

## ADDENDUM/NEW INFORMATION

- F-2-63        Needwood-Thomas Lee Farmstead**
- F-2-64        Old Needwood**
- F-2-65        Needwood Forest**
- F-2-66        Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site**

Additional research by Paul and Rita Gordon on the Needwood properties associated with Thomas Sim Lee was provided to the Frederick County Planning Department and the Historical Society of Frederick County Library in May 1999. The research is in typescript in a report cover, entitled *All The Needwoods*, copyright pending. The research reveals new documentary information in land records, personal histories, and other material that was not researched for the preparation of the existing Inventory of Historic Properties forms on the four properties in 1991.

The most important highlight is the apparent corrected identification of the building used as Bartholomew Booth's school for boys. Originally, the house now known as Old Needwood was believed to have been erected as the school. The Gordon research appears to confirm that the Booth school was the house called Needwood Forest. The date of Needwood Forest, estimated at 1808, may thus be incorrect. The school was known to have been in operation in 1777 and 1778 at the "Forest of Needwood". The Gordon research discusses the reasons for the identification of Needwood Forest as the school. The date of at least part of Needwood Forest may therefore be about 1775-1776.

Another highlight is the conclusion of the authors that Thomas Sim Lee did not live at Old Needwood until at least 1816. He died at Old Needwood in 1819. The Gordons discuss the land transactions and Lee's will to support this conclusion.

The *All The Needwoods* report is available for public research at the Historical Society of Frederick County, 24 E. Church St., Frederick, MD 21701 (301-663-1188) or the Frederick County Planning Dept., 12 E. Church St., Frederick, MD 21701 (Janet Davis, 301-696-2958).

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Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site  
Burkittsville vicinity  
Private

ca. 1840; ca. 1870

The Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site is comprised of a 2-1/2 story brick dwelling house in the Stick Style, with an early 20th century barn and shed, a late 19th century tenant house, and the site of the Horsey or Needwood Distillery which was active from about 1850 to the 1920's. The house is significant as a good representative of the Stick Style, an architectural style which is unusual in Frederick County. The highly picturesque roofline, dormers, brackets and other trimwork and the irregular floor plan are the typical features of the style present in the Horsey House. An earlier brick house of about 1840 was greatly altered in the 1870's; the present dining room is located in the older section and retains the Greek Revival window surrounds of the original house. The 1870's section contains Eastlake style mantels and imported glazed tile surrounds. The distillery site is marked by a pile of foundation and building stones north of the tenant house. It has not been tested for its archeological potential, but may provide information on the distilling industry in the second half of the 19th century in the Burkittsville area, a section known to have a concentration of distilleries during this period.

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Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery  
Burkittsville  
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:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings/Site

Environment: Rural

Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/mansion  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Industry/Processing/Extraction/Manufacturing facility

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Needwood

and/or common Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site (preferred); Old  
Horsey Distillery

### 2. Location

street & number 5219 Burkittsville Road  not for publicationcity, town Burkittsville  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 checked="" 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 Joseph C. and Elaine J.D. Hottel

street &amp; number 5219 Burkittsville Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Jefferson state and zip code Md. 21755

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1566

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 376

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey of Frederick County

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md. 21032

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-2-66

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" 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 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: 6

The Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site is an agricultural farmstead centered on a circa 1840 brick dwelling with circa 1875 Stick Style additions and a circa 1850 frame tenant house, a frame bank barn of about 1937, a frame shed of about 1937, and a frame corn crib/wagon shed of about 1900. The site of the Outerbridge Horsey Distillery (Needwood Distillery), which was active from about 1850 to the early 1920's, is marked by the rubble of foundation and building stones north of the tenant house at the northeast edge of the farm grouping. The farmstead is located on the east side of Burkittsville Road about 1-1/2 miles south of Burkittsville, Frederick County, Maryland.

