middleburg district, about one-half mile north of the junction of the Western Maryland and Frederick and Pennsylvania Line Railroads. Norman Bruce laid out the town and named it for himself in the eighteenth century. The earliest accounts of the history of Norman Bruce are that he emigrated from Scotlan, settling on Pipe Creek. In 1763 the state of Maryland granted to Bruce and Edward Diggs 5,301 acres, extending from Keysville along Big Pipe Creek (and north of the area that became Bruceville). The whole region was called "Bedford" at the time.

At the same time the land south of the creek belonged to John Ross Key. Norman Bruce desired the Key property for the

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended ___

Criteria: XA ___ B XC ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date: 2/5/03

[Signature] Reviewer, NR Program Date: 2/27/03

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purpose of erecting a mill on Big Pipe Creek, thus he entered into negotiations with Key, which resulted in an exchange of their estates. In 1764 Norman Bruce married Susanne Key, daughter of a Philip Key of St. Mary's County, the first settler of that name in America. Philip Key had six children the third of which was the grandfather of Francis Scott Key. Susanna received from her father by will 1,400 acres of land, being one-half of "Terra Rubra". Bruce continued to add to the first grant of 5,301 acres, ultimately acquiring 14,089 acres. This contained several villages, about five flour and grist mills, several factories, shops of various kinds, two railroads passing through this land, with stations and warehouses. He was the sheriff of Frederick County, an officer in the Revolutionary War, one of the first Justices of the Peace, and Justice of the Levy Court in 1803.

Bruce had three children, one of which was Elizabeth Key Bruce, who married John Scott. Scott built "Good Intent", the large stone house on the north side of Pipe Creek, for his wife in 1812, reputedly at a cost of \$10,000. It passed to her son Upton Scott, then to Levi Buffington by 1877. At the turn of the twentieth century it was owned by Edwin H. Sharets, who wrote an interesting history of Bruceville for the Carroll Record newspaper, ca. 1900, and recorded that in the south parlor of the house several window panes bore inscriptions and a list of names of the Scott family and others.

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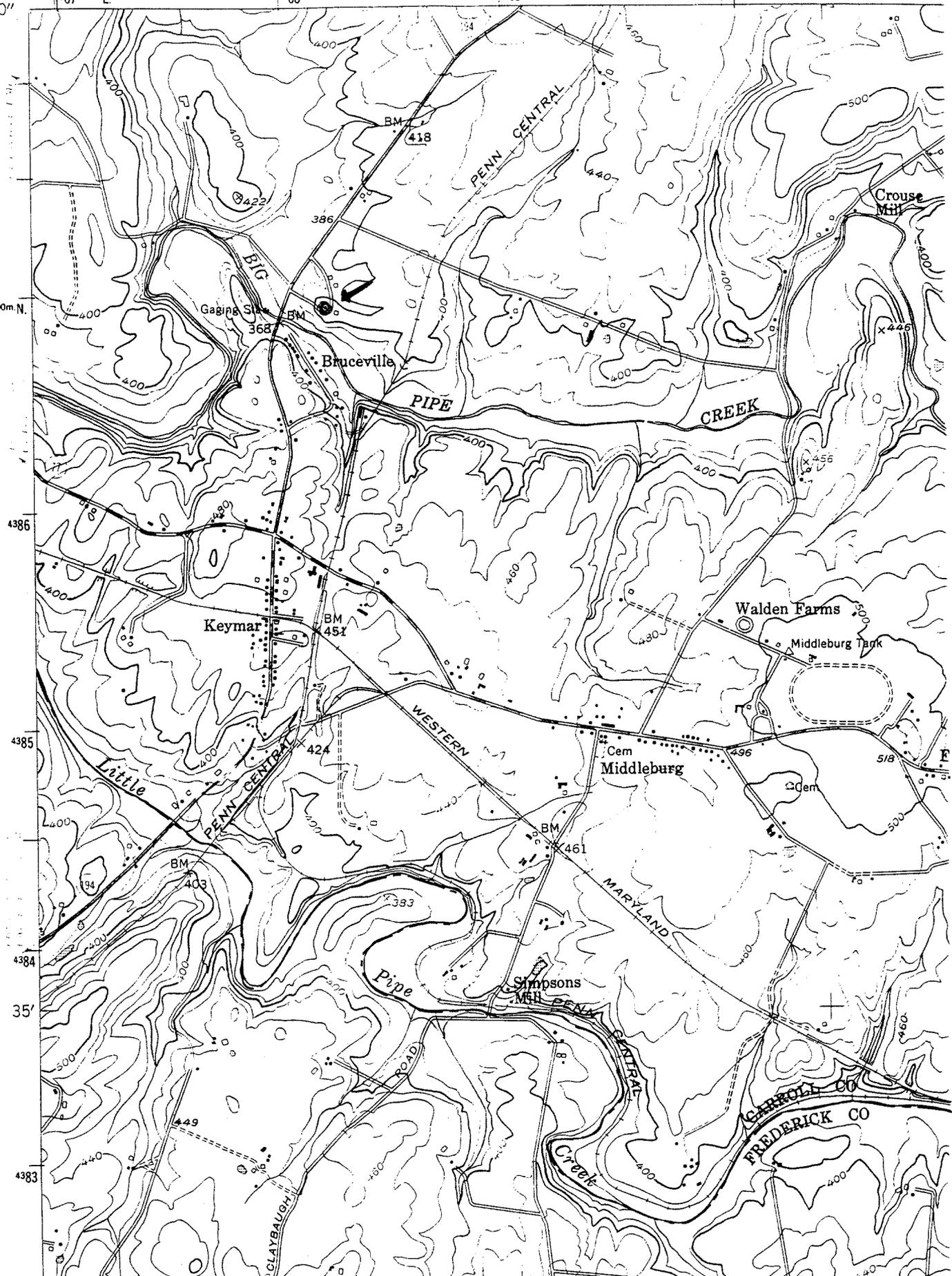
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FOR PHOTOGRAPH OF RESOURCE.

5563 III NE
(EMMITSBURG)

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UNION BRIDGE QUAD

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