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Smith-Molesworth Farmstead
Monrovia vicinity
Private

Ca. 1875-1940

The Smith-Molesworth Farmstead is minimally significant in architecture as an example of a typical late 19th century farmstead with additions being made through the period about 1875 to 1940. These reflect the changing production of the farm from grain to dairy products in the early 20th century. The dwelling has a circa 1925-1930 main section adjoining a rear wing which may date from 1875. The principal traces of the earlier house are in the 2/2 sash of the wing and german siding of different character from the front section's cladding. Other buildings in the farmstead include a frame meathouse, a hog barn, a chicken house, an equipment shed, a frame and stone bank barn with an adjoining concrete block milk house and a wagon shed/corn crib. These outbuildings range in date from about 1875 to 1940. The barn has a partially enclosed stall level which was used as a milking parlor, a common adaptation of older barns to dairy production in the early 20th century. The farmstead was first established by George M. and James W. Smith about 1871. In 1896, the Molesworth family bought the property, which encompassed 155 acres of the original 160-acre Smith farm. The Molesworths were the owners until 1957.

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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:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary
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 Smith-Molesworth Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12403 Lee Hill Drive not for publicationcity, town Monrovia 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 Marvin J., Jr., and Virginia J. Myers

street & number 12403 Lee Hill Drive telephone no.:

city, town Monrovia state and zip code MD 21770

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1086

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 98

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-5-97

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 Smith-Molesworth Farmstead is centered on a two-story frame dwelling built in the second quarter of the 20th century with an adjoining rear wing possibly built about 1875 and its associated outbuildings which include a frame bank barn and a milk house, a milk can washing shed, a wagon shed/corn crib, a meathouse, a hog pen, a machine shed, and a chicken house located on the south side of Lee Hill Drive about 750 feet east of Bartholows Road near Monrovia, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead is located in a modern subdivision built on the former agricultural fields associated with its original 160-acre tract. The farmstead is currently principally a private residence, but it still partially in agricultural use. The dwelling faces north and the domestic outbuildings are located to the south, while the larger agricultural buildings are east of the house. The outbuildings range in date from about 1875 to about 1940. Dates of the structures are based on architectural evidence, a personal interview with the current owner, Mr. Marvin J. Myers, Jr., land records, and historical maps.

The dwelling's main section is the early 20th century part and is a frame building with german siding and two principal bays on the north elevation. The main entrance is an off-center door with a glass panel upper section. A one-story porch crosses the elevation. The windows are paired 1/1 sash with replacement shutters. The gable roof is corrugated metal. A patch at the center shows where the original chimney was located. In recent years, the chimney was replaced by an exterior brick stack on the east gable end. A two-story rear wing possibly built between 1875 and 1900 extends from the southwest corner and has asbestos shingle siding on the south elevation. An enclosed one-story porch is on the east side and above this porch are two second-story windows with 2/2 sash, indicating the earlier construction date than the main section. The german siding on this wall is also of an earlier period than that on the main section. An exterior brick chimney is on the south end of the wing and on the west side is a 1970's one-story addition which was used as an office by a previous owner. The interior of the house has been much altered and modernized in the past 20 years.

Domestic outbuildings:

Meathouse, hog pen, chicken house: These three frame outbuildings are located south of the dwelling near a non-contributing modern garage. They each have vertical and/or board and batten siding. The chicken house has a shed corrugated metal roof and faces south. The hog barn has a standing seam metal roof and also faces south, but has been adapted for use as a storage shed, with a section of the north wall removed. The meat house has a four-panel door in the north gable end and a composition shingle roof. The outbuildings appear to date from the last quarter of the 19th century and the first decade of the 20th century.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Equipment shed: The one-story frame equipment shed located east of the house and the domestic outbuildings resembles a small garage, with vertical and board and

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

Specific dates C. 1875-1940

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 Smith-Molesworth Farmstead is minimally significant in architecture as a representative of the typical late 19th century farmstead in Frederick County, retaining the principal structures of a dwelling, a bank barn, a wagon shed/corn crib, and a selection of small domestic and agricultural outbuildings. The functional style of the buildings is also representative, their only unifying element being the red paint and white trim of the outbuildings. The farmstead's setting in a modern subdivision tends to magnify the agricultural appearance of the group, although most of the buildings are adapted for other uses. The original farmstead, of which the rear wing of the house, the stone foundation of the barn, and perhaps some of the outbuildings are the only remaining structures, was built by George M. and James W. Smith. G. Smith is the name shown on the 1873 Titus Atlas map. In 1885, George Smith sold the farm to Sarah Bartholow and in 1896, Anna Maria Molesworth acquired the property. The farm remained in the Molesworth family until 1957.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-97

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.2. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966, p. 808.

