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Routzahn-Darner Farmstead
Middletown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1820-1940

The Routzahn-Darner Farmstead is a large farm with a domestic group and two agricultural outbuilding groups. The domestic group centers on a circa 1820 brick house with a flemish bond facade and a Tuscan-columned front porch, possibly added in the 1850's. Associated with the house are a contemporary summer kitchen, two chicken houses, a privy, and a feed shed. The eastern agricultural group has a frame bank barn of about 1850 with a terra cotta tile silo, a circa 1935 rusticated concrete block dairy barn with two milk houses, a frame hog barn, and a garage which may once have been a third chicken house. The second agricultural group is located to the west and contains another frame bank barn, also possibly mid-19th century in date, two frame sheds, a small concrete block barn, and an early log outbuilding with a stone basement with a late 19th century extension, each section differentiated by vertical siding on the older and tongue-and-groove siding on the newer part. The farmstead is an excellent assemblage of farm buildings from the period about 1820 through 1940. As many farms of the same period have lost or replaced buildings through the years, this has examples from virtually every period of its development, with emphasis on the early period 1820-1850 and the period 1875 to 1940.

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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
Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

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

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/silo
Agriculture/subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

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 Routzahn-Darner Farmsstead

and/or common Hickoryvale Farm

2. Location

street & number 3511 Bussard 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 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	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 Mehrle L. Ifert

street & number 3511 Bussard Road 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 768

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 161

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-4-21

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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: 17

The Routzahn-Darner Farmstead is a large agricultural group consisting of a brick two-story dwelling house of about 1820 with a domestic outbuilding group dating from about 1870-1900 containing a frame summer kitchen, two frame chicken houses, a frame feed shed, and a frame privy, and two agricultural outbuilding groups, each with a frame bank barn, a dairy barn, and other associated structures. The farmstead is located on the south side of Bussard Road just west of Old Middletown Road near Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. In addition to the contributing resources, the farm also has several non-contributing agricultural buildings and structures, including a metal barn and several metal silos.

The dwelling's principal elevation faces east and is laid in flemish bond which is painted dark red. The five-bay facade has a one-story porch with Tuscan columns which may date from about the 1850's. The entrance is in the center bay and has a 10-panel door with a four-light transom. The window openings have plain wood lintels and sills, with 6/6 sash and louvred shutters. The cornice is corbeled brick and the interior chimneys are located on the gable ends. The roof is standing seam metal. A 1-1/2 story rear wing extends from the northwest corner of the main section. The wing has a raised stone basement and a shed porch on the south elevation. Two chimneys break the roof of the wing. Two doors open on the porch from the wing. A mid-20th century frame addition on the second story of the main section, probably containing a bathroom, extends over the roof of the wing. The north and south gable ends of the main section each have two bays, with square attic windows flanking the chimneys.

The interior was not accessible for this survey.

Domestic Outbuildings:

Summer kitchen: The summer kitchen is located west of the rear wing of the dwelling. It has a concrete block raised foundation, probably replacing an original stone foundation, and a frame or log upper level covered with asbestos siding. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. A rebuilt exterior brick chimney is located on the west gable end. A vertical board door and a square 2/2 window are located in the south elevation. Although altered, the form and location of the summer kitchen suggest that it is approximately the same date as the main dwelling.

Chicken houses: The two frame chicken houses probably date from the last quarter of the 19th century or the first quarter of the 20th. They are located north and southwest of the summer kitchen. Each has german siding and a corrugated metal shed roof.

Privy: The frame privy also has a shed roof and german siding. It stands just south of the southernmost chicken house. The structure probably was added to the grouping during the last quarter of the 19th century, possibly replacing an earlier shelter.

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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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Specific dates Ca. 1820-1940 **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 Routzahn-Darner Farmstead is an excellent example of the proliferation of agricultural outbuildings in a farm group dating from about 1820 to the 1940's. Where many farmsteads of the same period have lost or replaced outbuildings through the years, this has a large number of structures remaining. Many are altered and there is a preponderance of late 19th century and early 20th century structures, as the farm is an on-going dairy producer and other farmsteads in the dairy business contain the same types and periods of buildings. The architectural qualities of the dwelling suggest the relative prosperity of the early and middle 19th centuries. The large number of agricultural buildings of the later periods also indicate prosperity through the expansion of agricultural production and the conversion to principally dairy operation in the early 20th century. This sequence reflects the county-wide development of agriculture during the same period.

