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Jonathan Routzahn Farmstead
Middletown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1800-1825

The Jonathan Routzahn Farmstead consists of a ca. 1800-1825 brick two-story dwelling with five bays and a central entrance porch, a stone springhouse of about the same date, a frame meat or smokehouse and a frame bank barn of about 1850-1875, and a frame garage of the early 20th century. A non-contributing concrete block dairy barn is also located on the farm. Near the house is a relocated survey stone with the inscription "N B 1787". The farmstead is principally significant for the architecture of the dwelling, which exhibits flemish bond on the west elevation and the typical features of a brick farmhouse of the first quarter of the 19th century in the five-bay form. The 9/6 sash, louvred shutters, corbeled cornice, and rear wing are features also found in three-bay examples of the period. The stone springhouse is also a good example of the type which has an extended gable roof forming a shelter over the doorway.

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Middletown
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 Expansion A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

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

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF

HISTORIC SITES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jonathan Routzahn Farmstead

and/or common Oakland Farm

2. Location

street & number 6621 Old Middletown Road not for publicationcity, town Middletown 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	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 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 Mrs. Charles H. Remsberg

street & number RT. 2, Box 19 telephone no.:

city, town Middletown state and zip code Md. 21769

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 436

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 364

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Paul Brinkman Survey of Frederick County #1181

date 1968 federal state county local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md. 21032

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-20

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 Jonathan Routzahn Farmstead (Oakland Farm) consists of a circa 1800 brick two-story dwelling, a stone springhouse with an extended gable roof built about the same time as the house, a circa 1875 frame meathouse, a frame garage of the first quarter of the 20th century, a frame bank barn built about 1850-1875, and three non-contributing structures including a concrete block ca. 1950's milking parlor and milk house, an open-sided metal equipment shed, and a metal shed located east of the house. The farmstead is located on the east side of Old Middletown Road just south of the Bussard Road intersection, near Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. The main elevation of the house faces west and the entire group is located at the end of a long driveway within sight of Old Middletown Road. The farm is primarily a private residence and the agricultural outbuildings are not in full-time use.

The house has a five-bay west elevation in Flemish bond brick painted white. The entrance is in the center bay through a gable roofed entry porch with paired concrete columns and a clapboard tympanum. The door has eight panels and a transom with diamond pattern tracery. A Frederick County Landmarks Foundation registry plaque No. 134 is attached to the door. The window openings have gauged brick arches, wood sills, and 9/6 sash. Louvred shutters flank the windows on the west, north, and south elevations. The interior chimneys are located at each gable end. The cornice is corbeled brick and the roof is covered with pressed sheet metal. A one-story wing extends from the northeast corner. A mid-20th century concrete terrace on the south side of the wing is covered by an extended porch roof. The roof of the wing is standing seam metal and an interior chimney is located at the east end. Two entrances in the wing's south elevation have 6-paneled doors, each with two upper panels glazed, and three-light transoms. As in the main part of the house, the windows are 9/6 with louvred shutters. Near the southwest corner of the house is a free-standing survey stone marked "N B 1787". According to the FCLF registry information sheet, the survey stone originally stood in a field near the house. The interior of the house was not accessible for this survey.

Immediately east of the wing is a frame garage with board and batten siding and a pressed metal roof. The south elevation is open below the gable. It was probably built during the first quarter of the 20th century. A frame meat or smokehouse with vertical siding is located just south of the garage, with a single vertical board door in the north elevation and a louvred opening in the south elevation. The gable roof is corrugated metal. The building probably dates from about 1875.

The stone springhouse is located northwest of the house near a creek which runs through the farm. It has an extended gable roof over the south elevation, sheltering the vertical board door and a square window opening. The roof is standing seam metal. The springhouse may be contemporary with the ca. 1800 period of the dwelling.