The principal dwelling house is a 2-1/2 story brick building consisting of part of a circa 1840 two-story house, which is now mostly visible on the exterior as the dining room wing, and the major portion, which has the irregular plan of eclectic houses of the period 1860-1890. The original house may have been a three-bay structure facing south with a central hall flanked by a parlor on each side. A pair of arched windows on the second floor in the center bay is still visible at the junction of the original section with the late 19th century part. About 1870, the house was greatly altered with the addition of a new, larger central hall and two large parlors of different sizes, a new cross hall with a staircase, and a kitchen. The former brick house was altered, relocating some windows and the fireplace to the south wall. The resulting structure has the aspect of an eclectic, picturesque house with a dominating roofline of steep jerkinhead gables and dormers, a one-story porch wrapped around the south and part of the east and west elevations, a one-story bay window on the east elevation, large windows with the sills at floor level, and tall corbeled chimneys rising from the roof. The porch has a projecting pavilion at the entrance and the western portion of the south elevation also projects forward of the rest of the wall plane. The windows are 4/6 with gauged arches on the first story, 4/4 with segmental arches on the second, and 4/4 with round arches on the top half-story. The dormers have scrolled surrounds and a cupola with louvres and a finial crowns the composition roof. At the eaves are exposed rafters and a scroll-sawn bargeboard on the south elevation. On the north elevation, the original house is more clearly seen with wood lintels and 6:1 brick pattern on the west section. The eastern section is part of the ca. 1870 house with 6/6 sash and an entry porch into the kitchen.

The interior has ceilings 12 feet high in the main first story rooms. The wide entrance hall has a half arch with ornamental corbels featuring Eastlake style decoration. The western parlor has a Colonial Revival mantel with Ionic columns. The flooring in this room has been covered with modern hardwood. The floors in the rest of the main section are the original oak floors of the 1870's. The room on the east side of the main floor was built as the library. It has a polygonal bay window facing east onto the wide porch. The mantel is an Eastlake style with a glazed tile inner surround featuring scenes of Aesop's fables. The current owner, Mrs. Hottel, said the tiles were imported from Germany; however, they are in English, suggesting

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# 8. Significance

Survey No. F-2-66

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c. 1840; c. 1870 **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.

### SECT. 8: Significance:

The Outerbridge Horsey House is significant under the architecture theme as a good example of the Stick Style in Frederick County. The highly picturesque roofline, the prominent brackets and decorative trimwork, and irregular floor plan are typical features of the style which are present in the Horsey House. The style of the house was very popular in the eclectic historical revival period of the late 1860's to about 1890, but it is unusual in Frederick County. It symbolized the successful post-Civil War rebuilding and expansion of the Outerbridge Horsey whiskey distillery or Needwood Distillery, the site of which is adjacent to the Horsey house. In the early 1880's, the Horsey factory was said to be the only distillery in the U.S. which operated by producing one class of whiskey, an indication of the demand for the Horsey brand. The rather flamboyant remodeling of the house undoubtedly reflected the economic achievements of the Horsey family. The site of the distillery itself has not been assessed for its archeological significance, but the potential for yielding information on the distilling industry in the Burkittsville area is probably high. The vicinity of South Mountain, with its springs and easy access to the railroad line at Knoxville, was an area of concentration of small and large distilleries in the second half of the 19th century up to about 1920.

The architectural context of the Horsey House is not yet complete. The Stick Style is known to be unusual in Frederick County. It was most used in mountain resorts and hotels in after the Civil War, but few, if any, of these are known to have survived. Braddock Heights was a prominent late 19th century resort which may still contain smaller examples of the Stick Style and the related Shingle Style. The Horsey House may be compared with the neighboring Needwood-Thomas Lee Farmstead (F-2-63), built about 1840 with Second Empire additions in about 1865-70. The basic plan of the Thomas Lee house remains a generally symmetrical central hall type with the additions being largely a tower, a wide veranda, and a mansard roof. The Horsey House remodeling created a new plan which is more recognizable as a product of the eclecticism of the late 19th century in its variety of spaces. The distillery site is not yet tested for archeological significance. The Ahalt distillery, also a potential archeological site, is located northeast of the Horsey site. This was the other large distillery in the vicinity of Burkittsville and the two were the best known of the late 19th century in Frederick County.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-66

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Grove, William J. History of Carrollton Manor. Frederick: Marken and Bielfeld, 1928, p. 358.

Land Records of Frederick County

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Harpers Ferry, Va.-Md.-W.Va./Keedysville, Md.-W.Va. Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the main dwelling house including the outbuildings, tenant house and distillery site; Tax Map 83, Parcel 52

