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Josiah W. Purdum Farmstead
Mt. Airy vicinity
Private

Ca. 1865-1940

The Josiah W. Purdum Farmstead has two groups of buildings, each with domestic and agricultural buildings. The main group has a log and frame double house with vinyl siding, built by 1865, a log or frame wash house or summer kitchen with an exterior stone and brick chimney, a bank barn, a wagon shed/corn crib, and a mid-20th century concrete block dairy barn and milk house. A stone springhouse probably contemporary with the dwelling is some distance east in a valley between the principal group and the second building group, which is centered on a log and frame tenant house with composition siding. Nearby are a small frame and stone bank barn and a second wagon shed/corn crib. The history of the complex is not entirely clear, but further examination of the buildings and their interiors may offer more definite dating information. Josiah W. Purdum (1808-1886) lived in Montgomery County until his purchase of the farm in 1865. Some buildings and parts of the dwellings may have been in existence by then, but their earlier history has been mostly concealed by later alterations. The farmstead is minimally significant for its representation of a typical mid-19th century farmstead with alterations and additional buildings over a long period ending in the 1940's. Other non-contributing buildings of subsequent dates are also in the group.

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Mt. Airy

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:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

7.1 Description (Continued)

second quarter of the 19th century. The building has 1-1/2 stories with an exterior stone and brick chimney on the north gable end. The cladding is clapboards and the roof is corrugated metal. On the east elevation is a vertical board door flanked by a narrow 6-light window. On the west elevation is an attached garage shed, built in the early 20th century. Two other non-contributing concrete block garages are located nearby. The wash house is also a building which could have been built prior to 1865.

Dairy barn and milk house: The concrete block dairy barn and milk house are located north of the domestic outbuildings. Built about 1940, the barn has a gambrel roof covered with standing seam metal. The milk house has a gable roof of the same material.

Bank barn: The frame and stone bank barn stands east of the dairy barn. It appears to date from about 1870. The siding is vertical flush boards with louvred arched vents. The roof is corrugated metal. Louvred cupolas are at each of the gable ends. On the east elevation, the stall level has been partially enclosed as a milking parlor used prior to the construction of the dairy barn. A non-contributing concrete silo stands just north of the ramp on the west elevation.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib probably dates from about 1920-1925. It has tongue-and-groove and vertical siding on the gable ends and horizontal vented siding on the crib sides. The roof is covered with corrugated metal.

Springhouse: The stone springhouse is located approximately halfway between the principal building group and the tenant house group in a small valley. The current use of the immediate surroundings is a cow pasture and the building was inaccessible for close observation. It is a rectangular fieldstone building with a corrugated metal roof and a vertical board door on the west elevation. Its material and form suggest a date earlier than 1865.

Tenant house: The two-story log or frame tenant house is located east of the principal building group and the stone springhouse. It has been considerably altered in the mid-20th century with composition siding. It also appears to have been built in two stages. The western section was apparently a two-bay structure with an interior or exterior chimney on the east gable end. This part is most likely of log structure. The eastern single bay section enclosed the chimney. A one-story porch extends across the south elevation and two sections of the porch have been enclosed with vertical boards. The sash is 2/2 with louvred shutters. The porch has turned columns and brackets. The north elevation has a two-story rear wing with an interior end chimney. The roof is corrugated metal. The tenant house may date from 1865, but, as in the principal building, an earlier date may be confirmed by more detailed examination.

Small frame bank barn: The bank barn is located northeast of the tenant house and was not accessible for close observation. It has louvred arched vents and a corrugated metal roof. It appears to have been built about 1870.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The second wagon shed with corn cribs stands west of the bank barn and may have been built about 1900. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof.

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Frederick County

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, pp. 1325-1326.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF Magi No.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Josiah W. Purdum Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4701 Bartholows Road not for publication

city, town Mt. Airy 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 Marianne E. Browning et al

street & number 4807 Bartholows Road 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 1191

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 85

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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 _____
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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 Josiah W. Purdum Farmstead is an agricultural complex with two groups of buildings, the principal of which is centered on a two-story, two-section log and frame dwelling with vinyl siding built about 1865 and the secondary group, centered on a smaller log and frame dwelling built about the same period as a tenant house. Both dwellings have agricultural outbuildings nearby with dates possibly ranging from the 1860's to about 1940. They include frame barns, wagon sheds with corn cribs, and, with the principal group, a frame or log wash house or summer kitchen, and a concrete block dairy barn and milk house. Located in a small stream valley between the two groups of buildings is a stone springhouse. The farmstead is located on the east side of Bartholows Road about 2,000 feet south of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks along the south bank of Bush Creek near Mt. Airy, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead is about 1500 feet from Bartholows Road at the end of a driveway across open agricultural fields. The tenant house, a small frame barn, and one of the wagon sheds with cribs is located further to the east from the principal group, but within sight of the main dwelling. Dates for the buildings are based on exterior architectural evidence, land records, historical maps, and a Purdum family biographical entry in the Williams & McKinsey 1910 History of Frederick County. Some features of the buildings strongly suggest a date earlier than 1865, but research and available information did not confirm the possibility. Interior observation could more clearly bracket a date period when the earliest structures were erected.