The identity of the house's builder is unclear, but it was probably an early 19th century member of the Routzahn family, possibly Daniel Routzahn, who was the proprietor of a mill on the creek which runs through the property south of the farmstead. John Darner, the owner for several years prior to 1869, was involved in the milling business as well as farming. Darner was related to the Routzahns by marriage. The owner from 1869 to 1879 was George I. Remsberg (1839-1898), a farmer who moved on to a smaller farm near Middletown after 1879 (Williams and McKinsey, History of Frederick County, p. 1324 and 1379).

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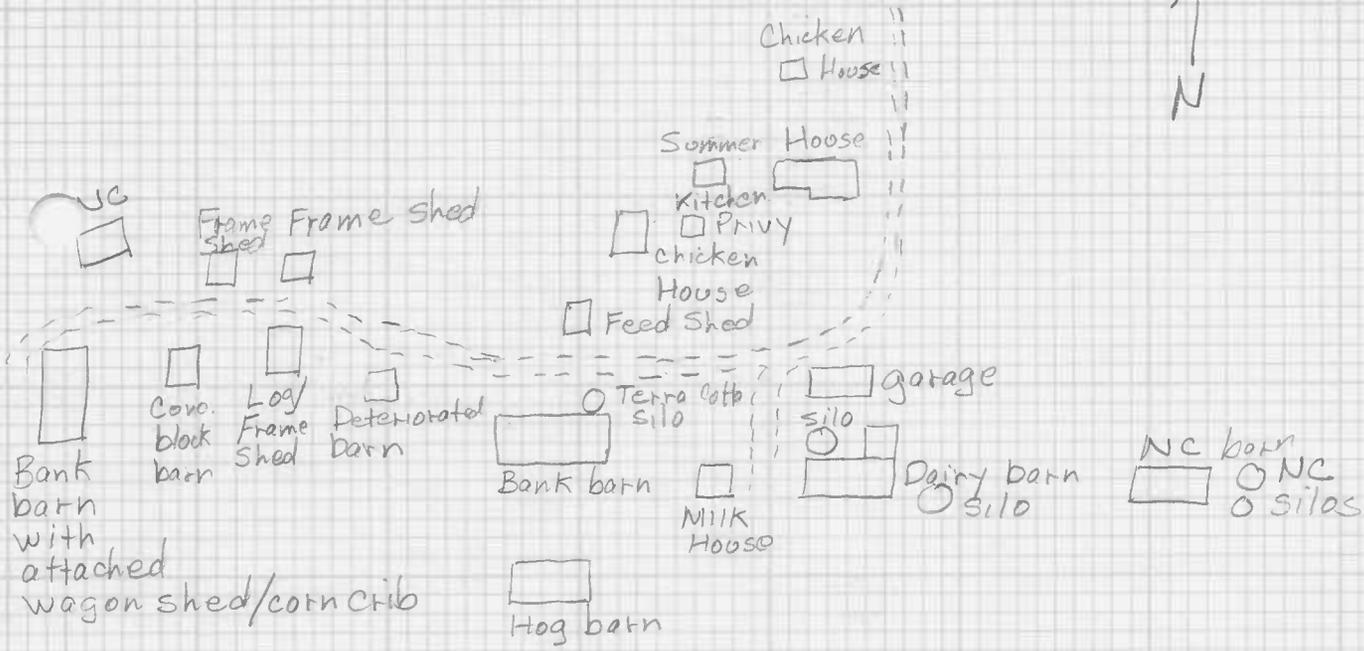
Feed shed: This is a square plan, frame building located south of the privy and chicken house near the lane separating the agricultural and domestic groups. It has a pyramid roof of flush boards, tongue and groove siding, and rectangular windows with various sash, 3/3 and 2/2. The stone foundation raises the structure off the ground and creates an alcove on the south side of the building where the ground slopes down toward the south.