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

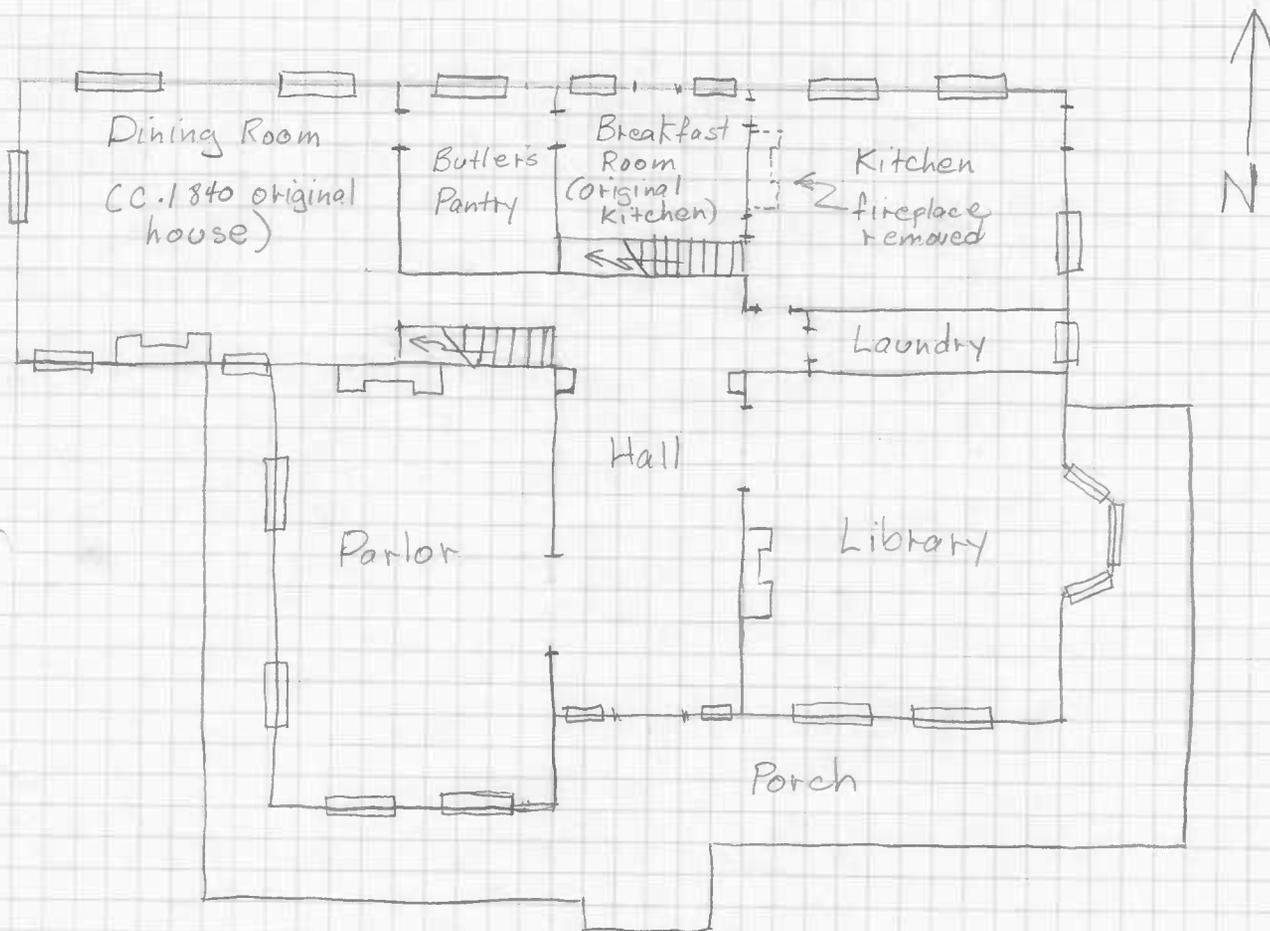
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Frederick County

