

F-3-74  
Prospect; Cronise's Prospect  
Lewistown vicinity  
Private

1776-ca. 1930

Prospect is centered on a dated 1776 brick dwelling with an attached brick summer kitchen and a late 19th century one-story porch, with a stone springhouse and a brick smokehouse of about the last quarter of the 18th century. The farmstead also contains a frame chicken house/wood shed, a frame bank barn, a frame tool shed, and a frame garage, built during the period about 1850 through 1930. The house is significant for fine interior wood trim, paneling, and mantelpieces and for its relatively early date in the Lewistown area, which is based on architectural features and the 1910 Williams and McKinsey County history. Although the exterior of the house has been sandblasted, replacement windows and roofing installed, the historic character of the exterior is relatively intact. Several non-contributing buildings have been erected within the agricultural group, but the relationship of the domestic and agricultural functions is clearly readable in the planning of the farmstead.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Prospect (preferred); Cronise's Prospect

and/or common Poff's Prospect

## 2. Location

street & number 11530 Auburn Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Lewistown  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 William H. & Lois Poffenberger

street & number 11530 Auburn Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code Md. 21788

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1194

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 491

city, town Frederick state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Brinkman Survey of Frederick County F-495  
James Survey of Frederick County F-20-9

date C. 1966-68  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-3-74

|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <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 checked="" 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: 9

Prospect or Cronise's Prospect is a farmstead centered on a 1776 brick dwelling, dated by an inscribed panel on the east elevation and by a biographical sketch in the 1910 Williams and McKinsey History of Frederick County, with an attached brick summer kitchen and several other domestic outbuildings, including a brick smokehouse and a stone springhouse approximately contemporary with the house, and a chicken house/wood shed combination structure. The farmstead also includes an agricultural group with a large frame bank barn built about 1850, a frame tool shed and a frame garage built about 1930. The farmstead is located on the west side of Auburn Road, which parallels U.S. 15 about 1 mile northwest of Lewistown, Frederick County, Maryland. The house and domestic outbuildings are located immediately adjacent to Auburn Road and the agricultural buildings are located west of the domestic group with several non-contributing modern concrete block and metal buildings. The property also includes a family cemetery in the open field south of the farmstead, surrounded by a metal pipe railing. The cemetery contains graves of Cronise, Doll, and Funderburk family members, all of whom were associated with the property in the 19th century.

The house has two stories with the principal elevation in flemish bond facing south. The exterior of the house has been sandblasted and repointed during the last 20 years. The south elevation has five bays with a center entrance. A one-story porch probably added in the early 20th century extends across the south and east elevations. The porch columns are plain with Ionic capitals and brick bases. The porch room is standing seam metal. The windows are 1/1 replacement sash in openings with gauged arches. Louvred shutters, probably added in the late 19th century, are still in place. The cornice is molded wood and the gable roof has interior end chimneys and is covered with modern composition material. The center entrance has a replacement paneled door below a four-light transom. The east gable end has three bays with a door in the north bay and paired 1/1 windows in the center bay. The second story has two bays. Above the second story windows is an inset panel inscribed "Prospect 1776". The sharply clear stencil type lettering and the material of the panel, possibly concrete, indicate that the panel was installed in the mid-20th century. The north elevation has an irregular bay arrangement partially concealed behind a modern board fence. Some windows have 2/2 sash. The west gable end is linked by a modern infill section with an originally free-standing brick summer kitchen. The windows in this section are 6/6 and a rebuilt interior end chimney is located at the west elevation. The roof is composition. The interior was inaccessible for this survey. The James survey form on the property briefly describes late 18th century paneling and a mantelpiece and chair rails which appear to be consistent with the exterior.

Domestic outbuildings:

Springhouse: The stone springhouse is located north of the house and is a rectangular, two-story structure with a shed corrugated metal roof sloping toward the north, an unusual style for this building type in Frederick County. The south elevation of the building has vertical board doors on each level at opposite ends . .

# 8. Significance

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
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| <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 checked="" 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/         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1776-C. 1935 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.