Agricultural Outbuildings:

Eastern group: The eastern agricultural group is located south of the domestic group and the farm lane which curves around the house and runs west toward the second, western agricultural group. The eastern group is centered on a large frame bank barn of about 1850 with vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. A terra cotta silo with a domes cap is located just north of the barn near the ramp. The lower level on the south elevation is partially enclosed with concrete block, indicating a conversion to dairy operation in the early 20th century. On the east gable end is the weathered outline of painted twin-tablet decoration. South of the barn is a frame hog barn, probably an early 20th century structure resulting from the health regulations associated with the development of the dairy industry. It has tongue-and-groove siding and a corrugated metal gable roof. Three vertical board doors open on the north elevation and an upper level feed loading door is also on the north side. A circa 1935 rusticated concrete block dairy barn stands east of the bank barn. It has a gambrel roof and two concrete block additions or milk houses, one on the north elevation and one near the west gable end. The upper section of the gable ends has german siding. Two concrete silos are located near the dairy barn's east end and at the northwest corner. The eastern group contributing buildings are completed with a frame garage in the form of a large chicken house with a shed roof which is located near the turning of the farm lane to the west. Several non-contributing agricultural buildings are also present in the eastern group including a metal barn and two more silos.

Western group: The western group is located on a hill west of the domestic and eastern agricultural groups. The frame bank barn is at the top of the hill and is the westernmost contributing structure. It has vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof. On the north gable end is an attached wagon shed/corn crib. The lower level is enclosed with tongue-and-groove siding. A loafing shed extends over the entire east elevation, sheltering the forebay and lower level. On the farm lane northeast of the barn is a small concrete block barn with a domed standing seam roof, probably a 1940's building. On either side of the farm lane are two frame sheds, apparently dating from about 1875-1900. Each has tongue-and-groove siding, rectangular plans, and corrugated metal gable roofs. A third frame structure on the south side of the lane has some log structure on the south end and a stone lower level with access from the west elevation. Clearly a late 19th century adaptation of an early farm building of about the 1850's, its original function is unknown. It is now used as an equipment storage shed. It has vertical board siding on the log section and tongue-and-groove siding on the late 19th century section. The western group also contains several non-contributing buildings.

