

F-5-108

Jacob D. Trostle Farmstead
Mt. Airy vicinity
Private

Ca. 1853-1866; 1890-1920

The Jacob D. Trostle Farmstead consists of a two-story stone dwelling with a dated stone in the gable reading "JDT 1866" and its remaining contributing outbuildings, a frame and stone bank barn of about the 1890's, a frame meathouse of the last quarter of the 19th century, and a windmill of about 1890. The house has a white plastered exterior and a corrugated metal roof. The windows have been replaced and the five-bay north elevation, the original principal entrance facade, has a replacement entry porch at the center doorway. A first story screened porch extends across the south elevation, supported on piers above the exposed stone basement level. The frame meathouse has board and batten siding and a low door on the north. The barn has vertical board siding and louvred vents and the frame milk house has tongue-and-groove exterior siding. Jacob D. Trostle (1825-1899) was a Brethren Church minister in the Bush Creek congregation near Monrovia from about 1853 to 1884. During his residency in Frederick County, the Brethren met in the Linganore area at members' homes, including his own, and by the late 1860's had outgrown the available rooms. Trostle served on the building committee which had the nearby Locust Grove church (F-5-74) erected in 1873. In 1884, he moved to Kansas where he died in 1899. The farmstead is minimally significant in architecture for the dated 1866 stone dwelling and for its association with the early history of the establishment of the Locust Grove Church.

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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

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob D. Trostle Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13520 Harrisville Road not for publicationcity, 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 Thomas L. Browning

street & number 13520 Harrisville 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 1811

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 1295

city, town Mt. Airy state MD 21771

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-5-108

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: 4

The Jacob D. Trostle Farmstead is centered on a two-story stone dwelling with a white plastered exterior cladding built in 1866, according to a dated stone in the west gable end of the house, and its remaining contributing outbuildings which include a frame meathouse, a windmill, and a frame and stone bank barn with a frame milk house. The outbuildings range in date from about 1890 to 1920. The farmstead is located on the north side of Harrisville Road about 2,000 feet northeast of the intersection with Glissans Mill Road near Mt. Airy, Frederick County, Maryland. The house and outbuildings are on a hill overlooking a small stream running between the public road and the farmstead toward the southwest to join Linganore Creek. The house has been considerably rehabilitated on the exterior and the interior was unavailable for documentation. The dates of the buildings are based on the datestone, architectural evidence, land records, and historical information on Jacob D. Trostle in The Church of the Singing Hills (1988).

The house has a five-bay north elevation with a center entrance under an entry porch. The porch has iron supports and a gable roof with a concrete base. The door is an 8-panel modern replacement. The windows are 6/6 modern replacement sash and frames. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has interior end chimneys. The east and west gable ends of the house reveal its deep proportioned plan. Two bays are in each gable end and the east gable peak has a large centered attic window of 6/6 sash. On the west gable end is a stone above the two attic windows reading "JDT 1866". The south elevation has an exposed basement level with a modern screened porch across the first story. At the southwest corner is an enclosed section of the porch with a projection reached by a modern wood staircase. The possibility of an earlier structure on the site having been superceded or incorporated by the 1866 building is indicated by the 1858 Isaac Bond map which shows Trostle's name with a house marker, and Trostle is known to have purchased the property in 1853. Interior documentation may reveal further information on an earlier building, but the interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Meathouse: The frame meathouse is located southeast of the dwelling. It has board and batten siding and a stone foundation. The roof is corrugated metal and a low doorway is on the north elevation. It appears to date from the last quarter of the 19th century.

Windmill: The iron frame of a windmill stands just southwest of the dwelling. It is notable for having a complete vane assembly, as most windmills have been dismantled or allowed to deteriorate. The windmill probably dates from the 1890's.

Barn and milk house: The barn is located west of the dwelling. It has a stone foundation and vertical siding with louvred vents. The roof is corrugated metal. A shed on the northeast corner for tractor storage is a 20th century addition. The barn appears to date from about 1890. An early 20th century frame milk house with tongue-and-groove siding is near the southeast corner of the barn. It also has a corrugated metal roof.