Prospect is moderately significant for the craftsmanship of the interior wood trim, although its current state was not verified in this survey. The exterior of the house conveys a fair amount of integrity, although the sandblasted brick and repointing have changed its appearance, as have the replacement windows and roofing. The house is relatively early for the Lewistown area and is one that can be fairly accurately dated by a biographical account in the 1910 Williams and McKinsey History of Frederick County. Land records researched for this form refer to Frederick Cronise (1798-1866), for whom the property was resurveyed in 1841 as "Cronise's Prospect", but the apparent builder was his great-grandfather, Johannes Cronise, a German immigrant. The existing outbuildings display the variety of mestic and agricultural structures in the working farmstead from the early 19th century to the present. Although most have at least some alterations, the relationship of the two functional groups is clearly defined.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-3-74

Bond, Isaas. Map of Frederick County, 1858.  
Land Records of Frederick County  
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.  
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted  
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 1139.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 10 acres

Quadrangle name Catoctin Furnace, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 10 acres centered on the bank barn including the house, the domestic and agricultural outbuildings, and the family cemetery in the open field south of the farmstead on Tax Map 32, Parcel 42.

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

state code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date September, 1992

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city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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7.2 Description (Continued)

the elevation. The springhouse may date from the last quarter of the 18th century. A possible theory on the shed roof is that the building once had a full second story with a gable roof which deteriorated and was partially destroyed or demolished on the north side, with the rebuilding taking the form of the shed.

**Smokehouse:** The square plan brick smokehouse is located north of the house and southwest of the springhouse. It has whitewashed walls and a pyramidal hipped roof covered with corrugated metal. A vertical board door with strap hinges is located in the south elevation. The smokehouse may also date from the last quarter of the 18th century. The size and roof style of the smokehouse were common throughout the County during the late 18th century and most of the 19th century.

**Wood shed/chicken house:** The frame combination building appears to date from the last quarter of the 19th or first quarter of the 20th century. Located southwest of the smokehouse, it is the nearest outbuilding to the summer kitchen wing of the house. It has vertical board siding and a corrugated shed roof. The chicken house on the west end has a single door and window on the south elevation. The wood shed portion is an open-sided covered space on the east end of the structure.

**Agricultural outbuildings:**

**Bank barn:** The frame bank barn appears to date from about 1850, judged by its stone foundation and size, which approximate those of other barns of that period. The upper frame structure is covered with vertical siding, possibly modern replacements of earlier siding. A wagon shed/corn crib extension is located on the east gable end, probably added in the 1890's or early 1900's. The drive-through opening has been closed with a modern lift-type garage door. The roof is standing seam metal. A non-contributing modern concrete silo is located near the ramp on the south elevation. Modern frame, metal-roofed loafing sheds are attached to the north elevation of the barn.

**Tool shed:** The frame tool shed is located on the farm lane between the domestic group and the barn. It has german siding and a standing seam shed roof. This structure probably dates from about 1930.

**Garage:** The frame garage is located near the tool shed and was apparently built about the same time. It has sliding tongue-and-groove doors on the east elevation, vertical board siding and a standing seam roof.

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Lewistown  
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:  
Rural Agrarian Intensification, A.D. 1680-1815  
Agricultural-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 Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

