

Easement

F-III-53 *Todd-Mercer House*
John E. W. Hargett House
Vicinity of Frederick
public (restricted)

189-; ancillary
block and out-
buildings, M. 19th c.

The John E. W. Hargett House is a fine example of late nineteenth century domestic architecture which combines formal characteristics from both the Queen Anne and Classical Revival styles. Of particular note are the corner turrets and Venetian window of the principal facade and the nearby barn and smokehouse.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
OFFICE OF PRESERVATION SERVICES
EASEMENT PROPERTY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Name of Property: Mercer/Todd Farm, 1501 E. Patrick St Date of Visit: 10-9-93

Areas Covered: Exterior X Interior _____ Archeology _____ Land _____

Present Owner(s): Joseph D. Zeiler et al M422 P1071

Address: P.O. Box 467, Frederick, MD 21701-0467

Telephone: (H) _____ (O) _____

Present Occupant(s): Triangle Outdoor World, William Collum, President

Telephone: (H) _____ (O) (301) 662-5722; (800) 564-2037

Present Use: Commercial; office for RV sales

Inspector's Name(s): Janet L. Davis Phone Number (301) 696-2958

Inspector's Affiliation: Frederick Co. Historic Trust

SURROUNDING/EXTENDED ENVIRONMENT OF THE PROPERTY

Describe the general appearance of the surrounding lands. Are there open fields, timberlands, fenced farm lands, formally landscaped environs, private yards, other properties, or urban elements?

Open site surrounded by major roads I-70 & Md. 144/E. Patrick St. extended; a few mature & recent trees near the main bldg.

Is the property near any major excavation, development project and/or industrial area? Please describe.

Asphalt & gravel parking lots located east of house for RV parking.

THE EASEMENT PROPERTY

What is the general topography of the land? Is it steep, rolling, or level? Does it vary significantly around the property? Any erosion? Please describe.

Generally flat with slope down on east side of parking lot.

Has the ground surface recently been disturbed? NO

Comments: Highly visible location from surrounding roads; historic character and design of house immediately apparent.

STANDING STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY

Please list the number and type of standing structures on the easement property.

Number of standing structures. 1

Structures and conditions.

1. Good (exterior only) (main structure)
 2. Wagon shed/corn crib with attached 5.
 3. machine shed: fair (this bldg. not 6.
 4. covered by easement; noted only for 7.
- the record)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Case # F-III-53

SHA# 69436

MAGI # 114635

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY 2344

1 NAME

HISTORIC John E.W. Hargett House

AND/OR COMMON

Todd-Mercer House, Mercer-Todd Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 10, Box 23, 24

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

-X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland 21701

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Maryland State Dept. of Transportation
NAME State Highway Administration (Office of Real Estate) Telephone #: (301) 383-4145

STREET & NUMBER

501 St. Paul Place

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

-FEDERAL -STATE -COUNTY -LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John E.W. Hargett House is located on the NE side of the E. Patrick Street extension, ca. ½ mi. NW of the Monocacy River and ca. 2 mi. SE of the center of Frederick, in Frederick County, Maryland.

Of frame construction, the house consists of a 2½ story main block, 3 bays wide and 2 deep, and an ancillary block perpendicular to it, a cross gable roof, a small chimney centrally located on the gable ridge of the ancillary block, and a basement and foundation, perhaps of brick with a concrete facing. The SW or principal facade is notable for a central pedimented gable, and expansive 1-story porch supported by four evenly spaced wood Tuscan columns, and, flanking it on either side and projecting from the corners, a pair of octagonal turrets with decorative lightning rods surmounted by diminutive star-shaped ornaments. Framed in the pedimented gable is a small Venetian window. Other windows, which are numerous, are generally of the 1/1 double hung sash type, are regularly spaced, and, with the major exception of those on the turrets, are framed in green louvered shutters. A central door surmounted by a single pane transom opens onto the porch, but curiously, both the door and central window on the second floor align slightly left of center on an otherwise bilaterally symmetrical facade. On the SE facade of the ancillary block is a double arcade 4 bays wide on the first floor, and 3 on the second, supported by 6 simple square wood columns. A simple wood balustrade encloses the second floor arcade. Two doors, similar to that on the principal facade open onto the lower level, while another door opens onto the level above. A metal stairway and landing, a recent addition, adjoins the right bay on the upper level. Walls are sheathed in German siding while the roof is covered with sheets of metal.

