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Hargett-McBride Farmstead  
vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1856-c. 1940 Feagaville

The Hargett-McBride Farmstead has a circa 1856 brick dwelling with segmental arched window and door openings and a one-story porch. The rear wing also has a two-level open porch. The domestic outbuildings include a log and brick, two-section summer kitchen and smokehouse, with a possible bake oven in the middle linking the two structures. A second brick building was probably built as a meathouse with log ends visible just below the eaves. These buildings date from at least 1856, with the log and brick building possibly 20 years or so earlier. Several deteriorated frame chicken houses remain from the period about 1907 to 1940, evidence of an extensive commercial chicken farm operated by Millard F. McBride, the owner from 1894 to 1917. Also on the property are the ruins of a brick bank barn which had pierced vents in a wheat sheaf pattern and a frame wagon shed/corn crib. The farmstead illustrates the importance of poultry raising as an alternative agricultural industry in the county in the early 20th century. By about 1940, however, subsequent owners of the farm were probably more interested in dairy farming. The brick dwelling and the log and brick outbuildings are moderately significant in architecture as typical representatives of the mid-19th century domestic group buildings. The brick bank barn, purported in the 1910 History of Frederick County to be one of the oldest in the county, remains to be researched to determine its date and significance. Even as a ruin, it is an unusual barn in the Adamstown Region, as most of this type are found in the northern part of the county.

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Feagaville  
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:  
Agriculture-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Hargett-McBride Farmstead

and/or common

**2. Location**street & number 4943 Elmer Derr Road  not for publicationcity, town Feagaville  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 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	<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 Harold L. Stull, Sr.

street &amp; number 4911 Old Swimming Pool Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 560

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 562

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-1-196

<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 checked="" 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: 7

The Hargett-McBride Farmstead is centered on a circa 1856 brick dwelling and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings, ranging in date from about 1856 to 1940 and including a brick and frame summer kitchen of the 1850's, a brick meathouse of the same period, several deteriorated frame chicken houses and sheds of the period about 1900 to 1940, a ruined frame wagon shed/corn crib, and the ruins of a large brick bank barn, possibly built in the first half of the 19th century. The farmstead is located on the south side of Elmer Derr Road about 100 yards east of the underpass of U.S. 15-340 near Feagaville, Frederick County, Maryland. Elmer Derr Road and U.S. 15-340 are parallel and are immediately north of the farmstead. The dwelling faces northeast, perpendicular to the road, and the outbuildings are located west and south of the house. The house is in fair condition and the outbuildings are in fair to ruined condition. The ruins of the wagon shed and bank barn are separated from the rest of the farmstead by unmowed fields and were not closely observed for this survey. The dates for the buildings are based on architectural details, land records, and a biographical sketch of Millard F. McBride in Williams & McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910).

The dwelling is a two-story house with 7:1 American bond walls and three bays on the northeast elevation. A one-story porch with turned columns shelters the main elevation. A two-story rear wing extends from the southwest corner of the main section, with a two-story open porch on the southeast side. The entrance is in the center bay on the principal elevation with a 4-panel door featuring arched moldings. The transom has two lights. The door and window openings have segmental arches and the window sash is 2/2. The gable roof is covered with patterned slate and interior end chimneys are at the north and south ends, which have 2/2 attic windows and a single bay on the northwest gable end. The rear wing's porch has enclosed brick sections at the southwest end on both the first and second stories. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Summer kitchen: The two-section summer kitchen is a one-story building located directly west of the rear wing. Rectangular in form, the north end is brick and the south end, slightly larger, is log with German siding. The roof is corrugated metal and the single window is 2/2 in the log section. Each section has a door opening on the northeast side and a brick section between the two doorways has a third door opening. This plan appears to suggest that the brick section was the smokehouse, perhaps with a bake oven in the middle section adjoining the log summer kitchen, which has a fireplace in the west end. The two sections may have originally been freestanding and were later linked by the middle brick section. The date of the building is at least 1856, but may date in the log part from the second quarter of the 19th century. The brick section is probably of the 1850's or the same date as the house.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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**Specific dates** C. 1856-C. 1940      **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.