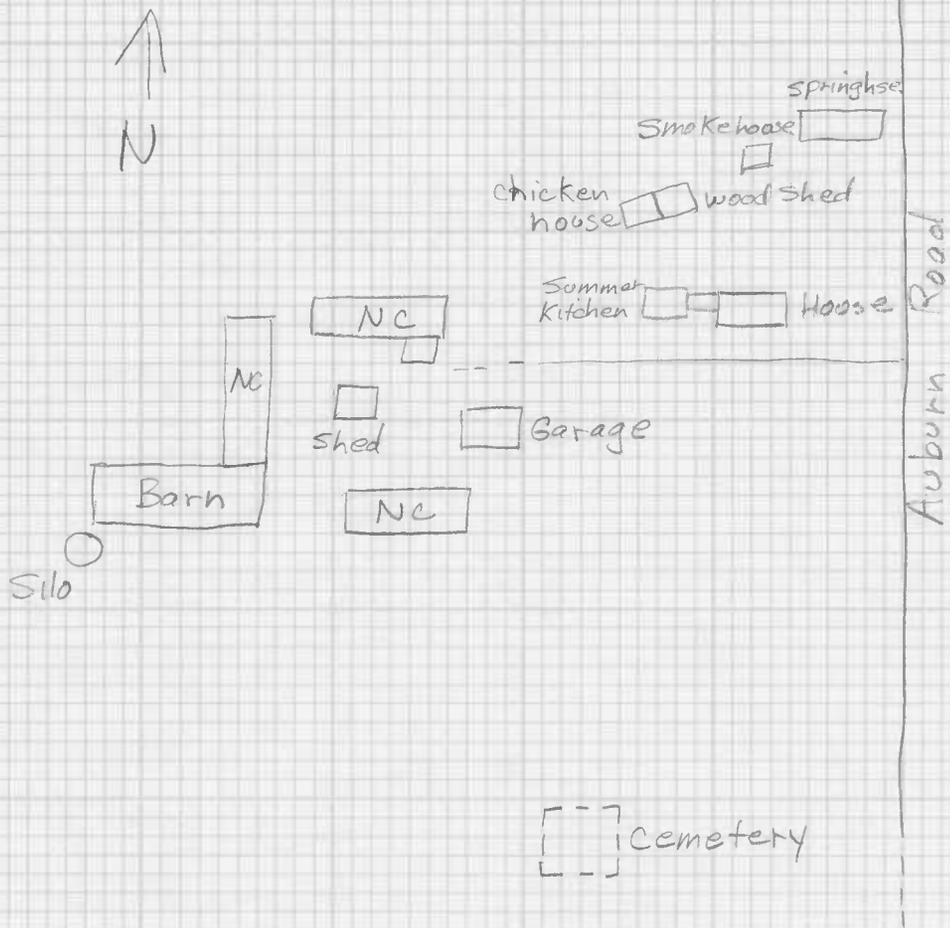
Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse  
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

11530 Auburn Rd. Prospect

| LIBER/FOLIO              | GRANTEE                              | GRANTOR   | ORIGINAL TRACTS                    | COST     | DATE   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| 1194/491<br>31 Mar 83    | William H. + Lois<br>H. Poffenbarger | Helen Van Fossen,<br>widow  | 128.057A.<br>check of preservation |          |        |
| 651/203<br>4 Apr 61      | Edgar A. + Helen<br>W. Van Fossen    | Marshall L. + Dorothy<br>Leatheman  | 138A. (sic)                        |          |        |
| 444/147<br>2 Oct 44      | Marshall L.<br>Leatheman et ux       | H. Ernest + Ella M.<br>Warner   | 138A.<br>"Cronise's Prospect"      |          |        |
| 336/277<br>1 Oct 21      | H. Ernest Warner<br>et ux            | Charles C. + Bessie<br>Putman   | "Cronise's Prospect"<br>(sic)      |          |        |
| 326/573<br>26 Mar 19     | Charles C. Putman<br>et ux           | Vernon J. Smith<br>et ux  | 138A.<br>"Cronise's Prospect"      |          |        |
| HWB 292/334<br>21 May 10 | Vernon J. Smith<br>et ux             | James W. Smith  | "Cronise's Prospect"<br>138A.      | #10,500  | F-3-74 |
| DHH 3/735<br>2 Jun 1899  | James W. Smith                       | Wm. Marshall Leatheman<br>+ J. David English,<br>exec. of will + test.<br>of Sarah A. Leatheman | "Cronise's Prospect"<br>138A.      | #9888.45 |        |