The circa 1850-75 frame bank barn is located west of the house and is a large rectangular structure with the ramp on the west elevation. The ramp is flanked by -

8. Significance

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		

Specific dates Ca. 1800-1825 **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 Jonathan Routzahn Farmstead is principally significant for the architecture of the dwelling in the group. This house is a good example of the brick farmhouses of the Middletown vicinity. The principal difference between the houses is the number of bays. The five-bay type represented by the Routzahn house is often seen with a side-by-side wing with a two-story porch. The Routzahn house conforms to the German L-shape with a wing extended perpendicularly to the main section. The stone springhouse is an equally good example of the extended gable type of outbuilding, which is found throughout the County. The barn and other contributing outbuildings are typical of the late 19th century farmstead.

Title research on the property does not give a clear indication of the original owner. The 1858 and 1873 maps of the County show that J. Routzahn, presumably Jonathan Routzahn, the owner from 1853-1877, owned several properties in the vicinity. Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County suggests that Daniel Routzahn, the owner prior to 1853, was the proprietor of a mill on the creek near Old Middletown Road (p. 1324). Possibly related to the mill was a blacksmith shop which once stood on the west side of the road opposite the Routzahn Farmstead. Later owners of the farm from 1877 to 1942 were members of the Shafer family, related by marriage to the Routzahns.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-20

Bond, Isaac, 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.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3 acres
Quadrangle name Middletown, Md. Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Three acres centered on dwelling house including springhouse, barn, and other outbldgs.
Tax Map 75, Parcel 21 contains approximately 187 acres.

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date February 1992

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

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.

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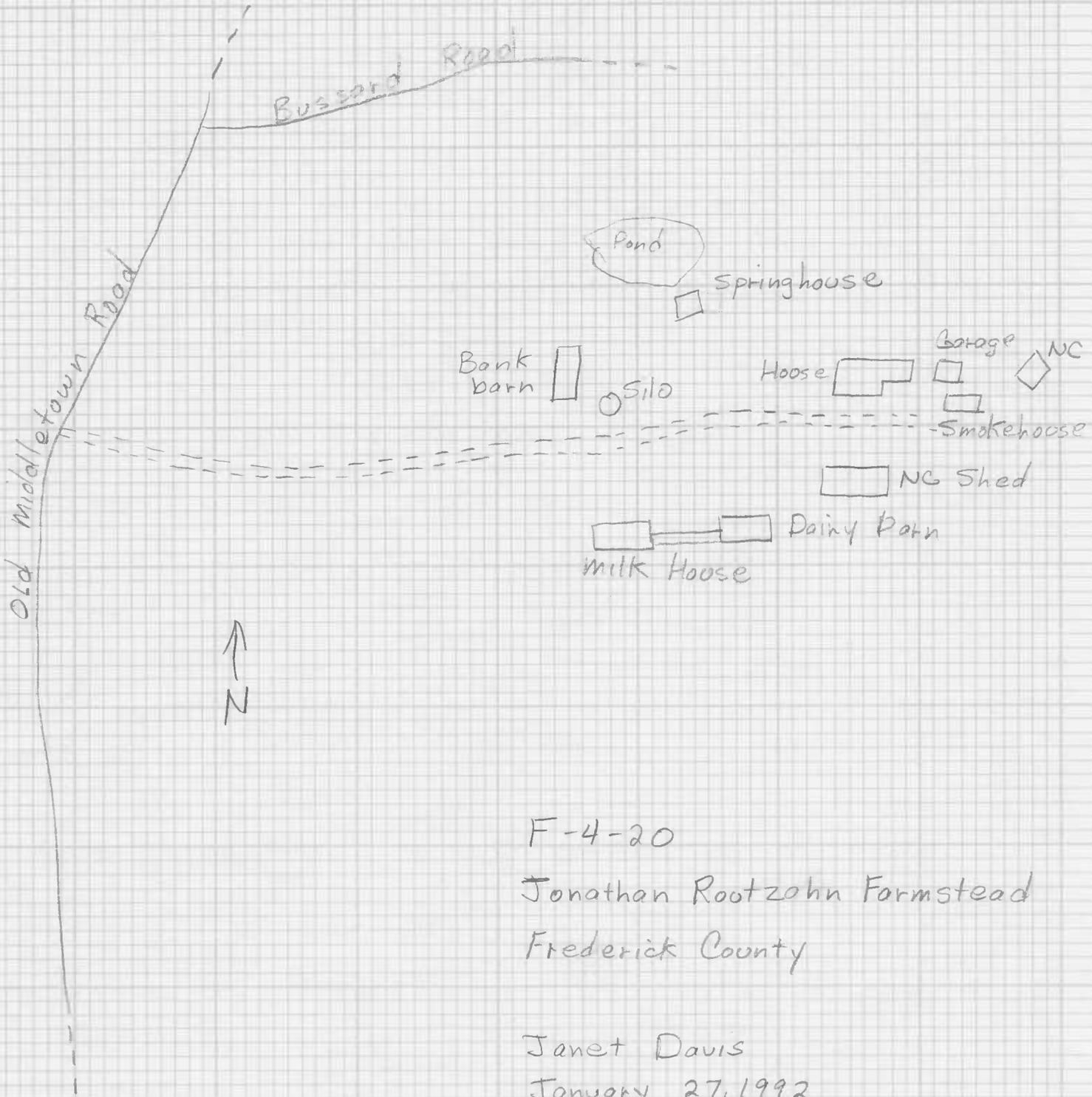
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7.1 Description Continued

