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Kinna's Mill Farmstead
Middletown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1830-1940

The Kinna's Mill Farmstead is an agricultural complex located on both sides of Bidle Road, with a domestic group on the north side centered on a circa 1830 brick, three-bay dwelling with a frame rear wing currently covered with vinyl siding and extended in the mid-20th century. The domestic outbuildings include a two-story brick and stone summer kitchen which may have been used as slave quarters, a stone and frame springhouse, and a stone smokehouse with german exterior siding. The agricultural group on the south side of Bidle Road has a small frame bank barn with several frame and concrete block extensions added during the early 20th century as part of the dairy conversion in Frederick County agriculture, a frame shed which was possibly a hog barn, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib. The farmstead was associated with Kinna's Mill (demolished), which stood on the banks of Catoctin Creek on the east side of the present property and was probably occupied by the mill owner or an overseer. As most mills in Frederick County had farms nearby, the Kinna's Mill Farmstead is typical of most early 19th century rural mill groupings. On the 1873 Titus Atlas map, the mill and the farmstead are united under the name "Middletown Mill".

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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 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Agriculture
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
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Kinna's Mill Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3140 Biddle Road not for publication

city, 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 Eleanor V. Bidle

street & number Rt. 1, 3140 Bidle 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 664

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 312

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Paul Brinkman Survey of Frederick County #1133

date C. 1968 federal state county local

pository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md. 21032

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-25

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: 8

The Kinna's Mill Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a two-story brick dwelling built about 1830 with domestic outbuildings of about the same period which include a stone smokehouse, a brick and stone two-story summer kitchen, and a stone and frame springhouse and an agricultural group located on the opposite side of Bidle Road, including a circa 1840-50 frame bank barn with several attached sheds dating from the last quarter of the 19th century and the first quarter of the 20th century and a frame wagon shed/corn crib. The farmstead is located on the north and south sides of Bidle Road about 1.5 miles southwest of Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland. The property is bordered on the east by Catoctin Creek, on which once stood a saw and grist mill possibly dating from the 1790's or first decade of the 19th century which was described in a 1920 land transaction as "Kinna's Mill (now Burnt)". This farmstead and the mill site are not related to the Kinna's Mill Survey District (F-6-50), located in the Thurmont Planning Region.

The dwelling house has a three-bay flemish bond south elevation with a one-story porch. The house has a two-story frame rear wing extended in the mid-20th century by several additions in the angle between the main part and wing. The house is painted yellow. The main entrance is in the east bay of the south elevation. It has a 6-panel door and a three-light transom. The arches at the doorway and window opening are gauged brick and the sills, probably wood, are wrapped in aluminum sheathing. The cornice is corbeled brick and the roof is covered with composition material. The chimneys are located on the interior end gable walls. The west chimney has been rebuilt above the roof with multi-colored brick. The east and west gable ends have two bays with small attic windows flanking the chimneys. The sash is 6/6. The rear wing has vinyl siding, probably covering german siding. The wash in the wing is 9/6 on the first story and 6/6 on the second. The wing's chimney is a modern exterior type on the north gable end. On the east elevation of the wing is a one-story porch. The interior was not accessible for this survey.

Domestic Outbuildings:

Smokehouse: This small rectangular structure is located about 20 feet northwest of the rear wing. It has german siding over a stone interior and a corrugated metal gable roof. An opening in the roof at the ridge indicates the location of a chimney, now missing. The vertical board door on the south gable end and the gable siding are charred due to fire damage. The wood siding is presumably a late 19th century effort to unify the appearance of the domestic structures with matching exterior coverings. In its original form, the smokehouse probably was built during the second quarter of the 19th century.

Springhouse: The springhouse, located about 20 feet north of the rear wing, has a stone first story and german sided frame upper walls above the level of the door lintel on the south elevation. The stone is partially plastered on the south elevation. The plan is rectangular and the vertical board door is flanked on the

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1830-1940 **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 Kinna's Mill Farmstead is part of the remaining buildings associated with the demolished late 18th or early 19th century grist and saw mill located on Catoctin Creek just east of the farm. The farm was probably occupied by the miller or another mill worker. Other buildings, now residential, which were possibly associated with the mill are located east of Catoctin Creek and are now on separate parcels. The 1873 Titus Atlas and the 1858 Isaac Bond map of Frederick County show the mill and the farm under the same owner, James Kinna's heirs in 1858 and William H.C. Kemp in 1873. Rural mills in Frederick County were always accompanied by associated farms, both take advantage of the mill's products and to provide basic living needs for the mill workers and owners. The Kinna's Mill Farmstead is typical of several other farms of the same period, the second quarter of the 19th century, in the vernacular Federal style of the dwelling, the functional construction and placement of the outbuildings, and the dividing road between the domestic and agricultural groupings within the farmstead which became the public road.

