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Samuel W. Dorsey Farmstead  
New Market vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1800-1830

The Samuel W. Dorsey Farmstead is centered on a two-story, two-section stone and brick dwelling, the stone section dating from the first decade of the 19th century and the brick part from the period 1820-1830. The stone section is a 1-1/2 story structure with an exposed foundation on the east and north sides. The larger brick section has three bays on the principal elevation with a side hall plan and a one-story porch with Italianate style brackets. A log meathouse just north of the dwelling is dated 1827 over the doorway. A much-altered tenant house is also near the main dwelling. Near the driveway entrance from Detrick Road is a late 19th century frame granary and a frame bank barn of about the same period is on the west side of Detrick Road, now a separately owned parcel. A deteriorated Dorsey family cemetery is located across an open field to the north. The Dorsey Farmstead is moderately significant for the architecture of the main dwelling which exemplifies two distinct building periods in the two sections. The stone section is a vernacular structure of the early 19th century and the brick section has the side hall plan of the early Greek Revival period. The log meathouse may have been built with re-used logs from an earlier structure, since the corner joinery is more open than in other log buildings of the same period.

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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:

Rural Agrarian Intensification, A.D. 1680-1815

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel W. Dorsey Farmstead

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 12020 Old National Pike \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town New Market  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 Michael D. &amp; Lisa M. Bauer

street &amp; number 12020 Old National Pike telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code MD 21771

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1378

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 175

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-5-77

<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: 5

The Samuel W. Dorsey Farmstead is centered on a two-story, two-section brick and stone dwelling built during the period about 1800 to 1830 and its domestic and agricultural outbuildings dating from 1827 to about 1915, located on the east and west sides of Detrick Road about 100 yards north of the Old National Pike near New Market which include a frame tenant house, a log meathouse dated 1827 above the doorway, a circa 1900-1915 frame granary building on the east side of Detrick Road, and a frame bank barn on the west side of Detrick Road, built about 1890-1900. The bank barn and several other non-contributing agricultural buildings and a non-contributing dwelling are currently located on a separately owned parcel. A deteriorated Dorsey family cemetery is located in a grove north of the domestic group about 100 yards across an open field. The Dorsey Farmstead is principally used as a private residence and its access is via a short driveway from Detrick Road. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural evidence, the inscribed date on the meathouse, historical maps, land records, and research in the Frederick County Historical Society by H. Hanford Hopkins in the 1960's on early houses in the New Market vicinity.

The south elevation of the dwelling has three bays in the brick section and two in the 1-1/2 story stone wing on the east side. The facade of the stone section is set back from the plane of the brick section. According to Hanford Hopki annotations to his 1966 map, the stone section may have been built by Samuel Woodward Dorsey. Samuel W. Dorsey may be the same individual listed in Holdcraft's Names in Stone (1966) as buried in the Dorsey family cemetery who lived 1785-1862 and whose grave marker was inscribed with the line "a mute". If so, the stone section may date from at least the first decade of the 19th century. It has an exposed basement level on the east and north with a 6/3 window. On the south elevation of the first story is a 1/1 replacement window flanked by a doorway with a glazed panel door under a stone voussoir lintel. The composition roof has a single dormer on the south and an interior chimney is located on the east gable end. The brick section's exterior proportions and details suggest a date of about 1820-1830. The facade is laid in flemish bond and the side and rear elevations are 5:1 American bond. The south elevation has a one-story porch with Italianate brackets and square posts, probably an addition dating from the 1870's, since identical brackets and trim are found on the Capt. Ignatius W. Dorsey House (F-5-78), a nearby brick house built in that period. At the same time, the Samuel Dorsey Farmstead was owned by Ignatius' brother Pottinger Dorsey. The windows are 1/1 replacements with louvred shutters on the first story and 6/6 on the second story, both stories with wood lintels and sills. The doorway in the western bay has double glazed panel doors with beveled glass. The roof is composition with a parapet chimney stack on the east gable end. The north elevation has a rear door in the hall bay, but without a porch or stoop currently in existence. Above the door is an off-set window at the landing of the interior stairway. The other two bays have 6/6 windows. The north side of the stone section has two bays with a doorway on the first story inner bay. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

# 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
<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 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1800-1830