concrete silo added during the early 20th century. The lower level is enclosed by concrete block and horizontal boards. The upper exterior is vertical board siding, with a pressed metal roof.

The non-contributing concrete block dairy barn and milk house are located south of the entrance drive and the bank barn. The current name of the farm, Oakland Farm, is painted on the west elevation of this building. The non-contributing equipment shed is just northeast of the dairy barn.



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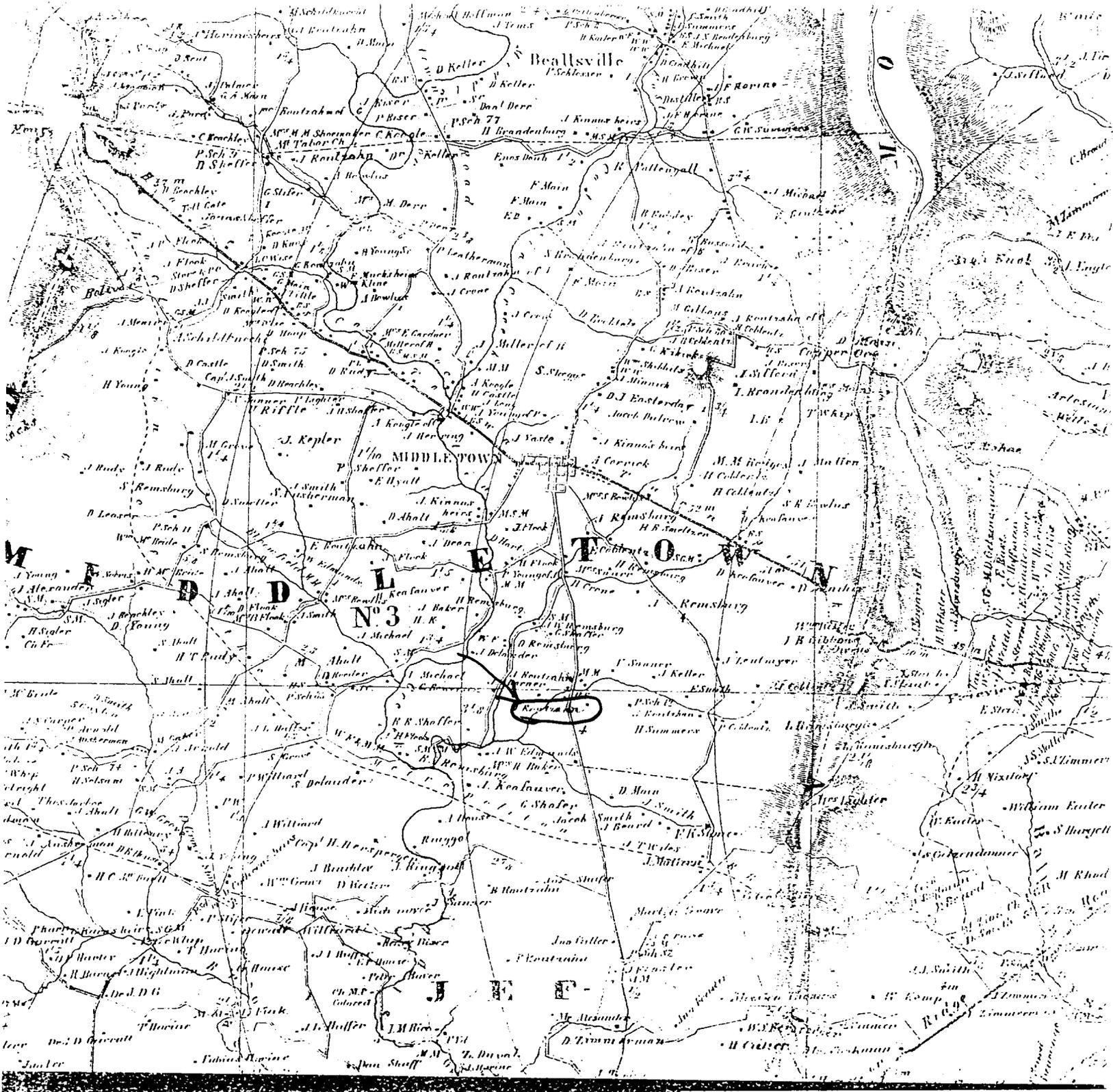
Janet Davis
 January 27, 1992