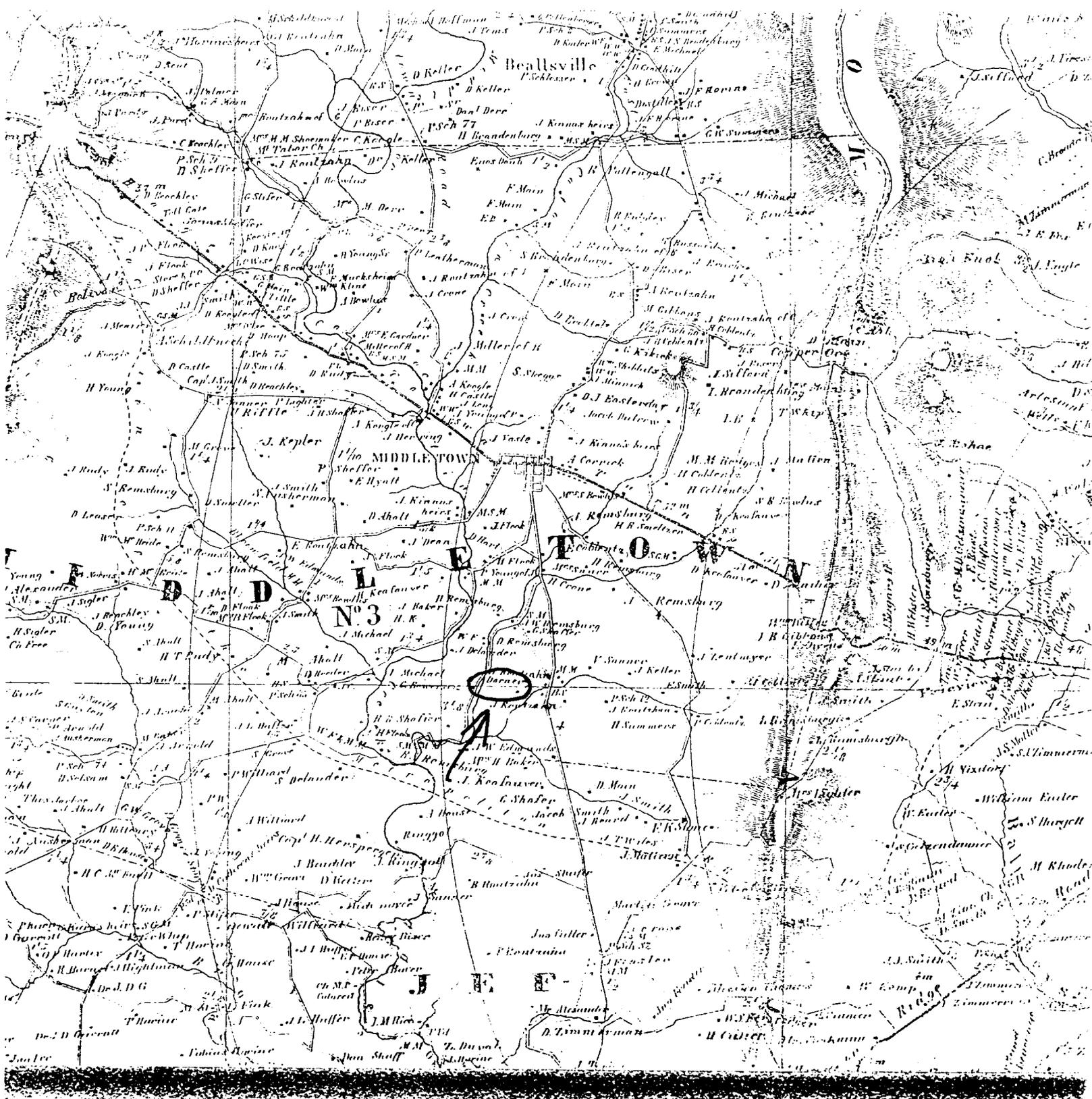
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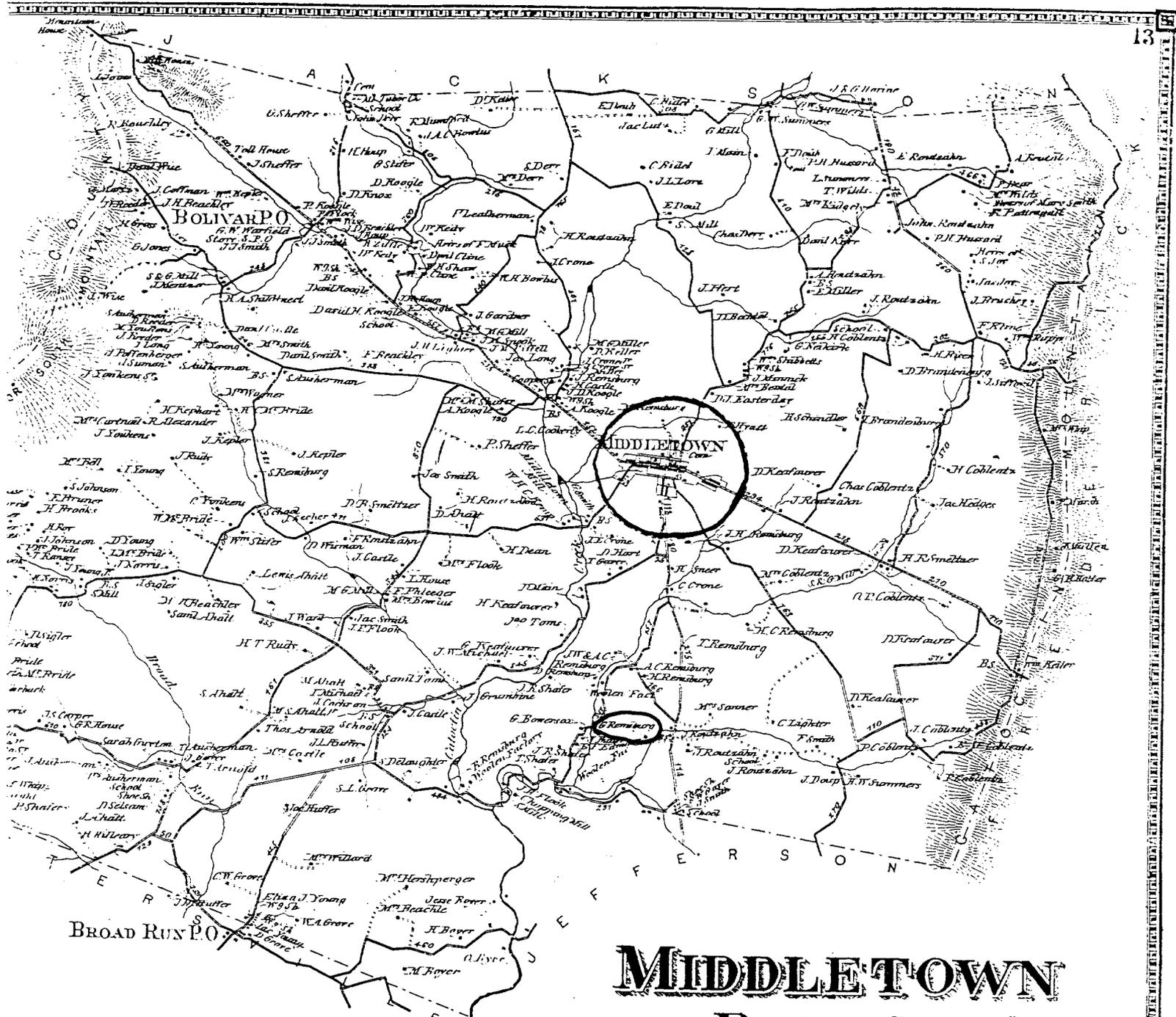
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Janet Davis
January 21, 1992
Not to Scale