The Hargett-McBride Farmstead is moderately significant in agriculture as the location of an early 20th century poultry farm established about 1907 by Millard F. McBride, the owner from 1894 to 1917. According to the 1910 History of Frederick County, McBride began the poultry farm "on a large scale and erected several fine houses, equipping them in the most up-to-date and approved style. He has been very successful in his undertaking, and is today one of the largest raisers of chickens in the county." The deteriorated remains of the chicken houses hint at the extent of the business. The McBride poultry farm illustrates one of the variations in Frederick County agriculture in the early 20th century, a period when dairy farming was expanding the most, but other types of products in demand from the nearby metropolitan areas of Washington and Baltimore were also being put into large-scale commercial production. Subsequent owners after McBride sold the property in 1917 probably continued the poultry operation for some period of time, but by 1940, the dairy industry was undoubtedly the principal focus. The Hargett-McBride Farmstead is also moderately significant in architecture for the design of the dwelling and the domestic outbuildings, which are typical representatives of their types, illustrating how the daily activities of cooking, meat curing and storage were handled in the mid-19th century. The significance of the ruined brick bank barn remains to be researched. The 1910 history refers to the brick barn as "one of the oldest in the county", a statement often made in this book about bank barns of stone, brick, and log. The brick barn is certainly unusual in the Adamstown Planning Region; only one other brick barn on Ballenger Creek Pike has been identified in the current survey, and it lacks the decorative vents of the Hargett-McBride barn. The farm was established by at least 1831 when John Hargate (later spellings of the family name are more commonly given as Hargett) purchased 367 acres from Thomas Neill. Later owners John W. and John L. (Levin?) Hargett were involved in 1856 and 1894 transactions. By the 1894 sale to Millard F. McBride, the farm had been reduced to 87 acres. Since the house has the characteristics of other 1850's houses in its arched window and door openings and patterned slate roof, it appears likely that the log and brick summer kitchen and the brick bank barn may have been built with an earlier dwelling on the property, no longer extant.



7.1 Description (Continued)

**Meathouse:** The square plan brick meathouse is located south of the summer kitchen/smokehouse. It has no openings except a door on the north elevation and two doors on different levels on the south elevation. Logs project just below the eaves on the north and south elevations, probably to support hooks for the meats. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. The meathouse is in deteriorated condition. The date of this building may be about 1856-1860, possibly built as a separate meathouse when the summer kitchen and smokehouse were linked.

**Chicken houses:** Several frame chicken houses and sheds are located west of the domestic buildings. They are in very deteriorated condition, but most have vertical siding and corrugated metal roofs. According to Millard F. McBride's biography in Williams & McKinsey, these chicken houses probably date at the earliest from about 1907, when he began to raise poultry for commercial sales. Owners of the property subsequent to McBride, after 1917, probably carried on this use and may have added other chicken houses up to the 1940's. A non-contributing dairy barn and milk house nearby suggest the transition to dairying as the principal farm product during the second quarter of the 20th century.

**Ruins of brick barn and wagon shed/corn crib:** The ruins of these two buildings are visible to the south of the main section of the farmstead, with overgrowth concealing much of their appearance. The barn's stone foundation is visible and the remaining sections of the end walls show that it had pierced vents in the wheat sheaf pattern observed on brick barns more commonly found in the northern section of Frederick County. The barn ruins could not be dated from the distant field observation; however, Williams & McKinsey's biographical sketch of McBride states that it was "one of the oldest in the county". The wagon shed/corn crib ruin is at the southwest end of the barn. It appears to have been the typical frame type of the period about 1900 with a single drive-through, vertical siding, and a corrugated metal roof.

4943 Elmer Darr Rd.

Lot Size, Description,  
Other Information,  
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio

Grantee

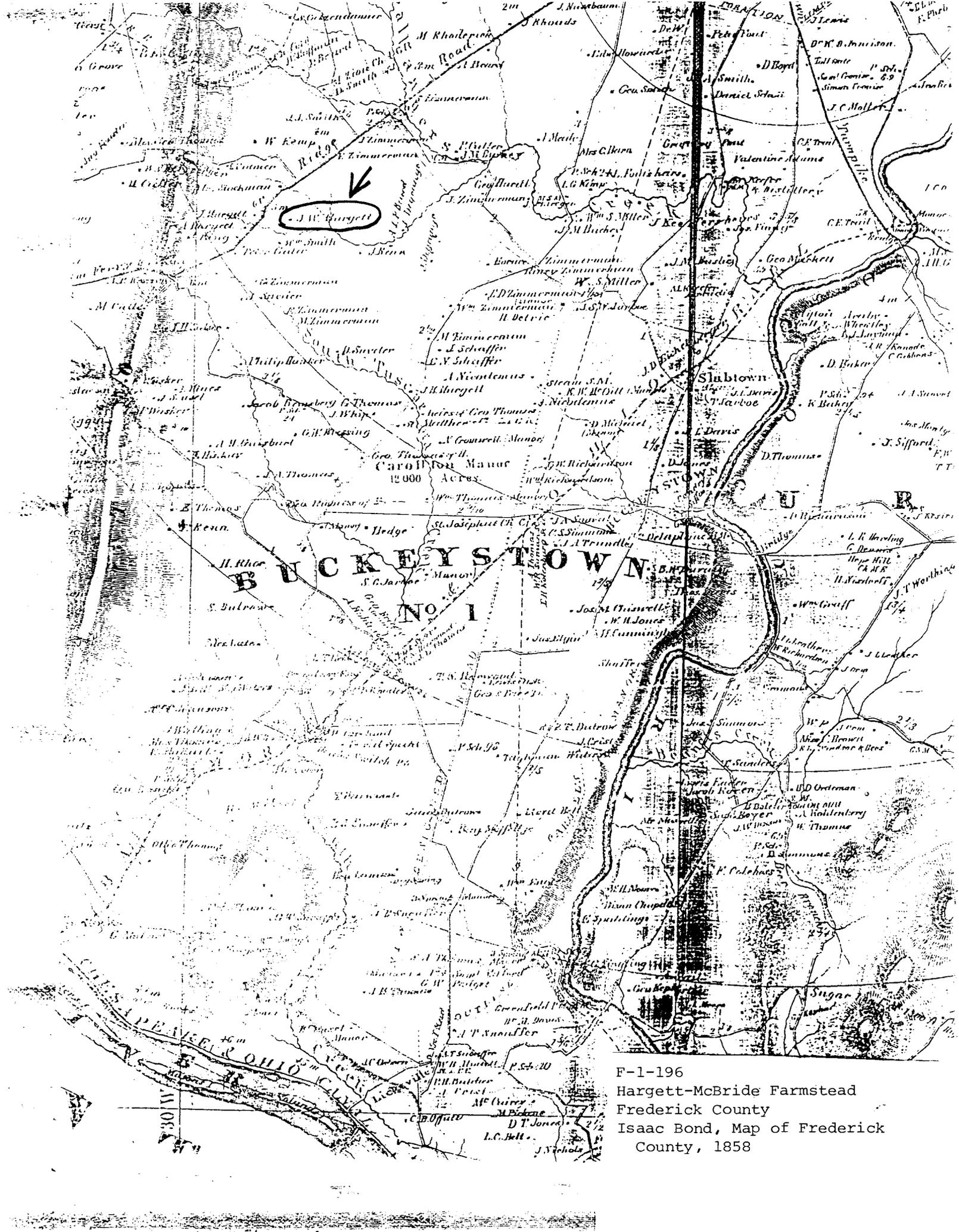
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Cost

Miscellaneous

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438/191 23 Mar 43	Charles E. + Glenna M Zimmerman	Maggie L. Zimmerman, widow			
320/425 16 Mar 17	Joshua E.B. + Maggie Zimmerman	Millard C. + Nicola J. McBride.	87a. 26 p. + 86 p.		
JLS 5/631 24 Mar 1894	Millard J. + Minnie J. McBride	John L + Mary C. Haggett		\$3400 + assumption of \$5300 mortgage	
ES 8/493 24 Apr 1886	John M. Hargate	John Hargate	part of "Gravelly Spring" part of "Content"	\$12,042.18 3/4	
JS 35/477 1 Apr 1831	John Hargate	Thomas Neall	367a.	\$10,000	

