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Jacob Zentmyer Farmstead
Wolfsville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1831-1935

The Jacob Zentmyer Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1831 log dwelling with german siding and its associated domestic outbuildings which include a stone springhouse and a stone smokehouse, both contemporary with the house, and an agricultural group on the opposite side of Pleasant Walk Road which consists of a frame bank barn, two frame equipment sheds, a frame wagon shed/corn crib, and a frame hog barn, all probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century. The stone buildings are highly visible at the intersection of Pleasant Walk and Easterday Roads, and give a strong impression of the 19th century farmstead. The group shows the typical changes which occurred in most Frederick County farms during the late 19th century and the 1930's. These are the proliferation of outbuildings as agricultural advances were disseminated and equipment was acquired, and the enclosure of part of the bank barn for use as a milking room with the change from general farming to dairy production in the 1920's and 1930's.

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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:
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 Types:

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/animal facility/storage/granary

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 Jacob Zentmyer Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12031 Pleasant Walk Road not for publicationcity, town Wolfsville 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 Barbara L. Lewis et. al. (see also Section 7)

street & number 12031 Pleasant Walk Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1413

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 370

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-4-59

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: 9

The Jacob Zentmyer Farmstead is an agricultural grouping centered on a circa 1831 log two-story dwelling with german siding and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings including a stone springhouse and a stone smokehouse contemporary with the house, and a frame bank barn, a hog barn, a wagon shed/corn crib, a free-standing corn crib, and two adjoining frame equipment sheds, all dating from the last quarter of the 19th century. The farmstead is located on the east and west sides of Pleasant Walk Road just north of the intersection of Easterday Road near Wolfsville, Frederick County, Maryland. The domestic structures are on the east side and the agricultural buildings are on the west side of the road. A small stream runs roughly east-west through the farmstead just south of the buildings.

The dwelling is located at the edge of Pleasant Walk Road with its principal elevation facing west. It has two bays and two entrances on the first story sheltered by a one-story porch with modern cast iron columns and a concrete deck. The doors are 6-panel styles with glazed upper panels. On the second story are two window openings with 6/6 sash in one and boarding over the other opening. The gable roof is standing seam metal with patched sections at each end indicating the location of the original chimneys. The current chimneys are exterior concrete block stacks on the north and south elevations. The south elevation has two bays with 6'' windows with plain surrounds and a center vent at the attic level. The north elevation has a single bay with 6/6 sash. On the east elevation is a one-story enclosed shed addition with horizontal tongue-and-groove siding, suggesting an early 20th century construction date. Its windows are modern square types with a single vertical muntin. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Domestic outbuildings:

Springhouse: The stone springhouse is located southeast of the house at the edge of a field currently used as a pasture. It has a two-bay north elevation with an integral porch under the cantilevered roof. The entrance to the springhouse lower level is also in the north side. A modern frame porch extends across the elevation. The sash was originally 6/6, but it now 6/2 and the door is paneled with a 9-light upper section. The stone exterior on the north side is plastered and whitewashed. The roof is standing seam metal with an interior end chimney on the west gable elevation. The south elevation has two bays with replacement 1/1 sash. The stone on this elevation has been repointed in "grapevine" style. The interior has two rooms with a simple wood mantel in the west room. The upper level is currently used for storage.

Smokehouse: The stone smokehouse is located at the edge of Pleasant Walk Road south of the house. It has a generally square plan with a standing seam metal gable roof extended on the east to shelter the doorway. The gable has vertical board siding and the doorway below has been altered, with vertical board infill around the deteriorated door. The interior is partially plastered and the exterior masonry has been repointed. The smokehouse is highly visible at the road intersection and

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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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1831-1935 **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.

The Jacob Zentmyer Farmstead is significant for the stonemasonry technique of the springhouse and the smokehouse, built about the 1830's along with the original structure of the log house, which is now covered with german siding. The distinctive form of the stone buildings and their high visibility at the rural intersection have a strong feeling and association with the 19th century. As a farmstead, the grouping is fairly representative of the mid-19th century farm with the typical additions and alterations of continuing use through the mid 20th century. These include the wagon shed with corn crib, the hog barn, and the equipment sheds, all indicating the improvement of farm technology and agricultural science around the beginning of the 20th century. The enclosure of the bank barn or dairy use is another widely distributed feature associated with the agricultural development of Frederick County in the middle third of the 20th century.