Land Records of Frederick County

Myers, Mr. Marvin J., Jr. , personal interview, April 20, 1994

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 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 189

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

state	code	county	code
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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.

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)

batten siding and off-center double swing doors on the east gable end. The doors are flanked on the right by a small flush board door to a storage area on the north side. The roof is covered with composition shingles. The shed was probably built about 1900-1920.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The wagon shed with corn cribs has been considerably altered on the interior for use as a workshop, with wallboard panels concealing the former cribs on the north and south sides. The exterior is still covered with vertical and board and batten siding, but the drive-through entrance on the west has been partially filled in to accommodate a modern lift-type door. The east end has been closed off. The roof is corrugated metal. The wagon shed was probably built about 1900.

Bank barn, milk house, and washing shed: The bank barn is the easternmost structure in the farmstead and its stone foundation is banked so that the forebay is on the south elevation. The stall level has been partially enclosed by concrete block as a milking parlor. The upper structure is covered with vertical tongue-and-groove siding and the roof is corrugated metal. The foundation may be older than the frame structure, which appears to date from about 1900. Sliding doors on the north elevation were replaced with plywood swing doors with cross bracing in recent years. Adjoining the barn on the west side is a small concrete block milk house with a composition shingle roof. This was probably built at the same time as the enclosure of the milking parlor in the barn, about 1925-1930. A single door is located in the west gable end of the milk house. Immediately west of the milk house is a small frame shed of about the same size, with vertical board siding and a corrugated roof with replaced sections of composition shingles. The shed's location and the existence of a water tap near the door on the south side indicates that its use was probably linked to the washing of milk cans used in the dairy operation. Its date is probably about 1925-1930.