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

Specific dates Ca. 1853-1866; 1890-¹⁹²⁰ **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 D. Trostle Farmstead is minimally significant for the 1866 stone dwelling, although it has been considerably rehabilitated in the mid-20th century and many important features of the exterior have been replaced or obscured. The interior may reveal further elements of architectural significance. The house is also minimally significant in religion for its association with Jacob D. Trostle (1825-1899), a key preacher in the Bush Creek congregation of the Brethren Church from about 1853 to 1884 and one of the leaders in the committee which built the Locust Grove Church of the Brethren (F-5-74) in 1873. The Trostle House was reported to be one of several Brethren homes in the Linganore Creek vicinity in which services were held prior to the building of the Locust Grove Church, which is located about 1,000 feet west of the house.

Jacob D. Trostle was born near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and was trained early as a miller. Much of his adult life, however, was devoted to religious activity, first as a lay preacher and after 1851 as an elected Brethren minister. In 1853, he moved his family to Linganore Creek and became one of the regular preachers of the Bush Creek congregation which met near Monrovia on Bush Creek south of New Market. At first the Brethren members in the Linganore area were few, but grew steadily until they outgrew the home meeting places where services were traditionally held between the infrequent trips to the Bush Creek church. Trostle's 1866 house or the existing house on the farm when he purchased it reportedly was one of these meeting places. Trostle served on the building committee which had the stone Locust Grove church erected in 1873. Trostle also intermittently followed the milling trade with Daniel Rinehart, another Brethren preacher who ran a mill near Monrovia. He was also a teacher at the Friendship School nearby on Woodville Road. Trostle moved to Kansas in 1884, following the example of Rinehart, who also moved there in the late 1870's, and died there in 1899.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-108

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 Cooper, H. Austin. The Church of the Singing Hills. Locust Grove Church of the Brethren,
 Mt. Airy, Md., 1988, pp. 142, 279.
 Land Records of Frederick County.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Libertytown, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 70, Parcel 23