Outbuildings include 2 garages, a shed, a smokehouse, and a barn. Of these, the barn and the smokehouse are notable. The barn ca. 150' east of the house, consists of a frame rectangular block set on a stone rubble foundation and a moderately pitched gable roof. Bays and windows covered with shutters are regularly disposed. The smokehouse, ca. 40' SE of the house, consists of a 1-story brick rectangular block with a 1-story brick ancillary block perpendicular to it. The roof of the main block is gabled; that of the ancillary block, hipped. Piercing the facades are several door and double hung sash windows, irregularly disposed. Roof treatments on both the barn and smokehouse are similar to that of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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		
<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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<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 189-; ancillary block & outbuildings, M. 19c.
 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John E.W. Hargett House is a fine example of late nineteenth century domestic architecture which combines formal characteristics from both the Queen Anne and Classical Revival styles.

Most notably this occurs on the SW or principal facade. The corner turrets, the closed pediment gable end with Venetian window, and the porch with Tuscan columns are all characteristic of a high style Queen Anne house, yet these elements are arranged into a nearly symmetrical composition which, with the transom over the door and the shutters derive from the Federal tradition of the Classical Revival.

The ancillary block, barn and smokehouse are without stylistic pretensions and may date to the mid-nineteenth century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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See continuation sheet.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.81 A.

Quadrangle: Frederick, Md.
Scale: 1:24 000

UTMs: 18.249

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the point where the boundary between lot 31 and lots 30 and 45 in the former subdivision of "Bellevue Farm" meets the Patrick Street extension, proceed NE along said boundary 450', thence, turning 90°SE, proceed to the boundary between lot 32 and lot 75 in said subdivision, thence, SW along said boundary to the Patrick Street extension, and from thence, NW along said street to the point of origin. (See plat)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME TITLE

Richard D. Meyer/Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, Maryland., Baltimore,
E. Sachse & Company, 1858.

Lake, D.J., Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, Philadelphia,
C.O. Titus & Company, 1873.

State Highway Administration, R/W file # 69436.

Subdivision of Bellevue Farm, 4 December 1923, plat book
STH no. 150, folio 150 A and B.

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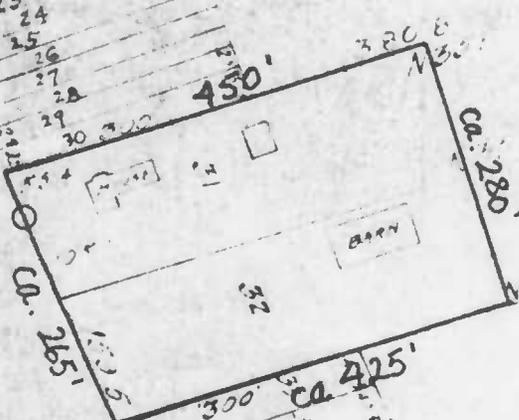
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JOHN E. W. HARGETT
HOUSE

SUBDIVISION OF
"BELLEVUE FARM"
1923



NEW YORK STATE
WATER COURSE
No. 13

No. 9

F-III-53
John E. W. Hargett
House
Bond: 1858

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John E.W. Hargett House

Chain of Title:

The Central National Bank of Maryland to Norman W. Todd
 8 November 1972 895/587

Seymour B. Stern trustee, to The Central National Bank of
 Maryland
 4 January 1968 777/483

G. Wilson Mercer and Helen L. Mercer to The Mavin Corporation
 8 June 1966 747/573

Emmons C. Sanner and Ava M. Sanner to G. Wilson Mercer and
 Helen L. Mercer
 3 July 1951 494/464

this is part of:

Vernon T. Smith and Erma R. Smith to Emmons C. Sanner and
 Ava M. Sanner
 15 December 1923 346/298

Bellevue Farm lots: 25-32,45,46,72-75
 laid out December 1923 plat book STH folio 150

Emmons C. Sanner and Ava M. Sanner to Vernon T. Smith and
 Erma R. Smith
 15 December 1923 346/298

Vernon T. Smith and Erma R. Smith to Emmons C. Sanner
 11 December 1923 346/274
 Bellevue Farm lots: 25-32,46,47,72-75

most of which is part of:

Ernest D. Michael and Laura B. Michael to Vernon T. Smith
 30 March 1921 335/203

Charles W. Zimmerman and Fannie J. Zimmerman to Ernest D.
 Michael and Laura B. Michael
 2 April 1914 HWB 308/329

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John E.W. Hargett House

Chain of Title continued

Annie M. Hargett (widow) to Charles W. Zimmerman
30 March 1912 HWB 300/198

Charlotte E.G. Hargett to Annie M. Hargett
19 May 1905 STH 269/546

Benjamin F. Reich to Charles N. Hargett
7 January 1902 DHH 13/107,108

John E.W. Hargett and Charles N. Hargett, trustee, to Benjamin
F. Reich
7 January 1902 DHH 13/106