12403 Lee Hill Drive

Lot Size, Description,
Original Tracts,
Miscellaneous

Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

Cost

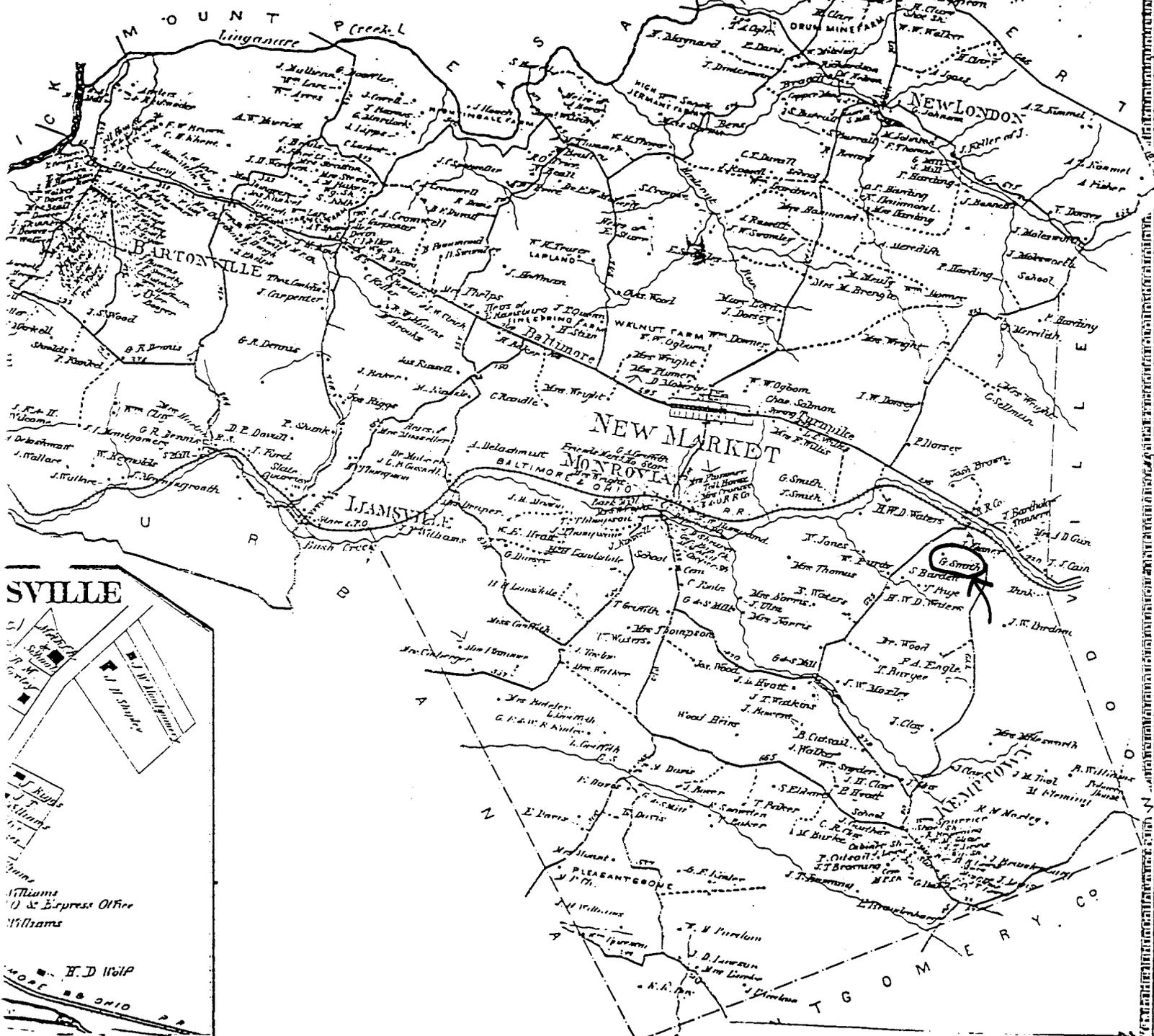
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1036/98 23 May 79	Marvin J. Jr. & Virginia J. Myers	Randall H. Gerlach, pers. rep. of estate of Charles M. Gerlach, dec.	Subdivision plat "Ligonore View" Plat Book Section 7 House & 8 outbuilds shown on plat 6/167	\$145,000
913/411 *955/587 6 Feb 75	Charles M. Gerlach	Georgia Ave. Properties Inc.		
913/411 29 May 73	Charles M. Gerlach	Larry D. & Nancy Burdick Muller & Stanley J. Burdick	part of property conveyed to Georgia Ave. Properties by E. Brooke Lee 795/619 , through atty-in fact Nancy B. Muller	
857/449 15 Sept 71	Stanley J. Burdick & Larry D. & Nancy B. Muller	Georgia Ave. Properties, Inc.		
795/619 30 Dec 68	Georgia Ave. Properties, Inc.	E. Brooke Lee & Nina S. Lee	part of "Hobbs Purchase" 78-342A.	
617/562 15 May 59	E. Brooke Lee	John E. Moles- worth Margaret Done Molesworth, widow	155 1/4 a.	
575/522 3 Jan 57	John E. Molesworth & Margaret Done Molesworth	Ruth S. Zimmerman		
575/521 30 Jan 57	Ruth S. Zimmerman	Margaret Done Molesworth		
388/282 12 Aug 33	John R. Moles- worth & Margaret Done Molesworth	Frank C. Woodward, 155 1/4 a. widow		
388/281 12 Aug 33	Frank C. Woodward	John R. & Margaret Done Molesworth	155 1/4 a.	