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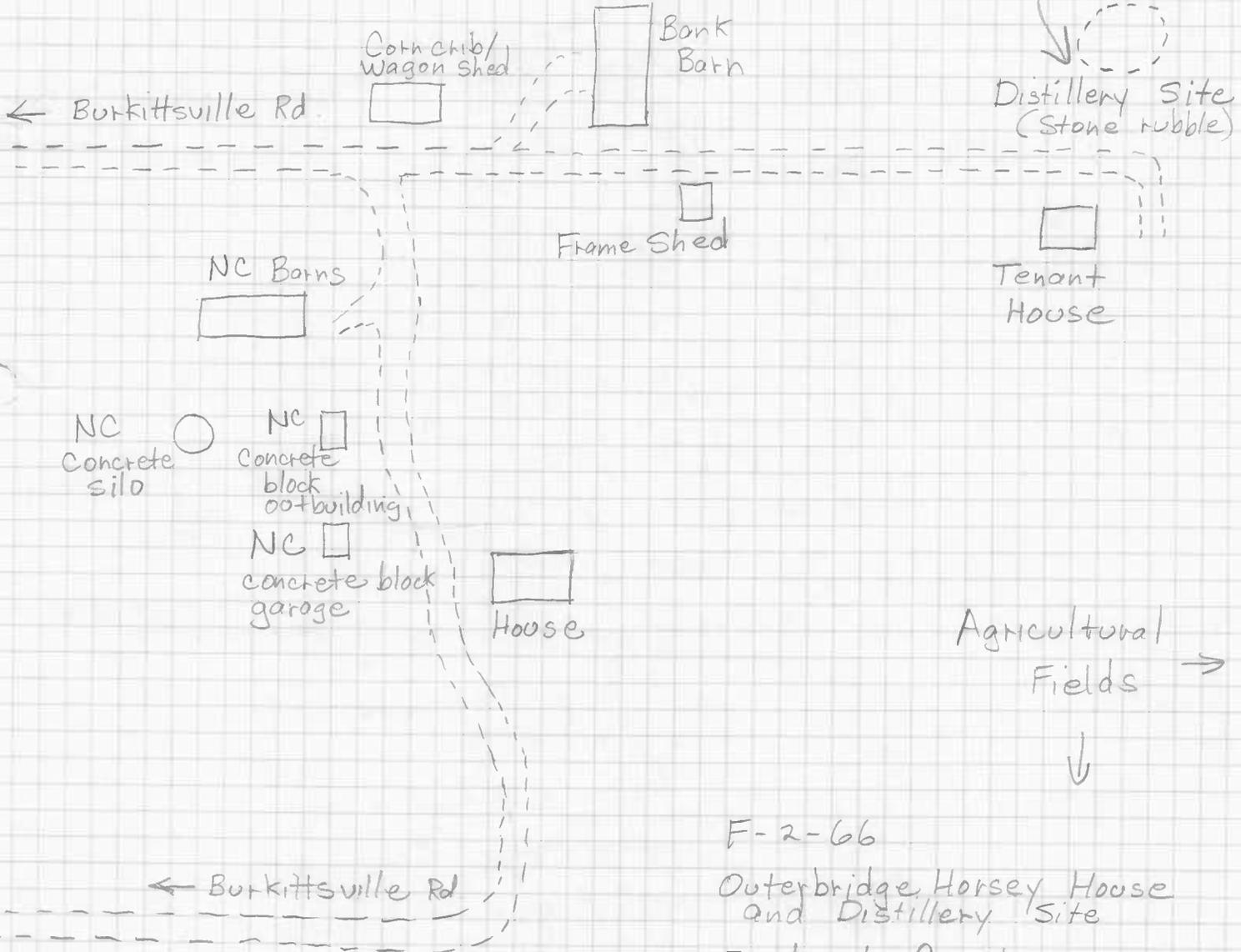
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Agricultural  
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per J. Davis  
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Outerbridge, Horsey House  
and Distillery Site  
Frederick County

Janet Davis  
October 1991  
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LIBER/FC. b	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
<del>P. 2 5219</del> A. 4519/7 1566/376	Joseph C. & Elaine J. D. Hottel	5219 Barboursville Pa. M83 1252 Jefferson 21755 Thos. M. & Beverly K. Pass	#121 "Loewer Place" 312 A. rights to water from "Distillery Springs" near Outerbridge Horsey's former B. S. S. on county Rd. from Knoxville to Barboursville		
31 May 89 1518/549 13 Oct 88	Thos M. & Beverly OK. Pass	John M. & Alice R. Sigillito			STH 280/582 20 Dec. 07
1314/668 17 Dec 85	John M. & Alice R. Sigillito	Thos. M. & Beverly OK. Pass			
1202/94 15 Jun 83 ...	Thos M. & Beverly OK. Pass	Farmers & Mechanics Bank, pers. rep. of Estate of Robert A. Staley		\$701,000	
418/450 17 Jun 39	Robert A. & Joseph L. Staley	Ella H. Montgomery widow			
STH 280/582 20 Dec 07	Ella H. Montgomery et al heirs of Outerbridge Horsey, Sr.	Thos. S. Lee Horsey son of Outerbridge, Sr.			