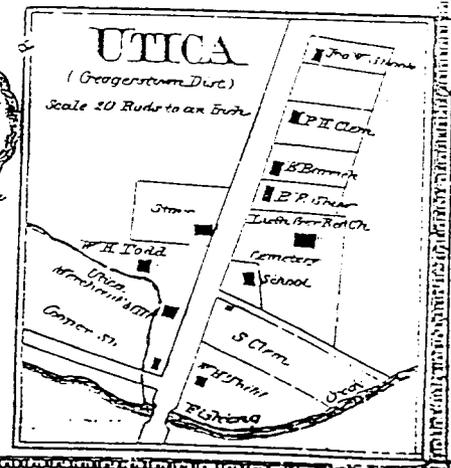
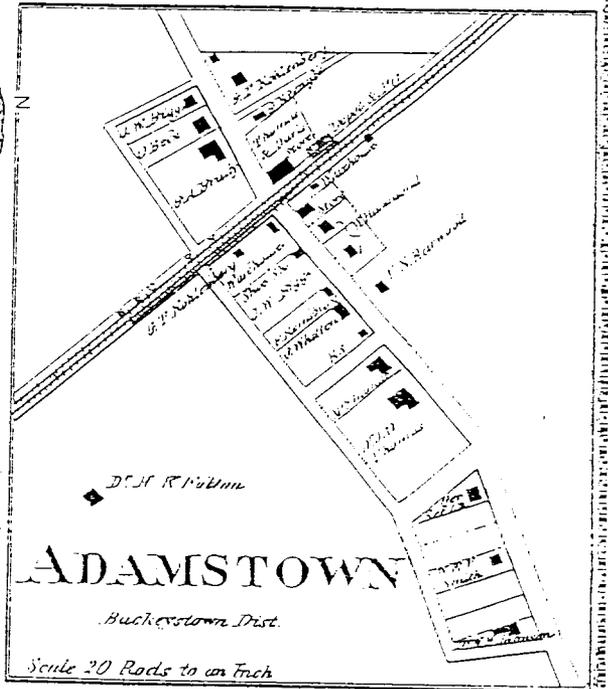
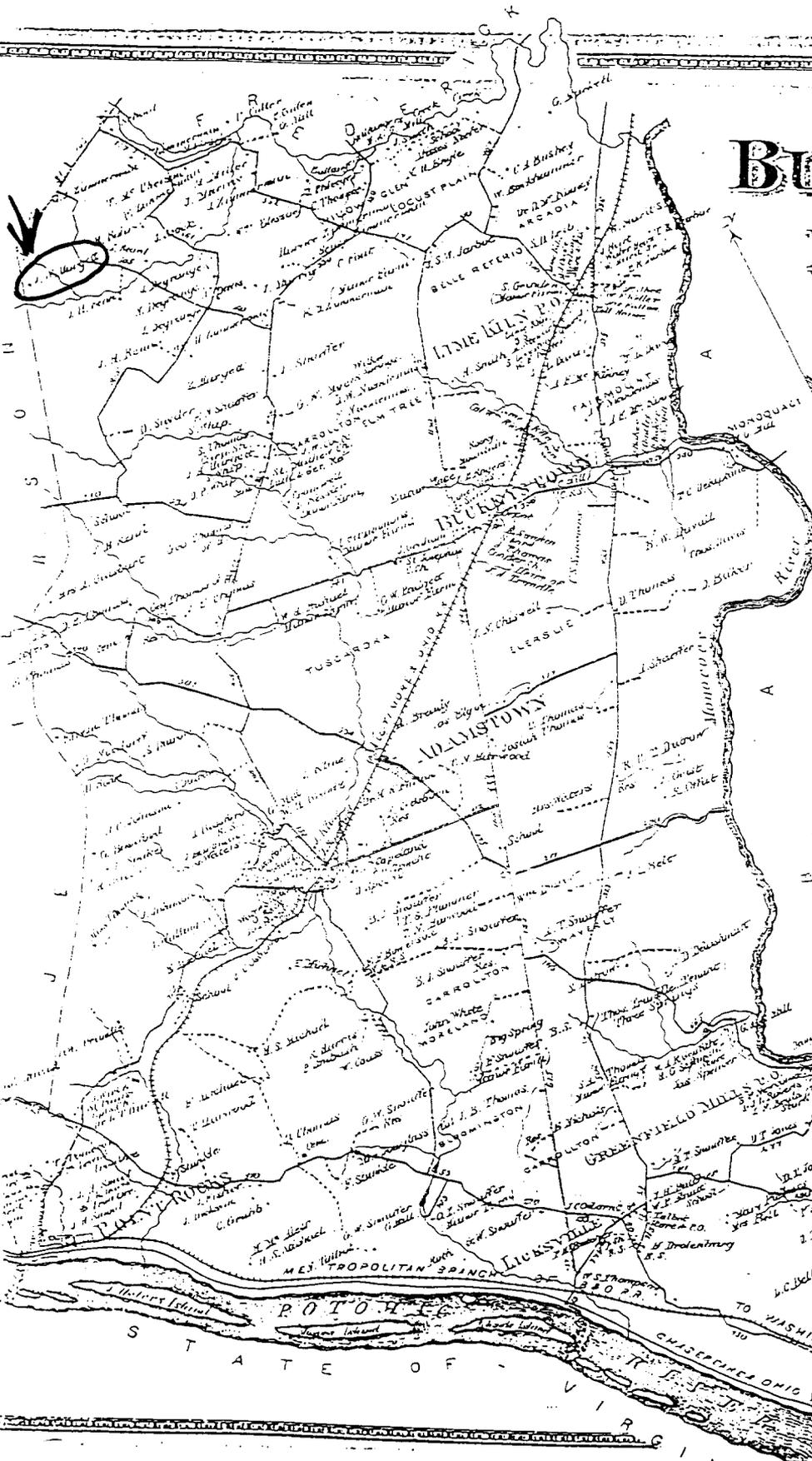
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick  
County, 1858