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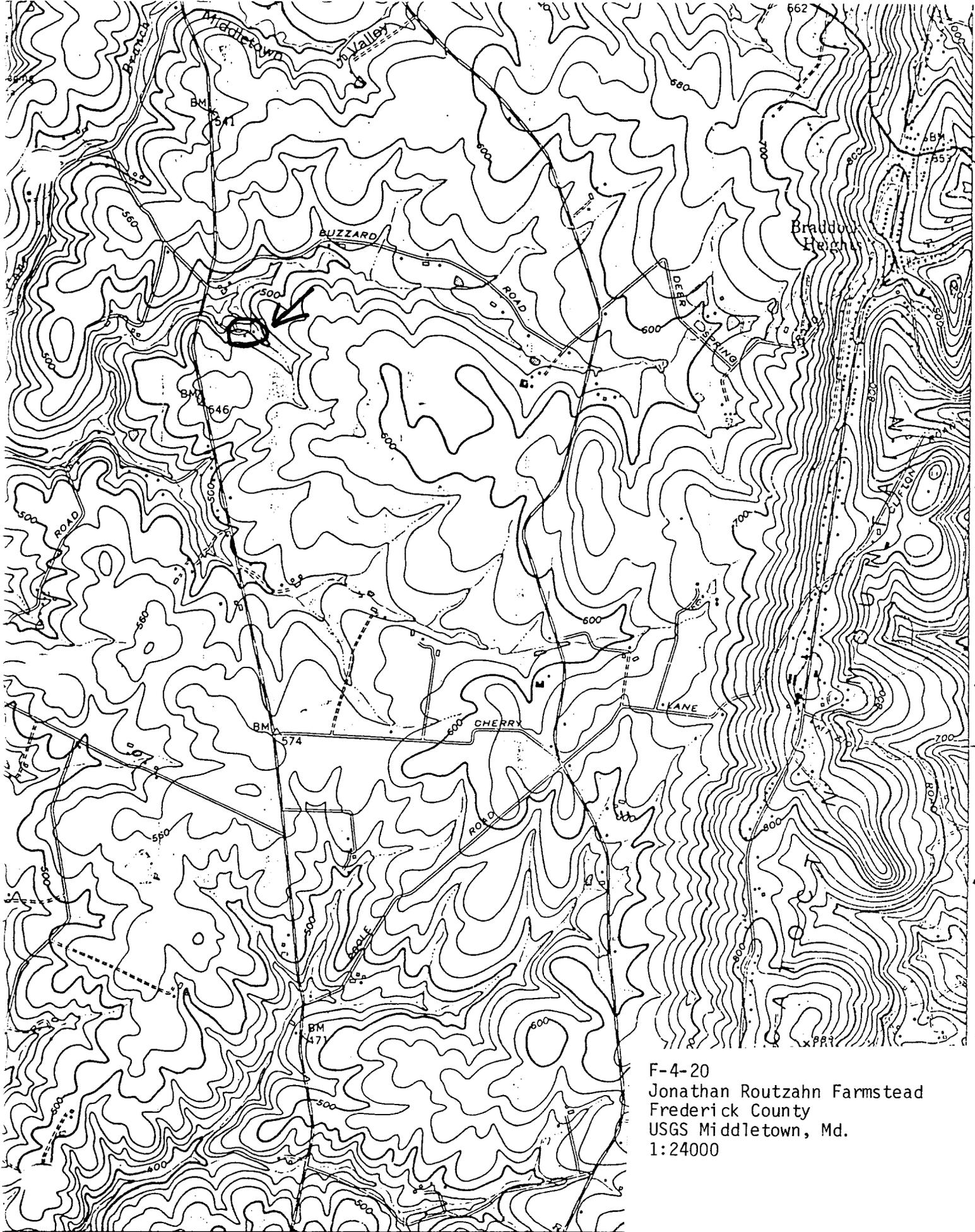
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LIBER/FOL. O	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
436/364 4 Dec 42	Charles H. & R. Elizabeth Remsburg	S. Leslie Shafer & Annie M. E. Ridenour suv. ex's of last will of Lauretta F. Shafer	190a. Surveyed 30 Oct 42 by Harry Keller, Surveyor mentions stone markers "B. S. 1787"	\$19,500	
1) 336/549 5 Jan 22	Lauretta F. Shafer	A. Henry Rutzahn	refs 3 parcels total = 8a.		
2) 5TH 271/361 11 Nov 05	Lauretta S. Shafer et al John E. Shafer	Emory L. Coblenz	247a., farm now occupied by Shafer		
2) 5TH 271/360 11 Nov 05	Emory L. Coblenz	John E. & Lauretta F. Shafer	253a.		
2) WIP 9/131 1 Apr 1889	John E. Shafer	John R. & Catherine Shafer	253a. farm on which John E. Shafer now resides Plat 258.0.7 ARP	\$6,000	
2) T 67/546 11 May 1877	John R. Shafer	CNS Levy, atty of Joseph Rutzahn & Wm. D. Bauer, mortgagors of Jonathan Rutzahn			
T 67/544 11 May 1877	John R. Shafer		202a.	\$14,434.87	
ES 4/44 20 Apr 1853	John Jonathan Rutzahn	Daniel Rutzahn & wife Elizabeth	202a. no further refs-	\$10,100	

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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County,
1858.



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USGS Middletown, Md.
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Feb 20

Location: Western Farmstead

Friedrich Co. W.

Water - West Point

January 1912

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

Southwest corner view

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Jonathan Reutahn Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

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Reg. loc. Mid. SUPO, Chantilly, Md

Spring 1972, 1973

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Josephine (Kathleen) Farnsworth

Theresa - out

Patricia Janet Davis

Josephine

Josephine - Mrs. J. W. Davis, Sister of Mrs. J. W. Davis

Patricia's, east elevation

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F. J. J. S.

Journal of the party to the ...

From Oct 1892

To the ...

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