In the principal building group, the dwelling is the southernmost building and is essentially a long, rectangular building with two three-bay sections joined at the gable ends. The exterior vinyl siding, a one-story porch on the east elevation, and the corrugated metal roof do not completely obscure the different sections. The northernmost three-bay section has a more narrow spandrel space between the bays. This suggests that the northern section was the earlier part, and this may be one of the structures which could date earlier than 1865. An interior chimney between the northern and southern parts also points to this having been the earliest built section. The southern three-bay section has more widely spaced bays and another interior chimney on the south gable end. The one-story porch on the east elevation extends across the entire facade. Each section has a center entry with a glazed panel door under a two-light transom. The windows are 2/2 with louvred shutters. The west elevation has a two-story shed addition on the northern section. This addition has an open porch with a plain balustrade on the second story. The addition conceals the entire first story of the main section. The southernmost section of the dwelling has three bays with a center entrance, reflecting the same configuration as on the east elevation. The north and south gable ends each have two attic windows and the northern end has two bays on the first and second stories. An entry porch with a concrete base and a gable roof occupies the eastern bay. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Wash house: The frame or log building located west of the northern section of the house has the exterior form and details of a wash house or summer kitchen of

8. Significance

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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 C. 1865-1940 **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 Josiah W. Purdum Farmstead is minimally significant in architecture, exemplifying an extended agricultural complex of the mid-19th century with additional outbuildings erected up to the 1940's. The farmstead's principal buildings, the main dwelling and the tenant house, a wash house, a springhouse, and a bank barn, may contain interior and structural evidence of early 19th century building dates, but documentation by historical maps and land records can only verify its existence to about 1865 and the agricultural outbuildings have features placing them in the last half of the 19th century and first half of the 20th century. The buildings are typical of many farms of the period in Frederick County, with modern siding concealing german siding, corrugated metal roofs, frame and concrete block structures predominating in the later buildings. Josiah W. Purdum (1808-1886) was born in Montgomery County and, according to a Purdum family biography in the 1910 History of Frederick County, bought the farm after his marriage, but the purchase apparently took place about 20 years after the marriage date after at least four children had been born. The Purdum family retained the property until 1944.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-94

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.2. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966, pp. 907-908.

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

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 44.484 acres

Quadrangle name Damascus, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 89, Parcel 22

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

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June 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.

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4701 Bartholomew Rd.

Lot Size, Description,
Original Tracts,
Miscellaneous

Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1191/85 18 Jan 83	Marianne E. Browning et al	Marianne E. Browning, pers rep. of estate Wm. H. Browning, dec.		
	P. 1: 127.58 a.	of which 1 acre is east of relocated Kemptown Rd. with the remainder west of the road 840/84		
	P. 2: 167.35 a.	located on both east and west sides of Kemptown-Bartholomew Rd. & e & w. sides of BGE transmission lines, being the remainder of the "Home farm" described as P. 2. in 833/622		
	P. 3: 70.95 a.	west of Kemptown Rd. & e & w. of BGE line 430/342		
	P. 4: Lot 1 or part section 1,	Engleside Farm Plat Book 21/80		
450/342 21 Oct 44	Wm. H. + Marianne E. Browning	Calvin M. + Emma C. Purdum et al, heirs of John S. Purdum et al	P. 1: 79 a., 13 sq. p. P. 2: 30 sq. p.	
AF 9/37 22 Jan 1884	John F. Purdum	Josiah W. + Sarah Purdum	part of "Pretty Sally" "Resurvey on Hobbs Purchase" 79 a. 13 sq. p. "Beginning at the spring near the mansion house on said lot..."	\$1700
FC 6/646 JWLC. 3/216 30 Sept 1865	Josiah W. Purdum	Charles Wood & Kate E. Wood	lot... 306 a.	\$4,500
BGF 5/250 26 Sept 1859	Charles Wood	Wm. A. + Ann Maria Bennett	306 a.	\$2,600
BGF 2/9 20 May 1858	Wm. A. Bennett	Joshua + Eliza Wood	306 a.	\$3,000
ES 10/53 28 Oct 1856	Joshua Wood	Charles Wood		\$2,300