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Scale 1/4 inches to an mile



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

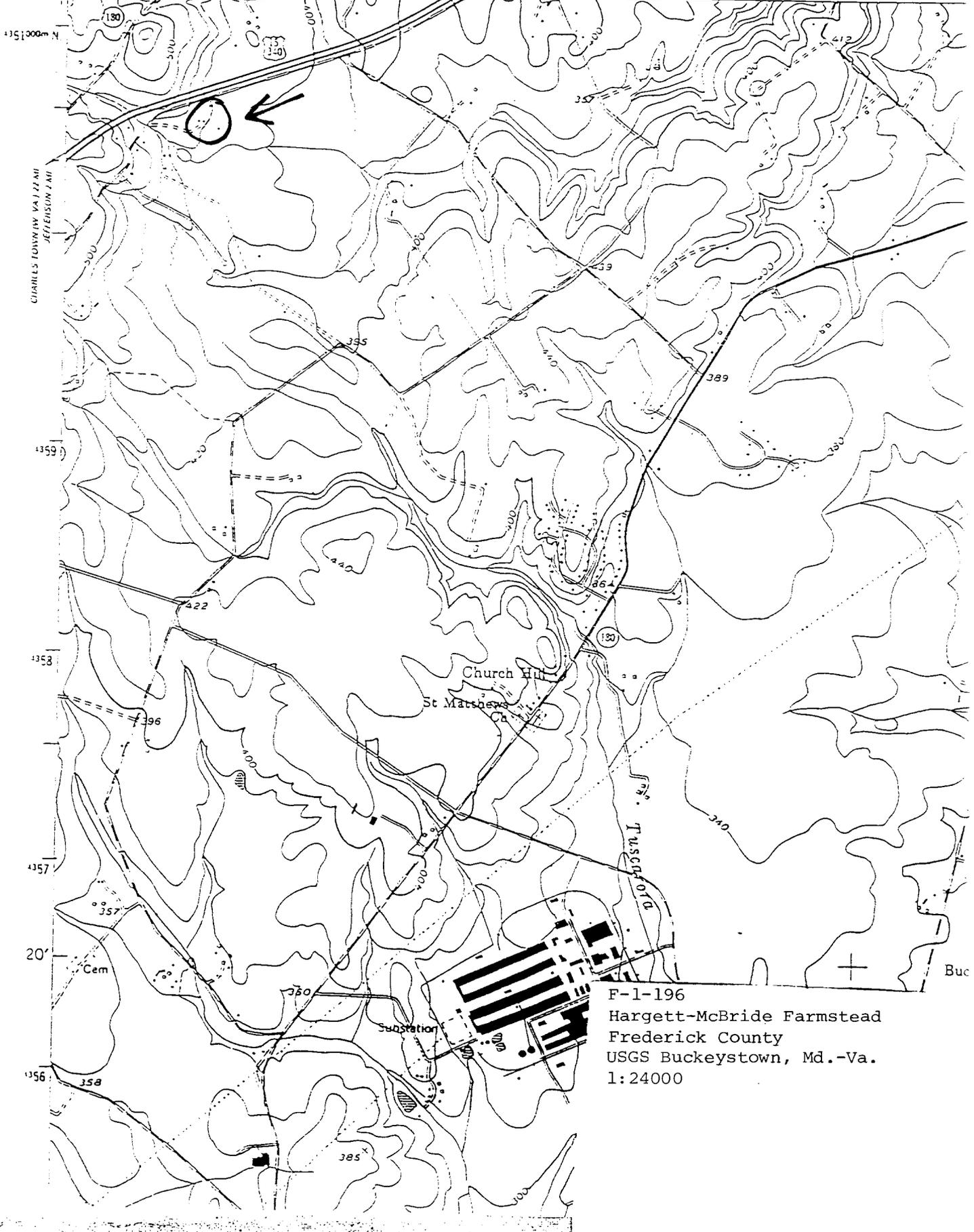
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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Hargett-McBride Farmstead

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Photo: Janet Davis

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Neq. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Northeast elevation

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Horgett-McEride Farmstead

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Photo: Janet Davis

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

South elevation

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Horgett-McBride Farmstead

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Photo: Janet Dows

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Neg. loc.: Mid. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Smokehouse / summer kitchen, northeast  
elevation

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Hargett-McBride Farmstead

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Photo: Janet Davis

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Smokehouse, southeast corner view.

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Chicken houses and sheds, southeast eleva-  
tion

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Ruins of brick barn and wagon shed/corn crib  
View from north

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