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768/161 3 apr 67	Mehrl L. & Page K. Sfert	Ora D. & Zora V. Sfert	P. 1: 186a. P. 2 P. 3 Total 187a.		
342/451 27 Mar 23	Ora D. & Zora V. Sfert	Wm. H. Keller & Amelia C. Keller	186a.		
269/375 5 apr 05	Wm. H. Keller	Myrah L. Maught		\$10,000	
DHH1/408 31 Mar 1898	Myrah L. Maught	Ann R. E. Beachley			
TG12/65 10 June 1879	Martin H. Beachley	George J. & Susan E. Remsburg	188a.	\$10,000	
EM 4/243 31 May 1869	George J. Remsburg	John W. Danner & Henry Danner, exec's of last will of John Danner et al	also 17a. in CM 4/240, 31 May 1869 "Content"	\$16,305.25	
	John Danner	Joseph Rautzahn			F-4-21

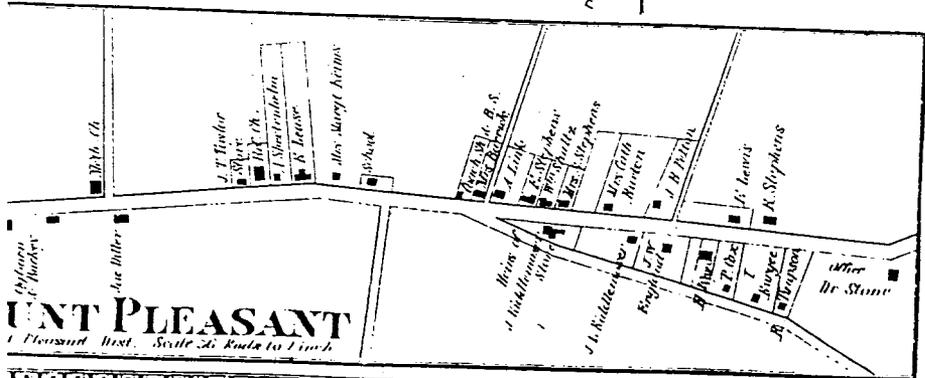


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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858