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 Samuel W. Dorsey Farmstead is moderately significant for the architecture of the main dwelling house, built probably in two stages between 1800 and 1830, and defined by the stone materials and lower scale of the earlier section and the brick structure and side hall plan of the later part. The facade of the brick section is flemish bond, a feature typical of the late Georgian and Federal styles which carried over to the early Greek Revival period of the 1820's in Frederick County. The farmstead also has minimal significance for the remaining outbuildings, including a log meathouse with an inscribed date of 1827 which possibly was built with re-used logs from an earlier building, a frame granary, and a frame bank barn, both dating from about 1890-1900. The farmstead is located on part of the tract "Dorsey's Search", surveyed in 1748 for John Dorsey. Local historian H. Hanford Hopkins recorded his opinion in 1966 that the stone part of the house was probably built by Samuel Woodward Dorsey, who may be identical with the person of that name who lived 1785-1862 and is buried in the Dorsey family cemetery on the farmstead property, with the enigmatic epitaph "a mute". The brick part of the house may have been built by Harry Woodward Dorsey (1808-1874), whose name appears as the owner on the 1858 Bond map. In 1871, the farm was transferred to Pottinger Dorsey (1838-1897), the owner on the 1873 Titus Atlas map. After a period of legal wrangling over the property after Dorsey's death, the farm was purchased by Louis F. Detrick and remained in his family's possession until 1947. The barn may have been built early in the Detrick period.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-77

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858  
Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.1 Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966,  
p. 389

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 20 acres

Quadrangle name Libertytown, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
Zone Easting Northing

B          
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 20 acres encompassing the dwelling, domestic outbuildings, and family cemetery on Parcel 166, and the bank barn and associated outbuildings on Parcel 139, Tax Map 80

## 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 April 1994

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.

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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### 7.1 Description (Continued)

**Meathouse:** The log meathouse is located just north of the dwelling with a vertical board door on the south gable end. Above the door is a covered opening to the upper level of the one-story building. The gable ends are covered with weathered clapboard. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. Above the lower door, the date 1827 is carved into the log structure. The building could be as old as 1827, but the corner V-notch joinery does not fit closely, as is usually the case in other log buildings of the early 19th century. This suggests that the meathouse may have been built with logs salvaged from another structure, perhaps a barn or other domestic outbuilding. The date 1827 may possibly have been carved on an earlier building.

**Tenant House:** The two-story frame tenant house is located northwest of the main dwelling and has been considerably altered in terms of its principal entrance and exterior covering, indicating that its interior is also probably much remodeled. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding and the roof is corrugated metal. The original main elevation was apparently on the east side, which probably had three bays on the first story and two on the second. The vinyl siding now covers the center entrance and there is no porch remaining on this side. The windows are 6/6. The west elevation has a shed addition and the current entrance is through the south side of this addition. The tenant house may have been built about 1850.

**Granary:** The rectangular frame one-story building located at the driveway entrance to the farmstead on Detrick Road is identified on a 1986 plat of the property as a granary. It has vertical siding and is raised slightly on stone piers above the ground. The gable roof is corrugated metal. A vertical board door is on the west elevation and is flanked by a single 6/6 window. A second smaller window is on the east elevation. The granary shed appears to have been built about 1890-1900.

**Bank barn:** The bank barn is on the west side of Detrick Road directly opposite the granary shed on the east side of the road. This parcel is owned by Jeffrey A. and Judy L. England, 5620 Detrick Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771. The barn has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. The stalls face east and are partially enclosed. Non-contributing concrete block milk houses and other sheds are located east and north of the barn. It appears to have been built about 1890-1900.

**Cemetery:** The Dorsey family cemetery located about 100 yards north of the domestic group is much disturbed, with most stones fallen and probably moved from their original locations. Sections of iron pipe fencing which once surrounded the cemetery are still visible. According to Holdcraft, the cemetery had about eight identifiable graves in 1966, including that of Samuel W. Dorsey, "a mute". Other readable stones are those of Pottinger Dorsey (1838-1897), the owner of the Samuel Dorsey Farmstead from 1871 to his death, and his parents, Harry W. Dorsey (1808-1872) and his wife Sarah Ann (Waters) Dorsey (1811-1840).

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Hopkins, Hanford. Map of Part of the Northeastern Section of Frederick County, Maryland, 1966. Annotated with index cards keyed to tracts and houses, principally 1740's to 1930's. (Frederick County Historical Society)