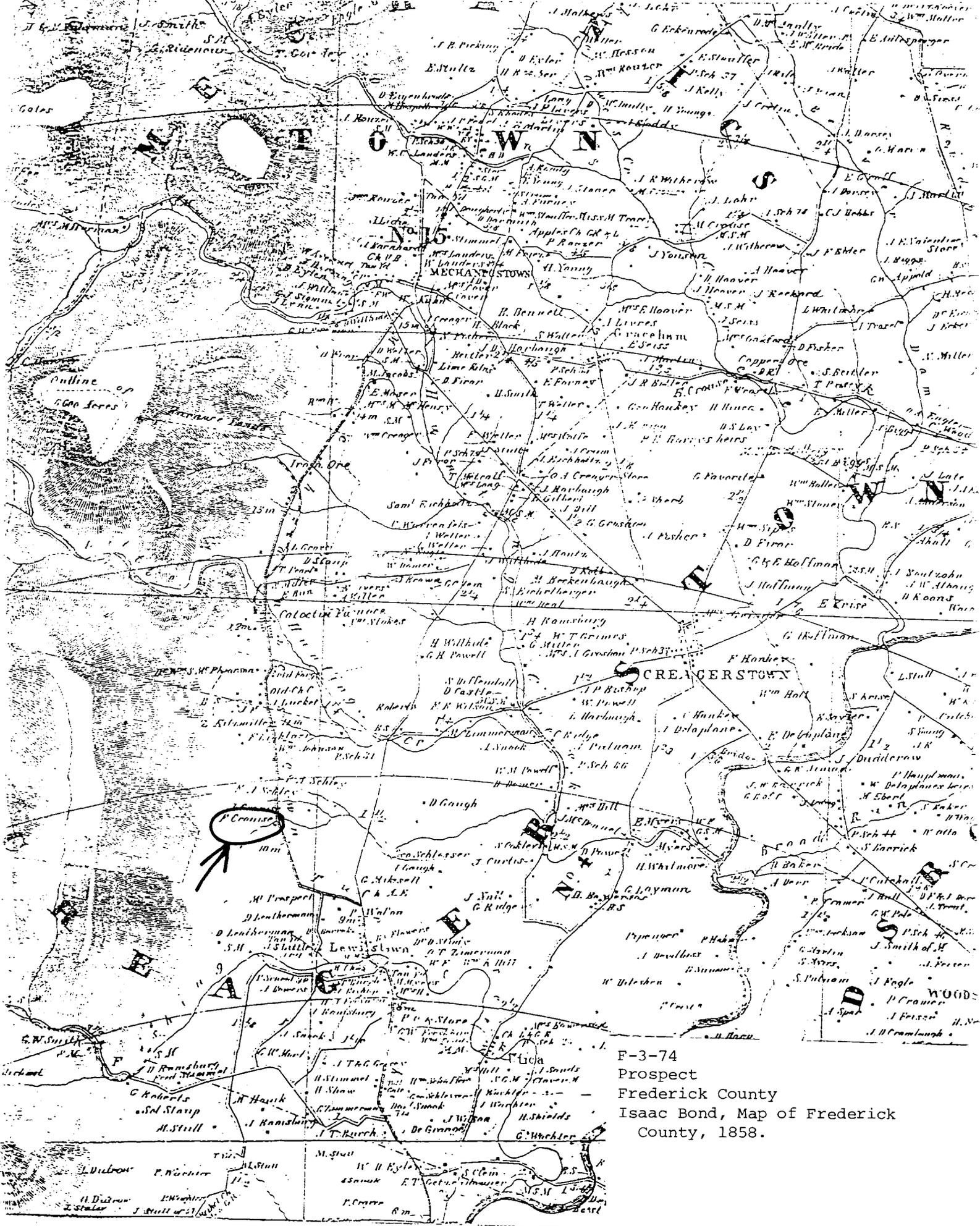
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| TG 6/5<br>10 May 1876                 | Sarah A.<br>Leatherman | <del>John</del> Daniel Leatherman         |  |                 |        |
| TG 4/675<br>23 Mar 1876               | Daniel Leatherman      | Isaiah Leatherman                         |  |                 |        |
| CM 10/368<br>2 Apr 1873               | Isaiah Leatherman      | H. Joseph Doll<br>et ux                   | "Cronise's Prospect"<br>resurveyed for<br>Frederick Cronise<br>22 Apr 1841<br>168 a. | \$17,500        |        |