The Zentmyer Farmstead originally totaled about 164 acres, being purchased by Jacob Zentmyer in 1831. When he died in 1854, his will mentioned his "plantation adjoining and lying on the south side of my dwelling known as 'Hershey Farm'". The origin of this name is unknown. In 1900, an equity case involving the property referred to a two-story brick dwelling, a 1-1/2 story tenant house, a bank barn, corn house, and other outbuildings. The brick structure may have been a building adjoining on the north side of the farm which has been demolished. The tenant house is probably the log dwelling of the Zentmyer Farmstead. On both the 1858 and 1873 maps, the dwelling is identified as that of "Mrs. Zentmyer". The agricultural buildings on the west side of Pleasant Walk Road are now on a separate parcel from the house and domestic buildings.

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with the springhouse, is the most important character-defining element in the farmstead.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Corn crib: The free-standing corn crib has probably been moved from another site within the farmstead, as it is now located just north of the springhouse. Probably an early 20th century structure, it has vertical lath siding and a shed pressed metal roof which has been repaired with sheet metal. A vertical board door is located in the west elevation.

Bank barn: The frame bank barn may date from about 1875, as circular saw marks are visible on the exterior vertical siding. It has a standing seam metal roof and the double sliding doors on the north and single sliding door on the south elevation are both painted in "tablet" style. The stall level on the south side has been enclosed with concrete block for dairy use, probably a change made in the early 1930's. A frame, shed-roofed loafing shed is placed at right angle near the southwest corner.

Milk house: A concrete block milk house, another 1930's feature, stands near the east gable end of the barn. It has a standing seam metal roof with the end gables covered with composition siding. The windows are 1/1 and a new vertical board door is located in the south elevation.

Equipment sheds: The two adjoining frame equipment sheds are open on the south elevation and have vertical board siding on the other sides. The shed roofs are corrugated metal and the easternmost of the two has a lower height. These shed date from the first quarter of the 20th century.

Wagon shed/corn crib: A frame wagon shed with an extended east gable stands just north of the stream on the west side of Pleasant Walk Road. Built probably in the last quarter of the 19th century, its vertical siding has circular saw markings. A single corn crib flanks the open bay on the north side. The roof is corrugated metal and a modern metal shed has been added to the rear or west end of the wagon shed.

Hog barn: The hog barn is located just south of the wagon shed/corn crib at the edge of the stream. The wallow is on the south side and the vertical boarded frame structure has a doorway at the northeast corner leading to the feed bin and feeding aisle. The barn has been used more recently as a chicken house and the feed bin is screened with chicken wire. The building was probably built about the same time as the wagon shed.

The agricultural outbuildings on the west side of Pleasant Walk are on a separate parcel from the dwelling and domestic outbuildings. The owner of the agricultural buildings is Kenneth C. King, 12050 Pleasant Walk Road, Myersville, MD 21773.

Pleasant Walk

LIBER/FOL. U	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1413/370 28 Apr 37	Barbara Lee Lewis, et al	Gabriel D. Lewis Sr. + Barbara Lee Lewis	Loc. 1 Sect. 1 Buhrmann Estates Plat BK. 16/60 5. 5899.	\$26,000	
1031/25 29 Sept 77	Gabriel D. Lewis Sr. et ux	Victor W. + Donna M. Buhrmann			
454/16 29 Mar 46	Victor W. + Donna M. Buhrman	Ammie C. Lewis, widow of Edward T. Lewis	338/270 87A 358/557 41A	\$4,000	
338/270 21 Mar 22	Edward T. + Emma C. Lewis	Oscar C. + Eva M. Schroyer		\$5000	
331/342 24 Mar 20	Oscar C. + Eva M. Schroyer	Shaddicus H. Schroyer + Oda C. Schroyer	"Stainbaugh"	\$4000	
51H 274/485 29 Mar 06	Shaddicus H. + Oda C. Schroyer	Trenton C. Schroyer + Lola E. Schroyer	"Stainbaugh" "Mary Memorandum" "The Long Race" "Stony Level" "Ship Between 87A."	\$2450	
DHH 13/356 29 Mar 02	Trenton C. Schroyer	George W. + Mary C. Bewert	tracts as above, known as Name Game of James H. P. Baker, for the last year in occupation of Charles E. Batt		

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DHH 11/1 8 Mar 01	Mary C. Bowers	Clayton O. Keedy & Thaddeus M. Biser, trustees in Equity 7245 Romanas E. Baker & wife vs. Eliz. Baker, widow, et al 27 Dec. 1900	130 1/8 a. (Jacob Zentmayer to George Cline 6 1/4 a.)	\$2504.90	
Equity Record DHP 3/518	mentions 2 story brick dwelling, 1 1/2 story good bank barn,	corn house & other outbuildings	tenant house		
AF 2/157 26 Jun 1880	James H. P. Baker	John C. Motter, trustee in Equity 4381, 4 Jan 1879 Mary Ann Kauf, George & Nancy Kline vs. Jacob Zentmayer & wife, Jas. H. P. Baker, et al	164 a.		
Equity Record TG 7/299	Jacob Zentmayer died 1854 mentions "my plantation adjoining & lying between at "Hershey Farm"		on the south side of my dwelling		
JS 36/356 11 Apr 1831	Jacob Zentmayer	Samuel M. Hete	"Long Run" 48 a. "Storey Level" 37 a. "Caly's Menorah" 71 3/4 a. 156 3/4 a. total	\$1200	