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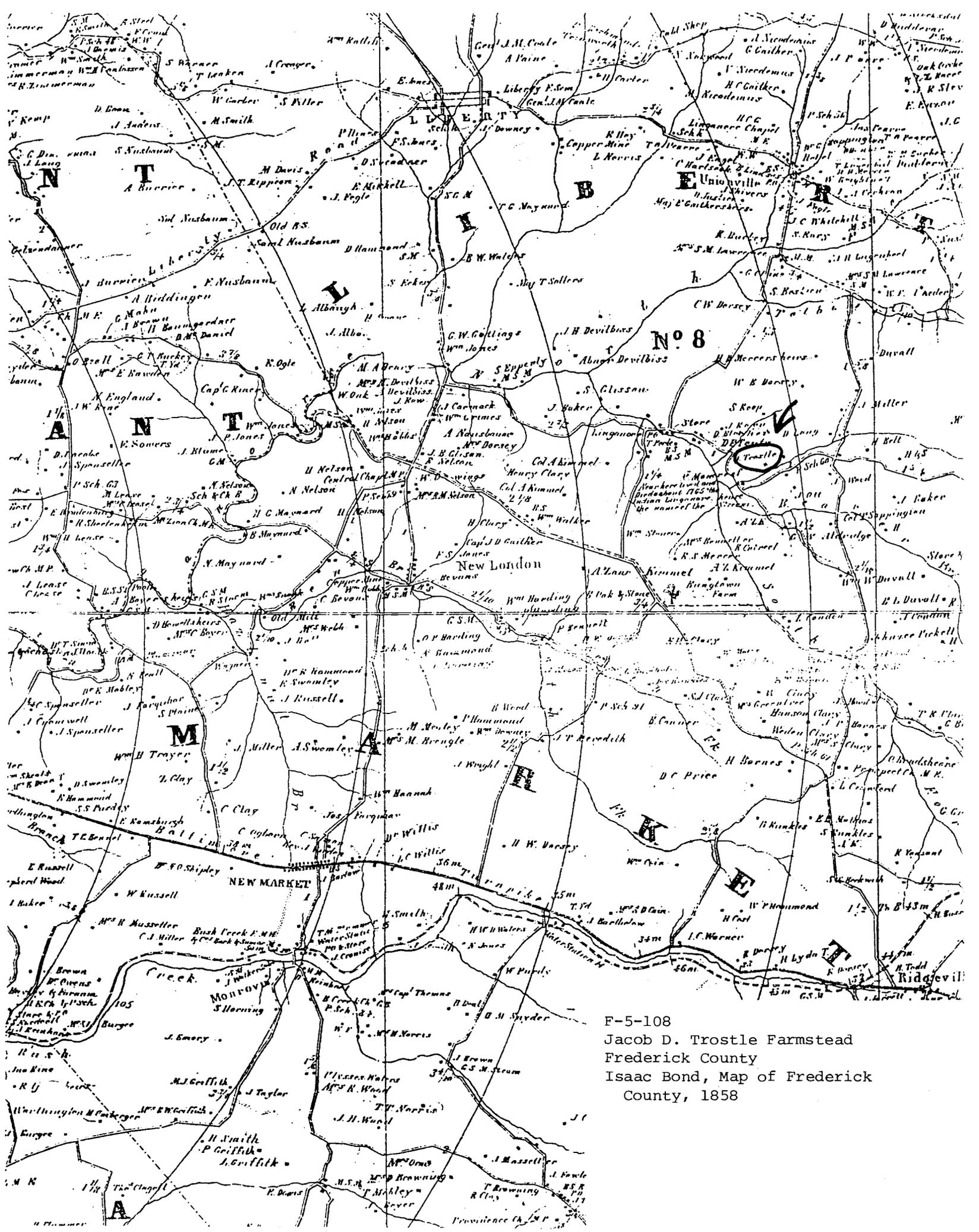
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 461.

13520 Harrisville

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1811/1295 11 Aug 92	Thomas L. Browning	William H. Jr., Reyburn E. & Robert F. Browning	Deed of conveyance & exchange Plat "Bros. Browning" Plat Book 49/ 4 162 144.045A.	
954/868 27 Jan 75	Wm. H. Jr. Reyburn E. Robert F. & Thos. L. Browning	Marianne E. Browning	152A., 2 p. conveyed by deeds in Sept. 1972, Dec. 1973 Jan. 1974, pursuant to terms of LWT of Martin L. Nicodemus, dec.	
Mill Record of Carroll Co. JWM 17/114	Martin L. Nicodemus	Norma R. Nicodemus		
382/83 20 Jan 32	Martin L. & Norma C. Nicodemus	Frank L. Stoner, atly in fact... & Sidney S. Sappington et al	152A.	
AF 9/14 3 Mar 1884	Sidney Sappington	Jacob D. Sarah S. Trostle	1st parcel divided into 2 tracts by Mary Poole ES 10/483 152A., 12 p. 2nd is a wood lot	\$11,842.18 3/4
ES 10/483 8 Apr 1853	Jacob D. Trostle et al	Mary Poole	part of "Poole's Industry" 152A. 2 p. in 1st parcel 23'14A. 8 p. in 2nd parcel	\$2,980.31
2nd parcel HS 5/358 27 Sept 1837	Mary Poole	George Washington Poole + wife Catherine	23 1/4 A.	\$375
possibly 1st parcel HS 19/52 13 Jul 1842	Mary Poole	Frederick Schley Trustee in Equity 137	property sold to Poole as part of settlement in 30 Dec. 1818 199A. part of "Poole's Industry" "Roberts Delight"	\$4,975
Mill Record 10 Jul 1813	Frederick Poole	Henry Poole		