Although land record research establishes James Kinna's connection with the mill and the farmstead, the mill may have been built by Peter Young, who is referred to in an 1854 related deed as the owner of the mill dam north of the mill site. The site of the mill itself has not been located, but it appears from the historical maps to have been on the west side of Catoctin Creek just north of the present Bidle Road bridge. In an 1899 deed, the "mill site" was described as 10 acres, and containing a tenant house, a wagon shed, and other buildings, although the mill itself was not mentioned. Presumably it had burned prior to that transaction date. The 1873 map names the mill as "Middletown Mill", although no information on its operations under this name have been located in the readily available county histories.

7.1 Description (Continued)

east by a single 2/2 window. In the east gable are small square windows on both the main level and in the gable. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The springhouse is probably contemporary with the house and the smokehouse, although the frame in the upper gable suggests a rebuilding in the late 19th century.

Summer kitchen: The summer kitchen is located immediately east of the springhouse. It has two stories with the lower level partially stone and the upper story brick. Restoration of this building has been recent and may still be in progress. The exterior stone and brick chimney on the north gable end has been rebuilt and sections of the exterior walls have vestiges of paint and plaster. The rectangular building has a vertical board door near the southwest corner, flanked by a 6/6 window. On the second story are two 6/6 windows and the east and west elevations each have 6/6 windows. The two-story configuration of the summer kitchen suggests that it may have also been slave quarters, but this is unverified and additional research on the historical owners may reveal more about its use. The date of the structure is contemporary with the house and other domestic outbuildings, about the second quarter of the 19th century.

Garage: The frame garage is located west of the house and other domestic outbuildings. Probably built in the first quarter of the 20th century, it has vertical board siding and a corrugated metal roof. A metal sided shed has been added to the north elevation of the garage. The doorway is on the southeast gable end.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Bank barn and silo: The bank barn, like the other agricultural structures, is located on the south side of Bidle Road directly opposite the house and domestic buildings. The barn is relatively small in comparison with the barns of other farms in the Middletown area. It has a single drive floor with the ramp on the north elevation flanked by a concrete silo of the second quarter of the 20th century. The barn has vertical board siding and a corrugated metal roof. Its original date is probably about 1840-1850, although the interior was not observed to support this estimate. Several shed additions have been made to the barn on the east and west elevations. Some are concrete block, indicating the barn was adapted for use as a dairy barn in the about the 1920's or 1930's. Other additions are loafing sheds.