Land Records of Frederick County

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

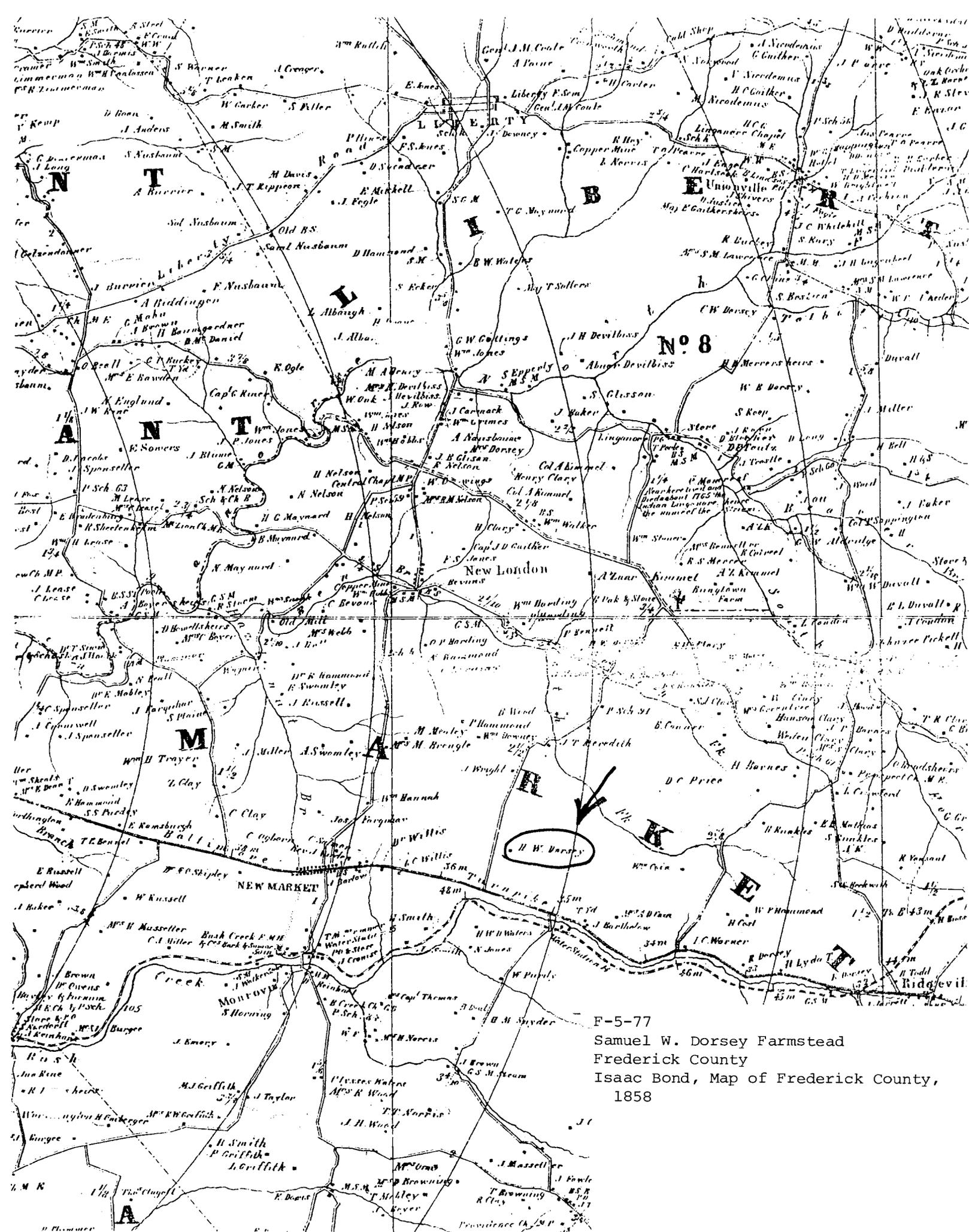
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, pp. 1448-1449.