| CM 1/633<br>31 Mar 1868               | H. Joseph Doll         | William H. Cronise<br>& Catharine Cronise | "Cronise's Prospect"<br>168 a.   | \$17,000        |        |
| BCF 8/480<br>28 Mar 1863              | William H.<br>Cronise  | Frederick Cronise                         | "Cronise's Prospect"<br>168 a.   | \$10,024.12 1/2 |        |
| Sunny Book<br>THO 2/32<br>22 Apr 1841 | Frederick Cronise      |   | Parts of "Sandy Run"<br>"Neighbors Agreed"<br>"Spring Fields"<br>363 a.              |                 | F-3-74 |
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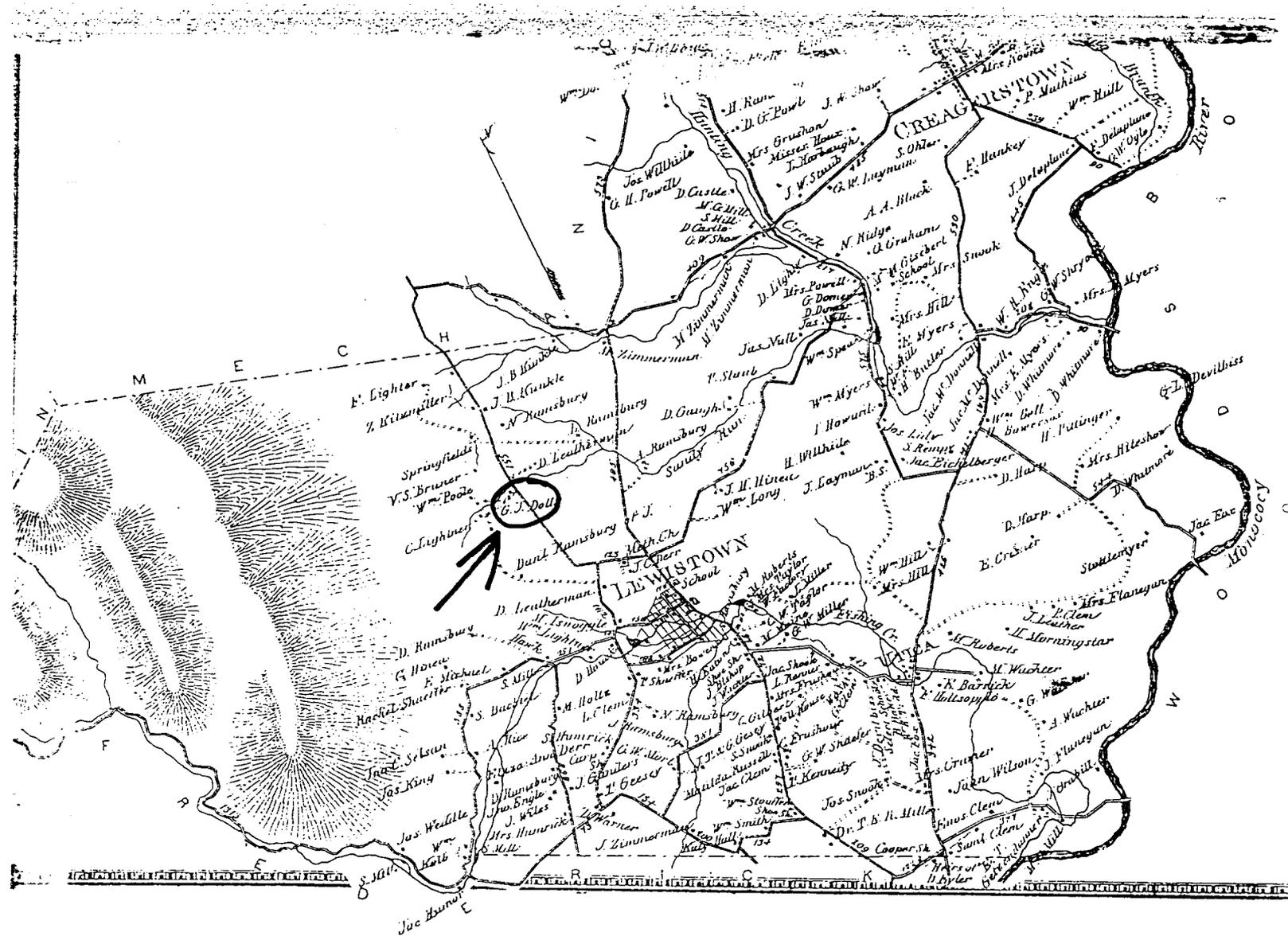