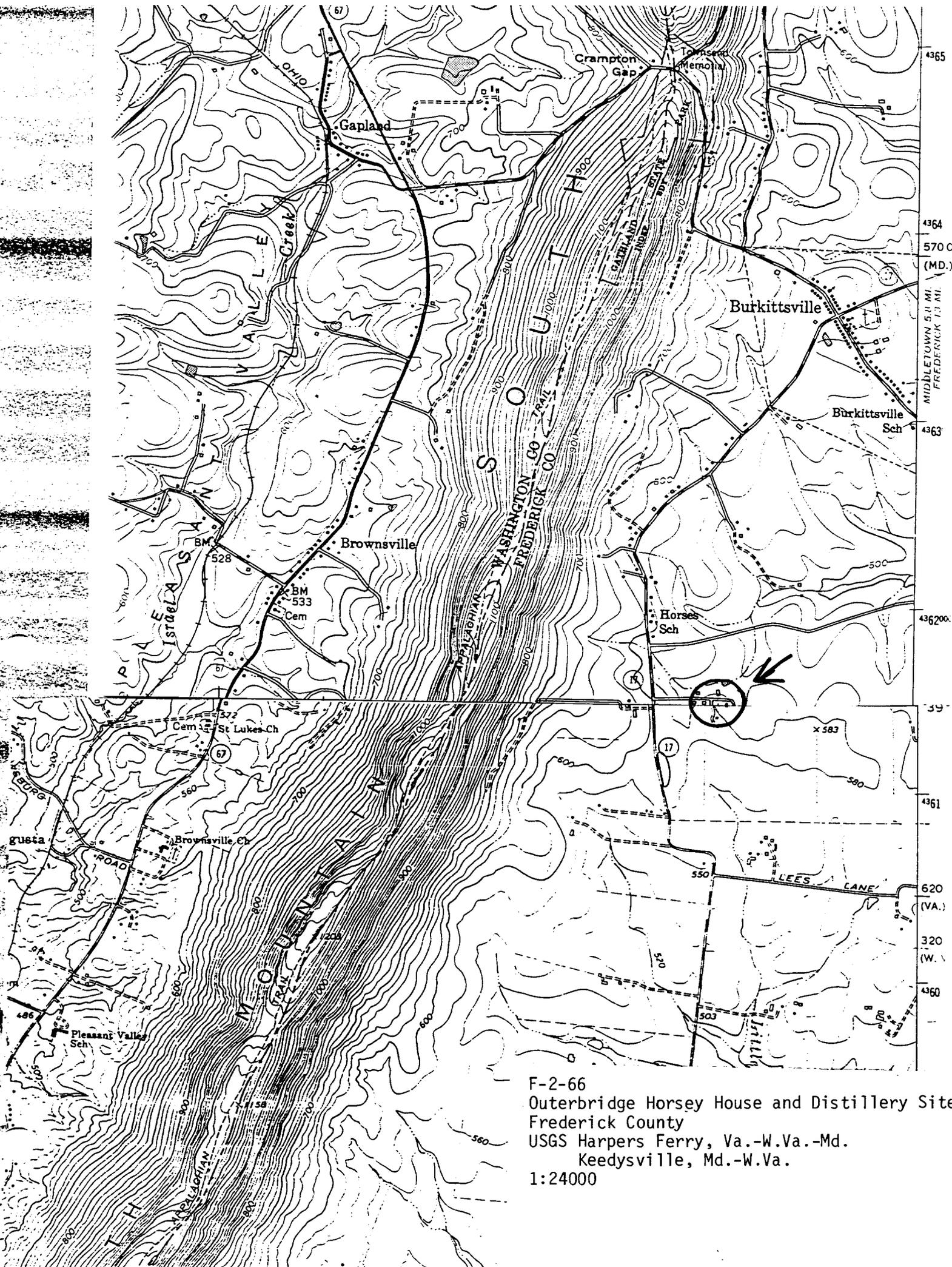
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 Outerbridge Horsy House and Distillery Site  
 Frederick County  
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858.

**SURFACE, SOIL, &c.**

Districts Nos. 10 and 6, and the northwest parts of 2, 4, 5 & 11, are mountainous, producing little but timber, except in the rich and fertile Harbaugh and Eyler Valleys, about Wolfsville and Wolfsville and in a few other spots.