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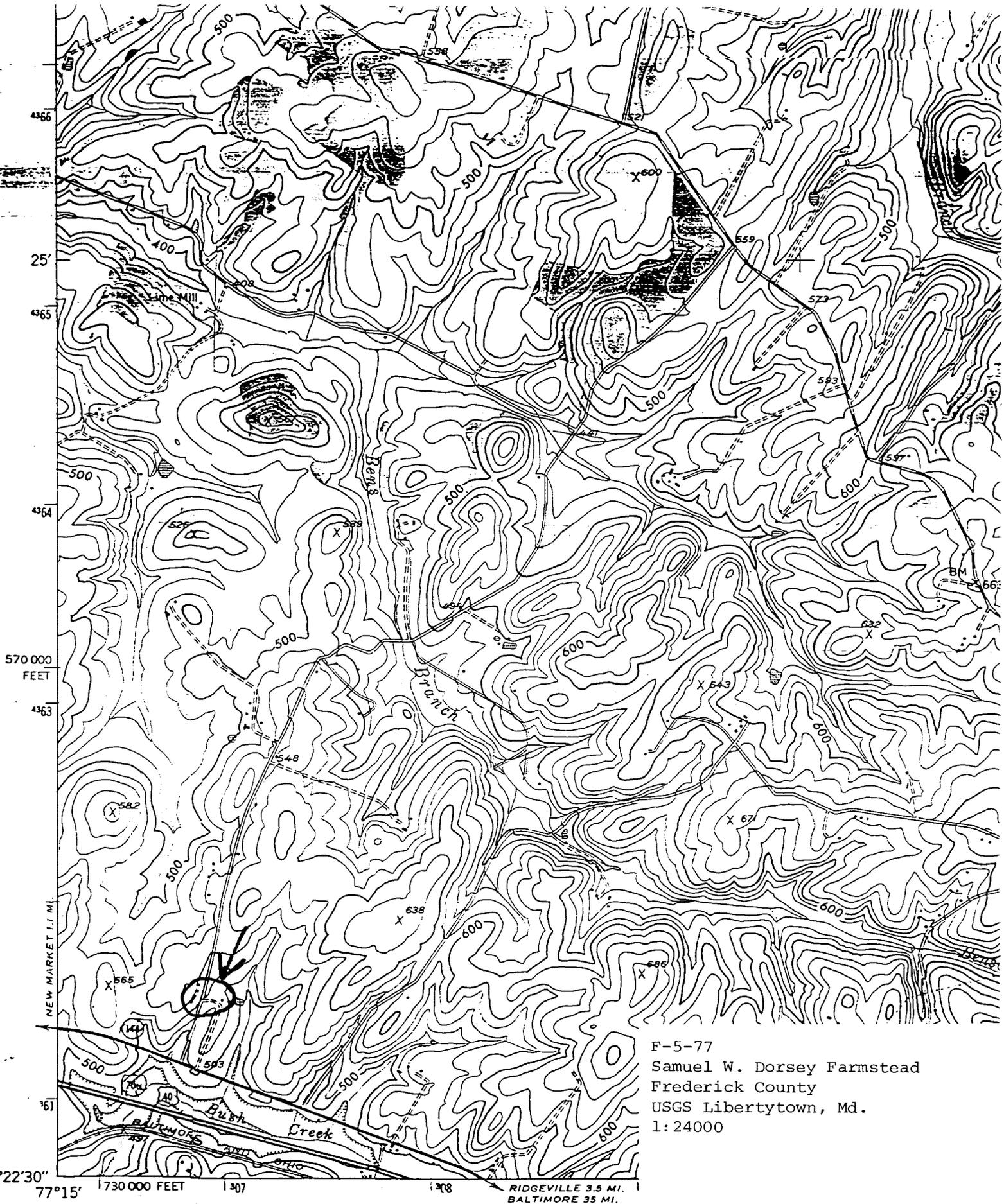
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1378/175 7 Nov 86	Michael D. & Lisa M. Gauer	Wallace P. Gauer et al, trustees under will of Paul M. Gauer	25.19 A. Farm Lot on Plat of "Stone Oak Manor" Plat Book 33/193	\$75,000
1164/706 12 Jan 82	Wallace P. Gauer et al	Emily R. Gauer, pers. rep. of estate of Paul M. Gauer	Parcel 2: 283 A.	
791/422 30 Sept 68	Paul M. Gauer	Charles U. Price	283 A. DHH 3/519, 23 Mar 1899	
791/420 30 Sept 68	Charles U. Price	Paul M. Gauer	283 A.	
487/597 18 Oct 50	Paul M. Gauer	James W. & Margaret K. Gum	"Edward Hobbs Farm", reserving the graveyard and right of way thereto 283 A., 3 R., 31 sq. p.	
462/5 15 Mar 47	James W. & Gum	Marian Douglas Detrick, widow		
Will Record CHB 1/572 27 Jan 27	Marian Douglas Detrick	Dr. Frederick L. Detrick	Frederick & Margaret J. Detrick were children and only heirs of John U. Detrick	
STH 281/198 12 Jul 07	John U. Detrick	Wm. H. & Elijah K. Detrick		
STH 280/96 17 Jun 07	Wm. H. & John U. Detrick	Lillie Detrick et al	283 A. "Edward Hobbs Farm"	
STH 271/139 23 Aug 05	Louis F. Detrick	Edward D. & Edna E. Hobbs	283 A.	

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
DHH 3/519 23 Mar 1899	Edward D. Hobbs	Edward Hobbs trustee of estate of Rodrick D. Hobbs	Equity 6532	
DHH 1/338 25 Mar 1898	Edward Hobbs trustee of... Rodrick D. Hobbs	Edward Hobbs atly in fact for Lydia A. Wood & Jennie Griffith	"...lands of which Pottinger Dorsey died seized and possessed..."	
WIP 9/269 10 May 1889	Pottinger Dorsey	Harry W. & Helen Dorsey	27a., 2 R., 18 p.	
CM 8/146 13 Aug 1871	Pottinger Dorsey	Harry W. & Susan M. Dorsey	(Pottinger & Harry W. Dorsey, Jr. were two of the sons of Harry W. Dorsey)	





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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County,  
1858



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 Samuel W. Dorsey Farmstead  
 Frederick County  
 USGS Libertytown, Md.  
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South elevation

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Stone section, south elevation

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North elevation

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Meathouse, south elevation

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

Tenant house, east elevation

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Granary, southwest corner view

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO Crownsville, Md

Bank barn. west elevation

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