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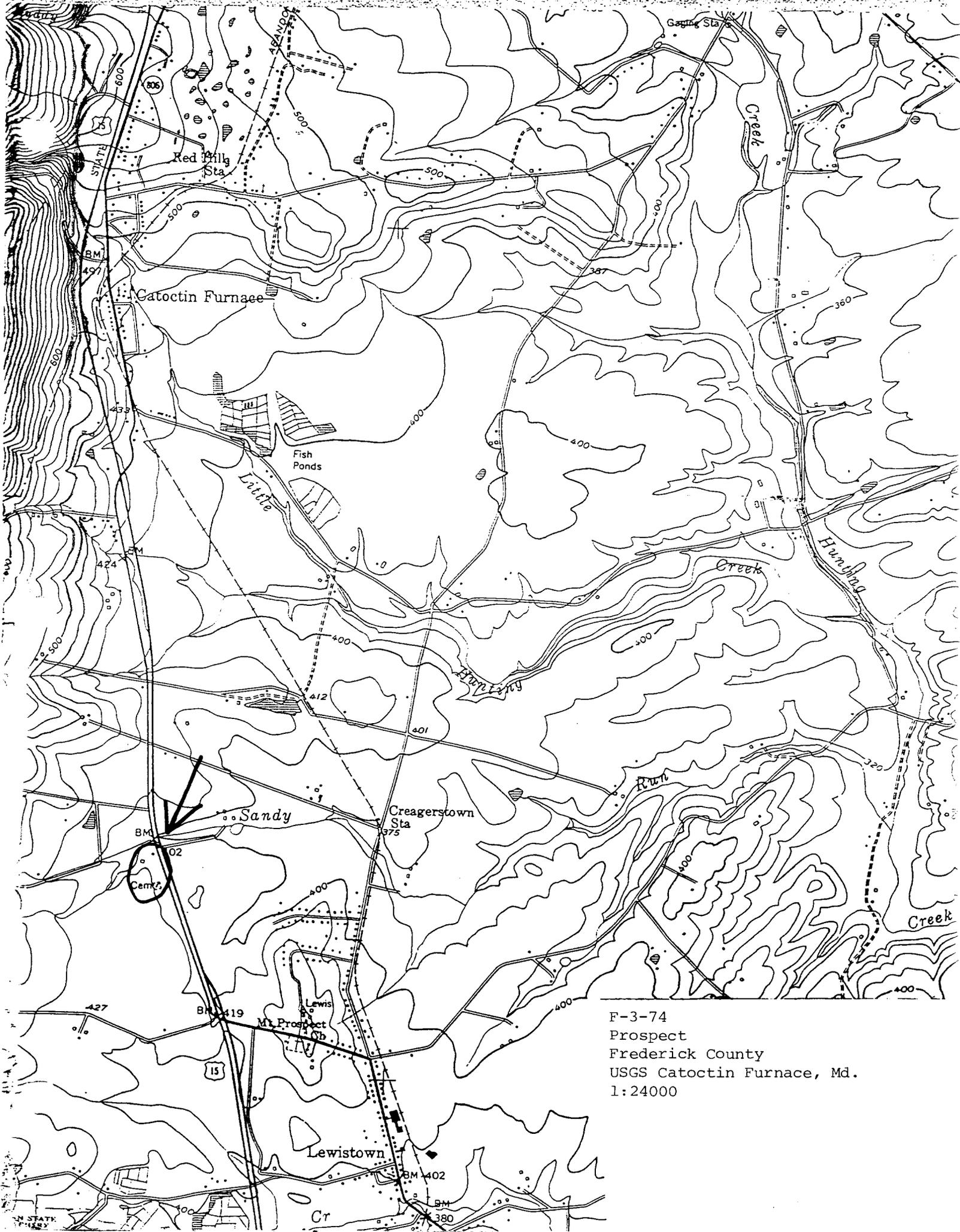


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South elevation

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East elevation with date stone

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North elevation

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Smokehouse and springhouse, south elevation

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View toward west into agricultural outbuildings

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Bank barn, south elevation

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