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 Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site  
 Frederick County  
 USGS Harpers Ferry, Va.-W.Va.-Md.  
 Keedysville, Md.-W.Va.  
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### 7.1 Description (Continued)

an English manufactory. The origin of the tiles may be discovered with additional research. The cross hall in the center of the house contains the main staircase which has an octagonal newel with an all-over raised filigree design. The west end of the stair hall connects with the original part of the house in which the dining room is located. The original Greek Revival window surrounds with pediments and crossettes were reused in the remodeling of the dining room. The ceiling is dark stained oak beams. The mantel is an Eastlake style with a blue tile inner surround. The dining room is adjoined by a butler's pantry and the original kitchen, now a breakfast room. The arrangement of the kitchen with the original brick house suggests the house had a side service wing rather than a perpendicular rear wing. A later addition on the east end is the current kitchen. The upper floors contain several bedrooms with mantels of the 1870's period. The combination of the two construction periods resulted in varying floor levels and re-ordered spaces in the existing building. Above the dining room is an apparent attic space which Mrs. Hottel has been told by a Horsey descendant was used originally as slave quarters. The walls are painted plaster and the plain floor boards are now obscured by air conditioning equipment. Another feature of interest are the semi-circular niches on the wall of the staircase, apparently for art objects.

#### Outbuildings:

**Bank barn:** The frame bank barn is located north of the dwelling house. It has vertical tongue-and-groove siding and a standing seam roof. Photographs in the possession of Mr. Howard Stepler at Needwood Forest showing a 1937 barn rebuilding at "Needwood Farm" may be the construction of this building. The original barn had been burned after a lightning strike. The photos are not otherwise identified and the use of the name "Needwood" for all the Lee/Horsey family houses except Needwood Forest further obscures the location of the barn in the photos.

**Frame shed:** The small rectangular frame building just south of the farm lane running east past the barn may have been a sterilization shed or other function connected with the barn. It has both tongue-and-groove and horizontal siding and a pressed metal roof. The date is about 1910-1920.

**Tenant house:** The two-story tenant house has three bays facing north and a one-story porch. The siding is asbestos shingle and the 2/2 windows have molded lintels and louvred shutters. The gable roof is composition and the chimneys are located inside the gable ends. This building may have been built about 1850 for the distillery manager.

**Distillery site:** The site of the distillery is north of the tenant house and is marked by a pile of large stones. According to Scharf's History of Western Maryland, a large brick warehouse was built after the original distillery was burned during the Civil War. Several other buildings were known to have existed well into the 20th century, but all have been demolished and some stones were removed to build other houses in the vicinity. Archeological assessment may reveal the locations of the major industrial buildings and some outbuildings.

8.1 Significance (Continued)

The Horsey House is located on the tract "Forest of Needwood", which contains four existing properties with associations with the family of the second governor of Maryland, Thomas Sim Lee. The other three properties are Old Needwood (F-2-64), Needwood-Thomas Lee Farmstead (F-2-63), and Needwood Forest (F-2-65). According to a family memoir written in 1943 and the Scharf and Williams histories of Frederick County, all the houses except Needwood Forest were referred to by the Lee family as "Needwood". In its original form, the Horsey House was said to have been built by Governor Thomas Sim Lee for his daughter Eliza when she married Outerbridge Horsey (1776-1842), a U.S. Senator from Delaware. The marriage took place March 16, 1812. The existing remnant of the original structure could date from the first quarter of the 19th century, but the visible details of the exterior and interior appear to be of the second quarter. Outerbridge Horsey's son, also named Outerbridge (1819-1902), was the founder of the distillery in about 1850. The distillery was burned by Confederate troops on September 12, 1862, during the Battle of South Mountain, reportedly lost by the Rebels partly because of drinking too much Horsey whiskey (Md. Hist. Mag., Summer 1987, p. 160). Horsey rebuilt the distillery and expanded it during the last quarter of the 19th century. Part of the fame of the Horsey brand was said to be based on the aging process which involved storing at the distillery for several years, then a sea voyage around Cape Horn to the West Coast, where it was aged several more years, then sent back by sea or railroad to Maryland where the aging at the Needwood Distillery continued. The nearby Ahalt Distillery, started in 1879, was also reported to use the same aging process. The success of the brand was such that producing only one type of rye whiskey brought in sufficient income to keep the Horsey family wealthy. The apparent extravagance of the house remodeling in the 1870's cost \$10,000, according to notes by a Horsey descendant. Horsey assembled materials for three years and the work was completed by local builders. No architect was employed and it seems likely that the house could have been built using the many architectural pattern books and catalogs which became available in the last quarter of the 19th century. Prohibition in the 1920's caused the Horsey Distillery to close. The Horsey House was sold out of the Horsey family in 1939.

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Frederick County

Survey No. F-2-66

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