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Janet Davis
 April 28, 1992

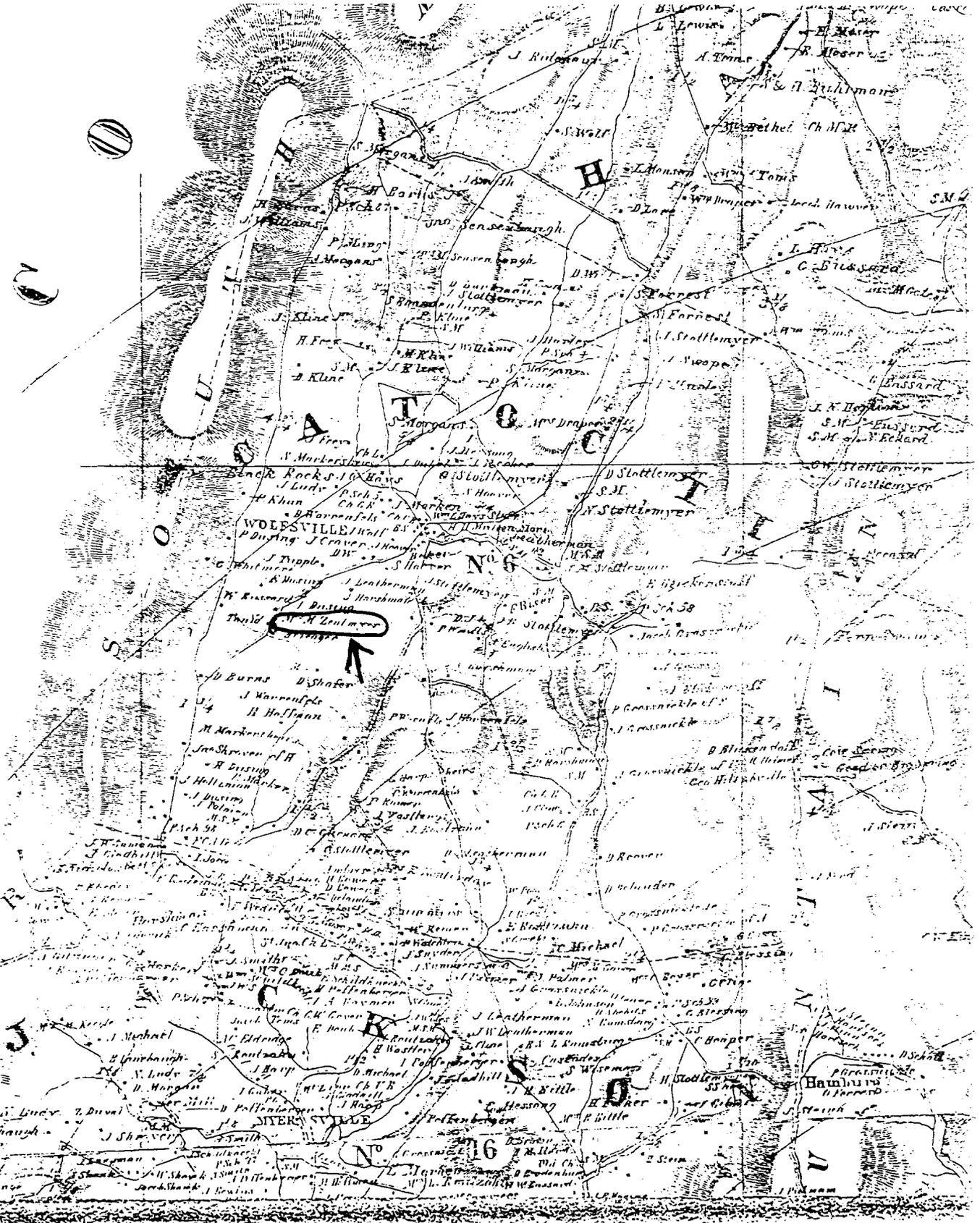
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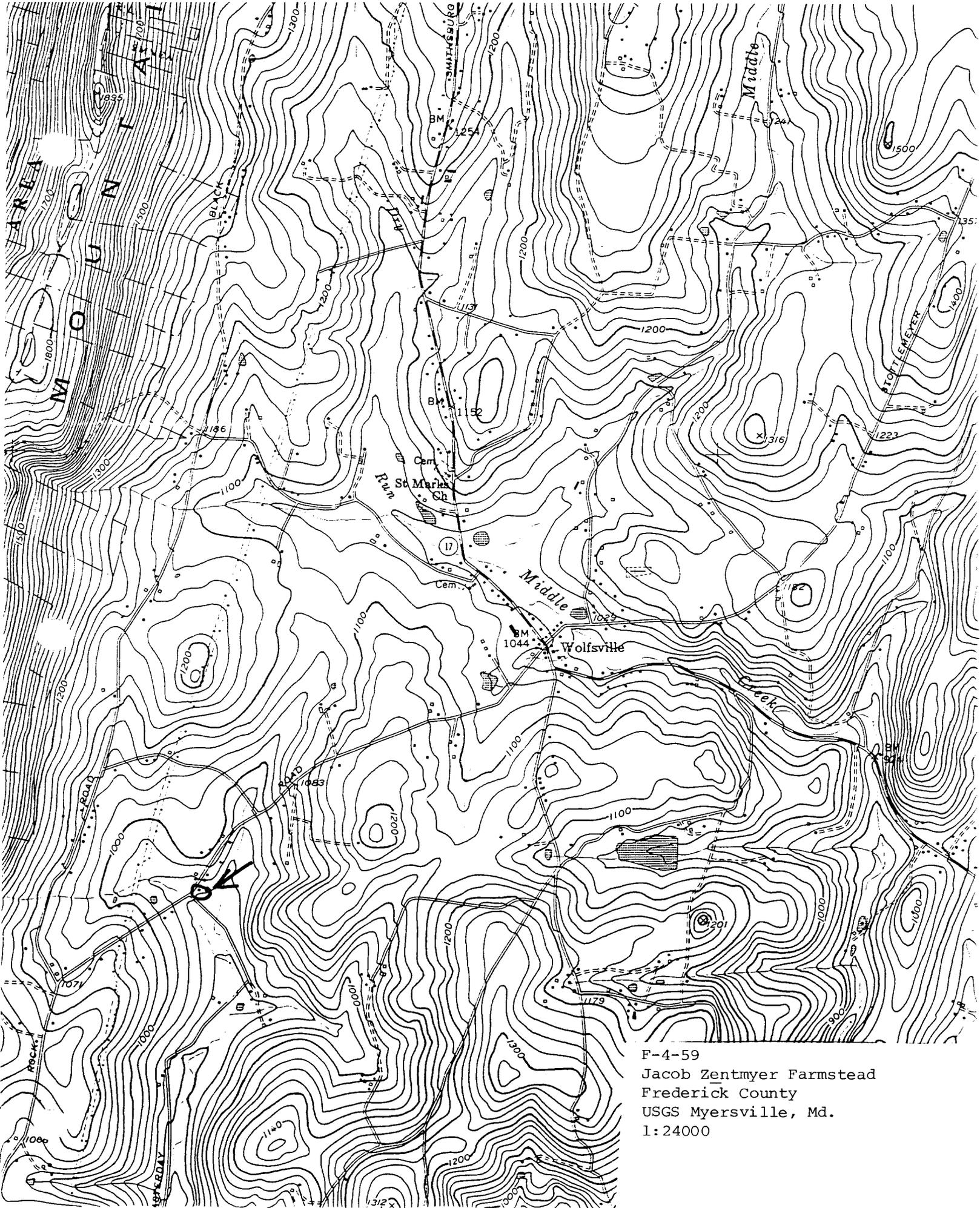
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 Jacob Zentmyer Farmstead
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
 County, 1858.



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Jacob Zentmyer Farmstead
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USGS Myersville, Md.
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Jacob Zentner Foundead

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Photo: Janet Davis

April 1997

Wagoners Md. SHPO, Greensville Md.

West elevation

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Jacob Zentgraf for Forest

Frederick County

Photographer Davis

April 1992

Near top of ridge above townsville Md.

Spruce house, Northwest corner view

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Jacob Zeigler for Townsend

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

April 1925

1/2 mi. sec. 11d. SHPO. Crossville, Md.

Smoke house, east elevation

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Jack, Zentmyer Farmstead
Frederick Co. Md.

Photo: Janet Davis
April 1992

Neg loc. Md SILPC @ same site 11/7.

Det. born a 1/2 dozen of ad. roach nest comes with
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Jacob Zepfner Farmstead

Frederick County

Plot # 1000 # 1000

Plot # 1000

No. 1000 and 1000 # 1000 # 1000

Part of the house and stable were from 1000 # 1000

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Jacob Zentmyer Foundation

Franklin County

Photo: Janet Davis

April 1992

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

Com. 510 - Northwest corner view

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