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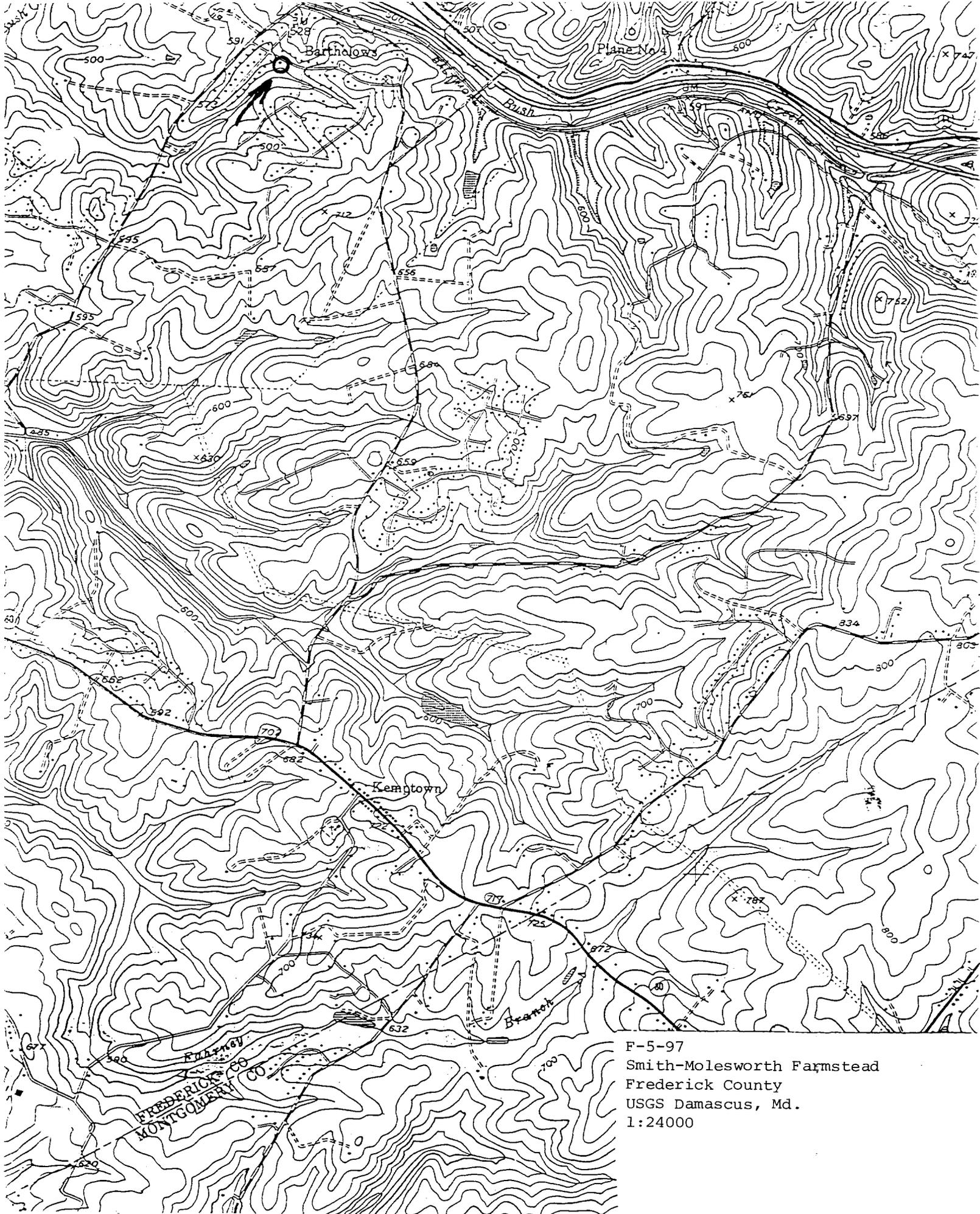
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354/197 10 Jul 25	John R. Moler worch atd Thomas B. Moler	John A. Moler et al, heirs of Anna Maria (Clay) Moler Moler (brother)		
JLJ 14/106 13 May 1896	Anna Maria (Clay) Moler	John B. Bartholow (only child & heir at law of Sarah A. Bartholow, dec) et ux	155 1/4 A.	\$3,100
AF 11/257 16 July 1885	Sarah A. Bartholow	George M. & Sarah Smith	157 3/4 A. part of "Hobbs Purchase"	\$5,048
CM 7/198 4 May 1871	George M. & James M. Smith	George E. Tallott	AF 9/285, James Smith to George Smith parts of "Hobbs Purchase" & "Land of Promise" 160 A.	\$2,000
CM 6/517 31 Mar 1871	George E. Tallott	Joshua & Eliza Wood, Mary Tallott & Anna D. Tallott heirs of Samuel Tallott	160 A.	\$2,500
ES 9/544 21 Jul 1857	Joshua & Eliza Wood & Chas. Wood trustee	Samuel Tallott (reverse names)	Equity 2583	

MARKET DIST No. 9

Scale 7 1/2 inches to the mile



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County, 1873



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1:24000



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Smith - Moore's Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo James Cowie

April 1992

Neg loc. - Md. State. Crownsville Md.

North elevation

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April 1994

Neq. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Southeast corner view

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April 1990

Neg. loc.: Md SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Meathouse, chicken and hog pens, view
from northeast

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Smith-Molesworth Farmstead

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Neg. no. - Md. SUPO, Crownsville, Md

Machine shed, east elevation

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Wagon shed/corn crib, west elevation

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

Bank and walk house, view from northwest

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Earn; view from southeast

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