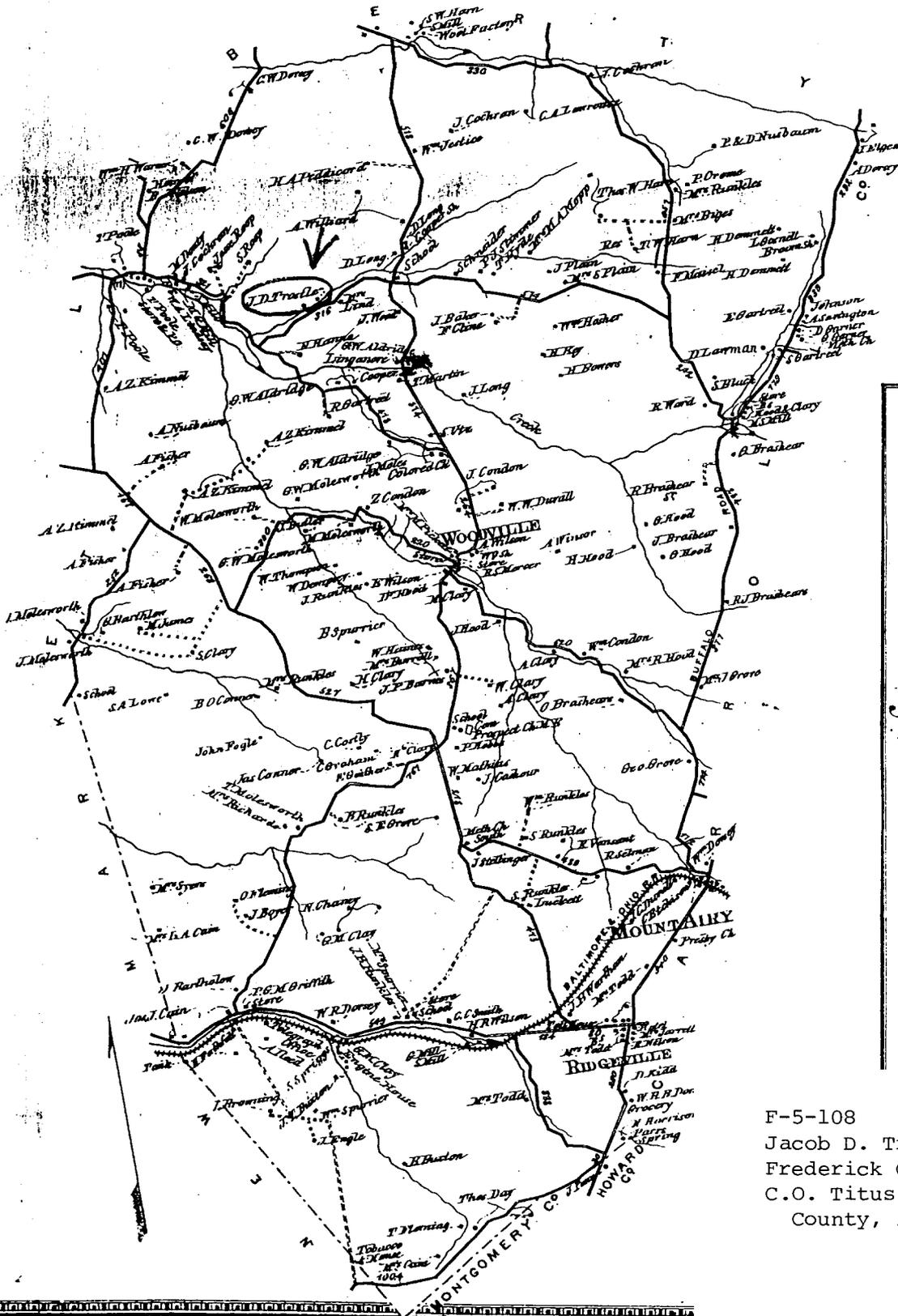
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858