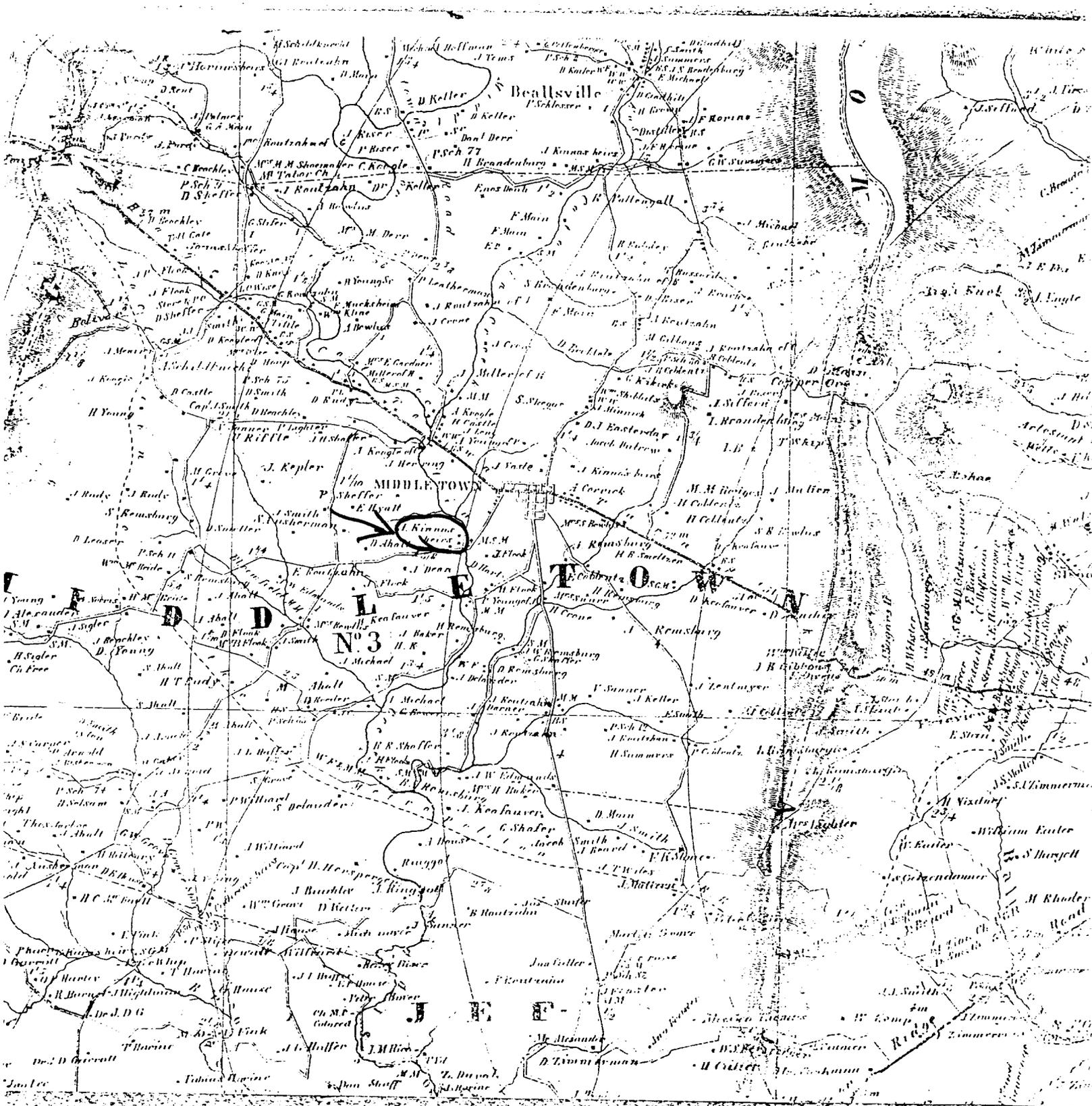
Frame shed: Located just west of the barn is a gable-roofed frame shed with vertical board siding. Its function is not clear, but the location suggests either a hog barn or calf barn. The roof is corrugated metal. The approximate date period is the last quarter of the 19th century.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib dates from about 1875 and is located near the road west of the barn. It has vertical board siding and a corrugated metal roof. The siting on a slight rise provided a banked stone foundation.