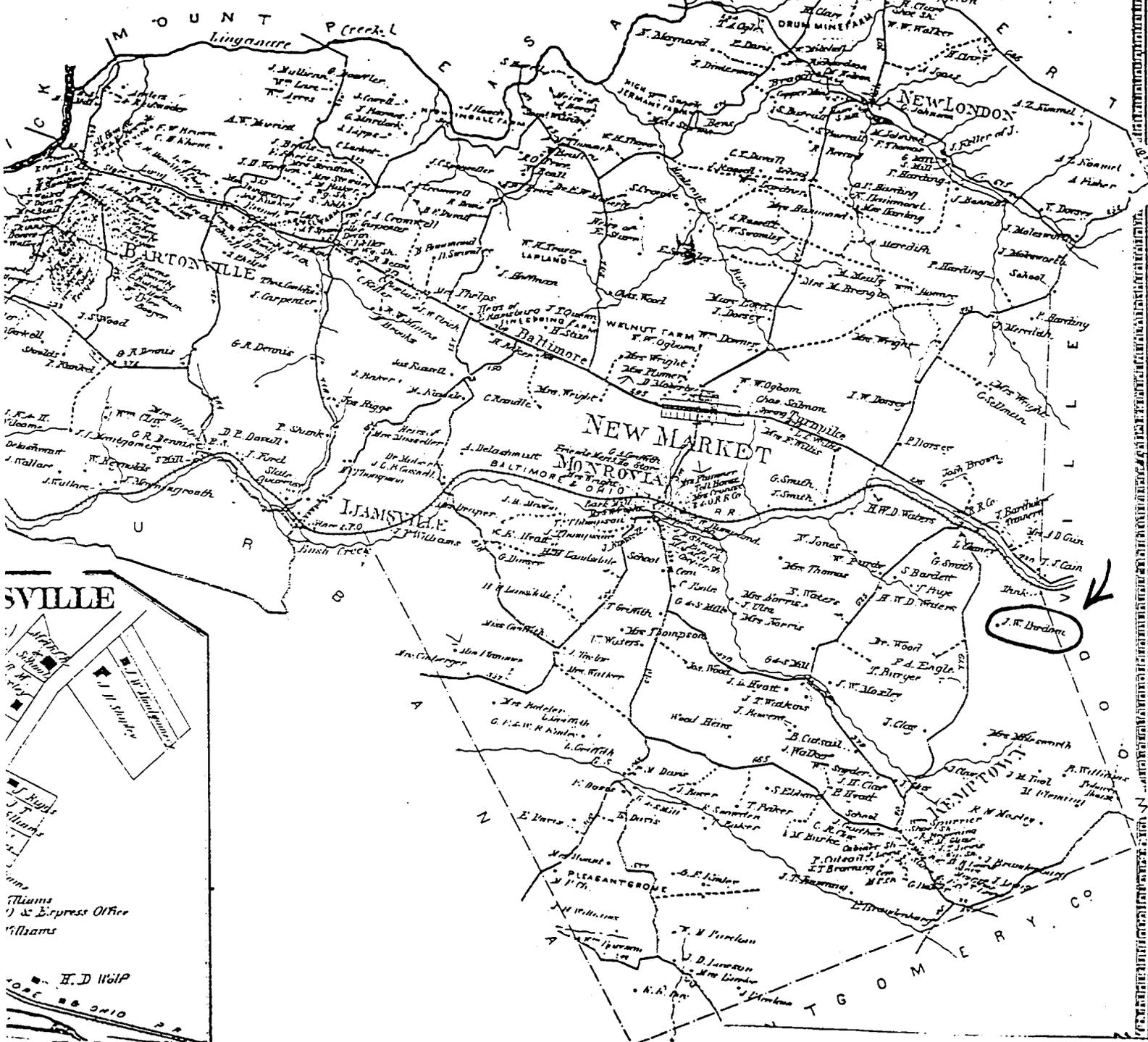
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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
ES 6/62 22 Sept 1854	Charles Wood	Henrietta Morris adm of Wm. Morris des., + Joshua Wood	"Home Farm of John McElfresh des." Morris was adm. of L. W & T of McElfresh "Hobbs Purchase" 2500.	
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GM 3/317 3 May 1791	Philip McElfresh son of John	John McElfresh		