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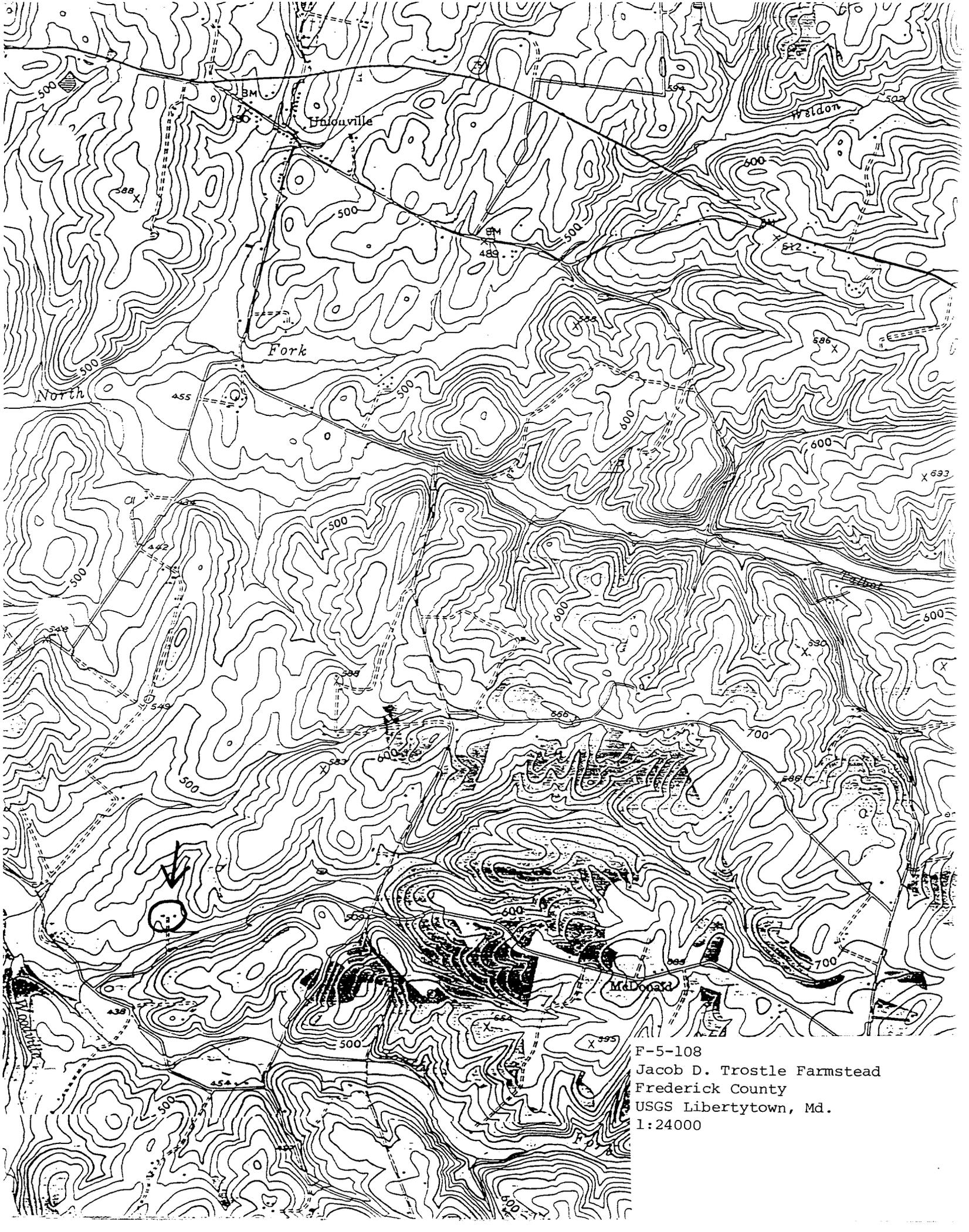
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Scale 3/6

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Frederick County
USGS Libertytown, Md.
1:24000



Feb. 28

Carol D. Middle

Photo: Janet



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These are the same as the ones

in the book

from the same source

from the same source

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South elevation

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June 1974

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Meat house, north elevation

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