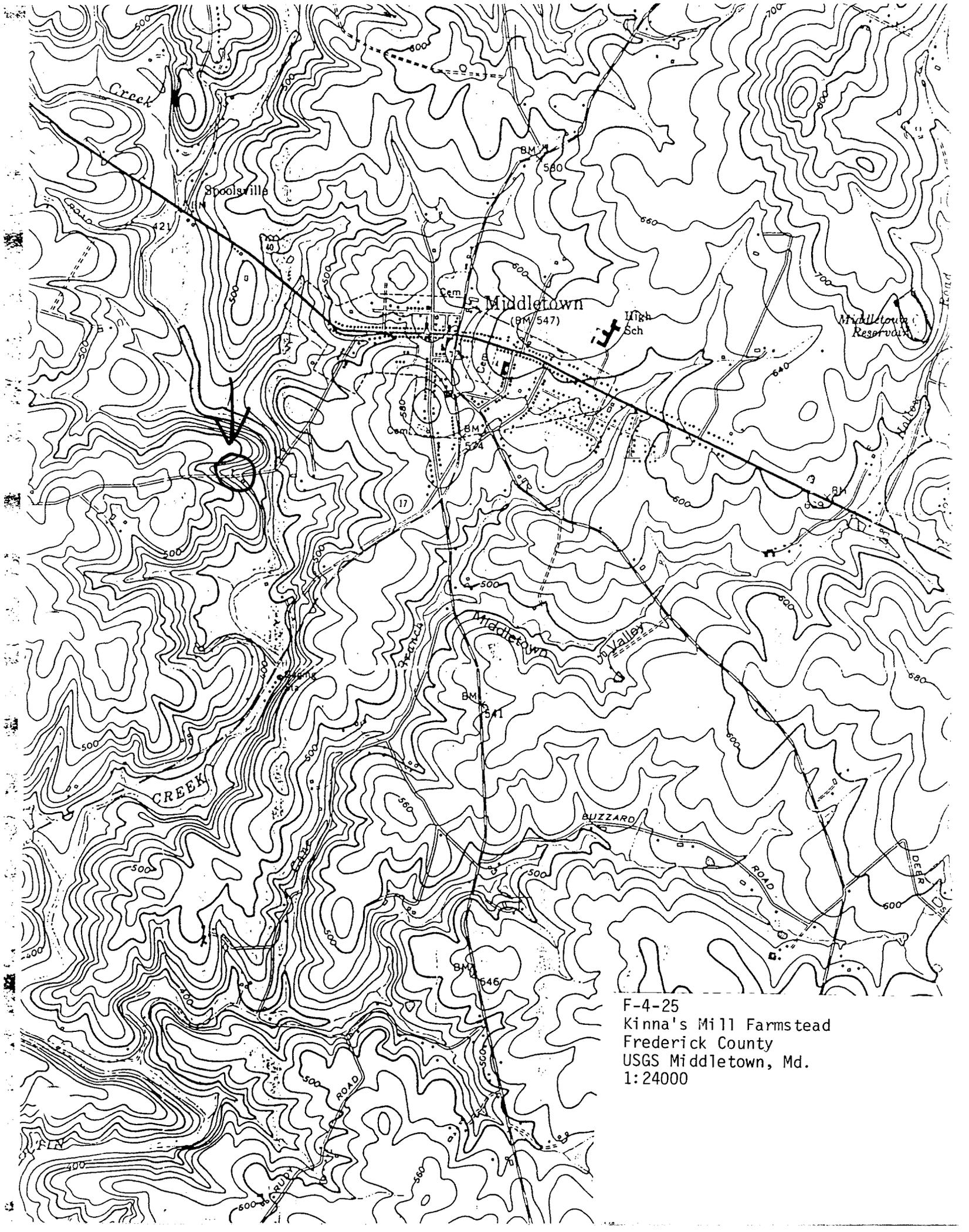
#50 3140 Bidle Rd.

LIBER/FC...O	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
664/312 13 Feb 62	G. Richard + Eleanor V. Bidle	Nancy E. Van Fossen	10a. } 3 tracts 61a. } 19a. }		
664/310 13 Feb 62	Nancy E. Van Fossen	G. Richard + Eleanor V. Bidle	3 tracts		
655/405 17 June 61	G. Richard Bidle	G. Richard Bidle, Russell P. Bidle, + Virginia F. Bibbitt, surv. exec. of last will + test of George A. Bidle, dec.	3 tracts deed of conveyance 1. 10a. 316/392, 1 Apr 16 2. 61a. 335/268, 1 Apr 21 3. 19a. 352/379, 1 Apr 20	\$18,000	
3) 332/379 1 Apr 20	George A. + Goldie B. Bidle	Wm. H. Keller + Amelia C. Kellee	"... by what is known as "Kinna's Mill" (now burnt)..." 19a.		
2) 335/268 1 Apr 21	George A. + Goldie B. Bidle	George D. + Ada F. Main	61a. farm		
3) 352/380 28 Mar 25	Wm. H. Keller	John W. O. Ahalt	58a.		
2) DHH 3/489 29 Mar 1899	Fredrick J. Main	Samuel M. Kefauver	61a. ; also mentions reversed 10a. "Millsite" containing house, wagon shed, etc.	\$4100	
3) JLS 1/338 1 Apr 1892	John W. O. Ahalt	Samuel M. Kefauver			
2) AF 1/473 29 Mar 1890	Samuel M. Kefauver	Daniel E. + Richard C. Kefauver, exec. of est. of Daniel Kefauver		\$7,000.96	
CM 8/404 18 Apr 1872	Daniel Kefauver	Wm. H. C. Kemp + Rebecca Kemp	51a. 13a. 64a.	\$12,000	
BGF 8/399 17 Mar 1863	Wm. H. C. Kemp	Richard H. Marshall, trustee in Equity Case # 2735, 14 Dec 1857 Central Bank of Frederick et al vs. Sampson Kinna et al	51a.		

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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County 1858.



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Kinna's Mill Farmstead
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USGS Middletown, Md.
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Frederick County

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February 1992

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North elevation

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Kinro's Mill - 1000 ft. W.

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1840 - 1841 Davis

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Smith's loc. - 1840 - 1841

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10. 10. 5. Mill Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Javel Farm

February 1902

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Kinnor's Mill Farm

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

February 1982

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April 1982 - 11 buildings, view from north

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