Joseph D. Baker to John E.W. Hargett and Charles N. Hargett,
trustee,
13 April 1889 WIP 9/201

Jane M. McMurray, Ann M. Young, Caroline S. Houghton and
Charles E. Houghton to Joseph D. Baker
20 March 1889

Charles W. Ross and Arthur Potts, trustees, to Louis McMurray
14 March 1873 CM 9/562

George M. Potts and Cornelia to George Murdock
24 June 1865 J.W.L.C. 2/663

John Houck, trustee, to Richard Potts
8 December 1864 J.W.L.C. 2/223

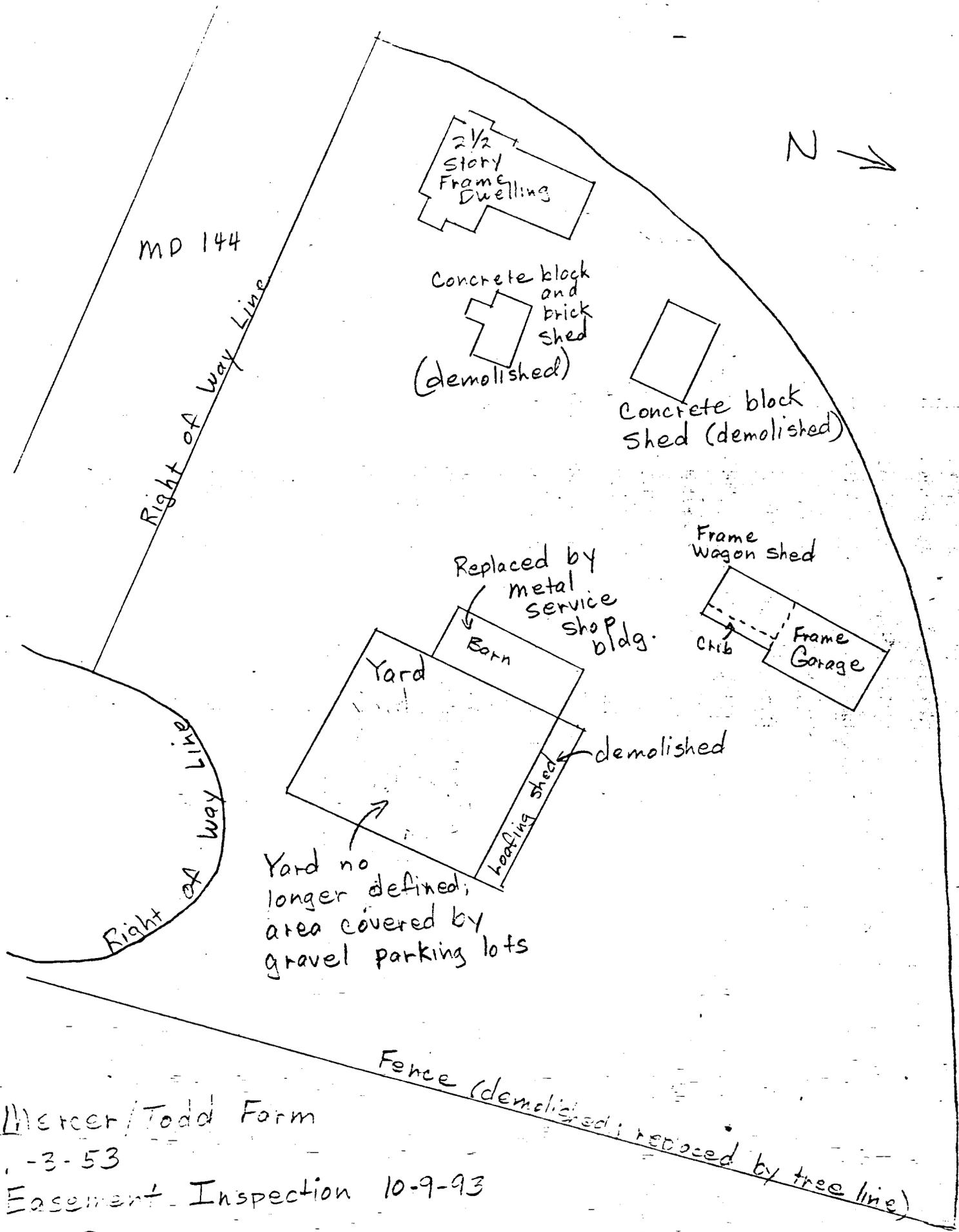
Lawrence J. Brengle (executor of Daniel Brengle) to Richard Potts
21 December 1842 H.S. 18/229

part of:

Henry Lease and Elizabeth Lease to Joshua Covell
10 April 1840 H.S. 10/547

Adolphus Fearheake, trustee of Henry Thompson, to Henry Lease
16 May 1839 H.S. 9/142-44