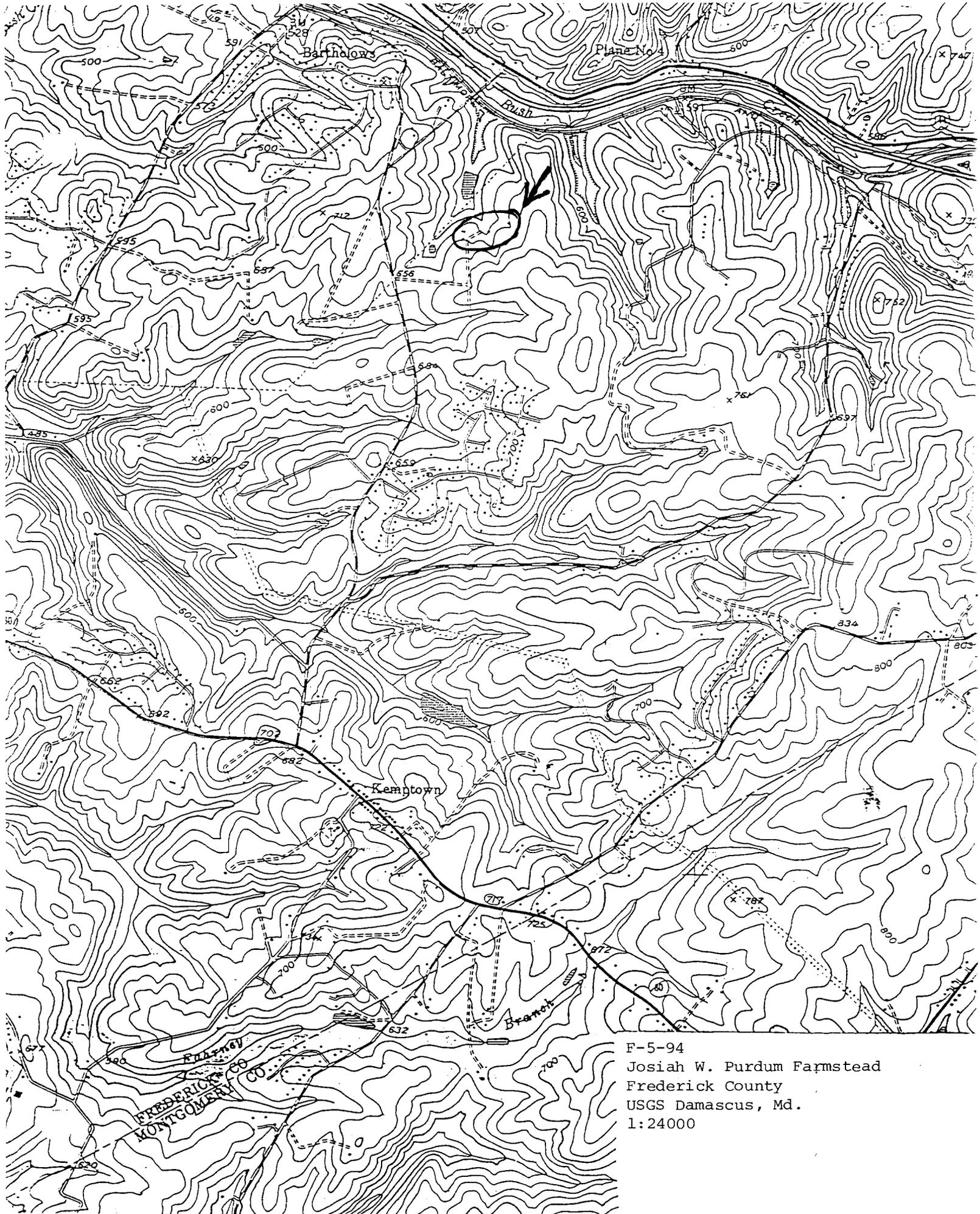
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MARKET DIST No. 9

Scale 1/8 inches to the mile



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Josiah W. Purdum Farmstead
Frederick County
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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Josiah W. Purdum Farmstead
Frederick County
USGS Damascus, Md.
1:24000



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Joseph W. Pardon Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Lane

April 1944

Long Run, Md. 21.7. 2. Greensville, Md

East elevation

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Island W. Pavilion Park
Fredrick Sound,

Photo: East Tower

April 1914

Neg. loc. - 1114 - 5114, Cromwell's Hill
West elevation

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2000-01-01 to 2000-01-01

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Photo 100

Apr 1992

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Josiah W. Hanson Town Clerk

Frederick County

Proclamation

April 1884

Long lost the title of the county and

was shown to the south elevation

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F. S. 27

London W. Kentucky "Fairview"

Fairview county

Photo by "Loret" Davis

April 1914

View for "the Fairview" Old

King West elevation

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Josiah W. Purdon Fairstead

Fredrick County

Photo: David Lewis

April 1994

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Jasiah W. Purdon Farmstead

Frederick Co. Md.

Photo taken by David

April 1994

North side of Shreve Road, 1/2 mi. N. of

King and wagon shed, view from south.

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