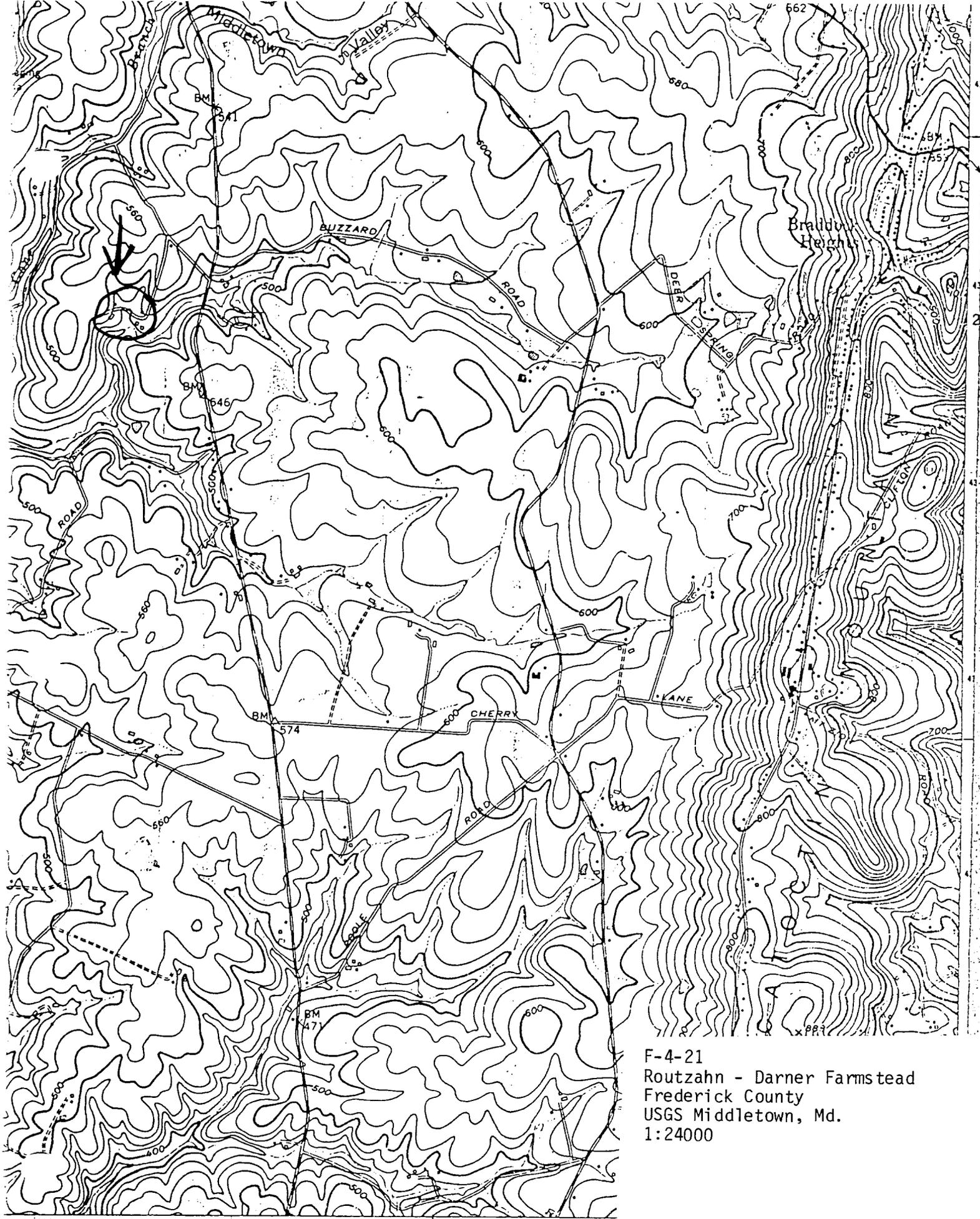


MIDDLE TOWN DIST No. 3

Scale 1 1/2 Inches to the Mile



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



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Frederick County
USGS Middletown, Md.
1:24000



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Porto Rico Insular Forests

Forest Court

Photo: Tavel Lewis

January 1942

Need to see in field with photo, how, etc.

Exact elevation

1/6



Feb 21

Highly improved

the last year

Highly improved

Jan 20 207

Highly improved

South 3/4 section

21



Foot rain - 1000 ft. water

Hydrogen Sulfide
water level

January 1912

New York, N.Y. 1912
Domestic

1/2





1 Aug 21

Retzahn-Davis Farmstead

1/2 mi. S. of ...

Photo: Janet Davis

January 1922

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F. F. L.

Post-Office, Denver, Colorado

Frederick Lane

Model Lane, Davis

January 1912

Dear Mr. Lane: I have received your letter of the 10th.

Enclosed are two views from the 10th.

Yours
G. C.