Thomas Jones to Henry Thompson
29 November 1820 J.S. 12/175-177



Mercer/Todd Form

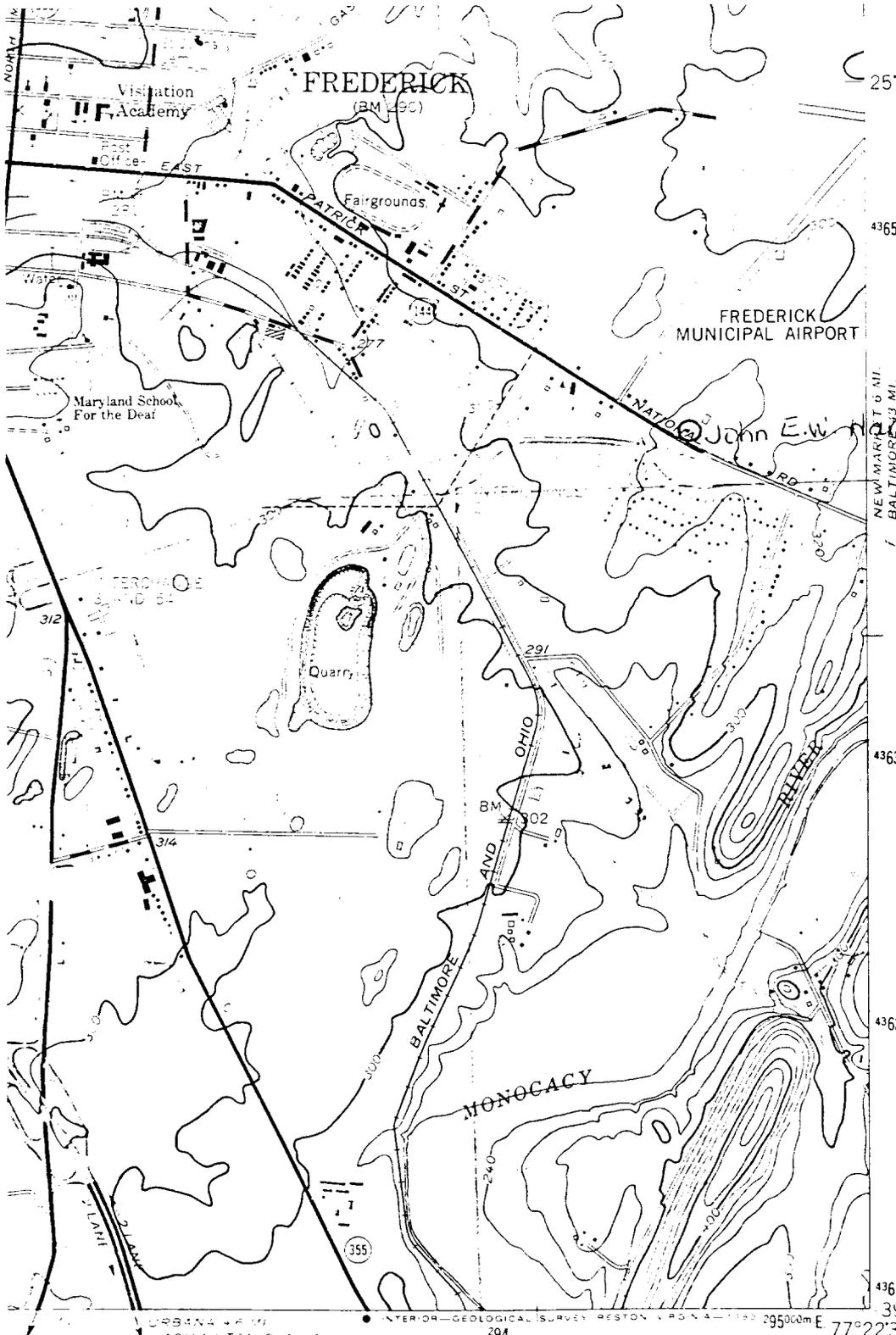
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Easement Inspection 10-9-93

Site Plan

Janet Davis

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John E. W. Hargett House (Mercer/Todd Farm)

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Light duty
 Medium duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route State Route

(URBAN) 5562 IV SE

FREDERICK, MD.

N3922 5-W7722 5/7.5

1953

DMA 5562 IV NW-SERIES V833





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Hargett House

M/DOT

Hnedak/Meyer

Winter 1979



F-III-53

Hargett Barn

M/DOT

Hnedak/Meyer

Winter 1979



F-III-53

Hargett smokehouse

M/DOT

Hnedak/Meyer

Winter 1979