

F-5-115
Harn-Demmitt Farmstead
Mt. Airy vicinity
Private

Ca. 1825-1890

The Harn-Demmitt Farmstead has a two-story, two-section dwelling with vinyl siding and an irregular bay arrangement which strongly suggests that it has a log structure. The two parts are defined by varying proportions between the bays and by a settlement line at the junction between the two sections, visible at the roof and cornice line. The house was probably originally built by John Harn (1789-1852) about 1825 and expanded by Henry Demmitt (1804-1889) in the mid 1840's. In the late 19th century, a bank barn (possibly replacing an earlier barn on the stone foundation), a wagon shed/corn crib, and a 1-1/2 story frame summer kitchen were built. During the mid-20th century, a gable roofed entry porch with a dentiled cornice and a pediment were built over the main entrance of the house. The farmstead is minimally significant in architecture for the apparent log construction of the house and the existing outbuildings, which are typical for the late 19th century period.

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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
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/kitchen
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/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 Harn-Demmitt Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5200 Buffalo 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 David E. Fleming

street & number 28 Grays Farm Road telephone no.:

city, town Weston state and zip code Ct. 06883

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1739

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 890

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-5-115

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 checked="" 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 Harn-Demmitt Farmstead is centered on a two-story, two-section log dwelling with vinyl siding built about 1825, with its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings, which are a frame wash house or summer kitchen, a bank barn, and a wagon shed/corn crib built about 1890. The farmstead is located on the east side of Buffalo Road about 1 mile north of the intersection of Harrisville Road near Mt. Airy, Frederick County, Maryland. Buffalo Road in the vicinity of the farmstead is the county boundary between Frederick and Carroll Counties. A driveway about 1500 feet long runs west from Buffalo Road to the farmstead through open agricultural fields. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural evidence, historical maps, and land records.

The dwelling's principal elevation faces north and the agricultural buildings are located north of the house. The north elevation has four irregular bays with an entry porch over the main entrance in the east inner bay. The two parts of the house are defined by the different bay spacing in the east and west sections and by a visible drop in the roof and cornice line at the junction between the two sections. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding, leaving no other visible evidence. The east section may have been the earliest, having a wider spacing between the bays. The current residence, Mrs. Burdette, could not confirm the presence of log structure, but the general form is similar to other log houses with expansions to the original buildings. The windows are 6/6 with louvred shutters. The doorway has sidelights and may have originally had a transom covered by the gable roof of the entry porch, which has paired square posts and a cross braced railing. A dentil cornice and a molded pediment ornament the porch. The roof has a boxed cornice and interior end chimneys with a corrugated metal roof. The west gable end has only a single 2/2 attic window. The east gable end also has an attic window, but also has an enclosed porch extension at the exposed basement level. This is part of a series of one-story shed additions on the southeast corner of the house. The south elevation has an irregular bay arrangement, dominated by the group of additions near the southeast corner. The windows are 6/6 as on the north elevation, but are missing their louvred shutters. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Summer kitchen: The 1-1/2 story frame summer kitchen appears to have been built in 1890. The exterior is covered with clapboard siding and the entrance on the west gable end has double tongue-and-groove doors and an interior chimney on the east gable end. The roof is corrugated metal. The stone foundation has been reinforced at the east end with concrete. Six over six windows are on both the north and south elevations. Above the doorway is a boarded opening, apparently to a loft storage space. The building is currently used for storage.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The wagon shed/corn crib is in deteriorated condition, but appears to have been built about 1890. It has vertical siding in the gable ends with rectangular window openings in each gable. The windows are missing. The crib sides have vented horizontal siding. The corrugated metal roof is partial missing.

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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
<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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1825-1890 **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 Harn-Demmitt Farmstead is minimally significant in architecture for the two-section dwelling, probably a log house built about 1825 and expanded with an additional log section by the mid-19th century. Its integrity level has been lowered by the addition of vinyl siding in recent years and a mid-20th century entry porch. The surviving outbuildings, all built in about the 1890's and including a summer kitchen, a bank barn, and a wagon shed/corn crib are fair examples of their types but have been altered or are in deteriorated condition. The house may have been built by John Harn (1789-1852), who assembled about 440 acres from 1821 to 1840 and sold the property in 1843 to settle debts. In 1845, Henry Demmitt (1804-1889) purchased the property with John W. Cochran, whom Demmitt bought out the following year. The expansion of the house may have taken place at this time. After Demmitt sold the farm to Albert Jones in 1885, the existing barn, wagon shed/corn crib, and the summer kitchen were probably built.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-115

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966.
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 5 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

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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G

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H

Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 71, Parcel 18

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 August 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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7.1 Description (Continued)

Bank barn: The frame bank barn was also built about 1890, although the stone foundation could date from an earlier barn on the site, and has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. The walls have louvred arched vents. A non-contributing concrete silo is near the west elevation ramp.

52 Buffalo Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1739/890 19 Oct 91	David Ernest Fleming	Jessie B. Hahn	"Resurvey on Gilboa", "Resurvey on Cold Friday" 366A, 3R., 15 sq. p. less 17 3/4 A. conveyed by 397/276 total 347 A. Life Estate 969/427	
Mill Record GE 52/452 21 Mar 28	Jessie B. Hahn (daughter of Mrs. H. Rigler)	William H. Rigler	366 A. ±	
316/195 9 Mar 16	William H. & Gertrude M. Rigler	Louis & Meta A. Muller	366 A., 3R., 15 sq. p.	\$17,000
267/310 22 Nov 04	Louis Muller	Joseph D. Baker, trustee in Equity 4093,	Carroll Co. James & Co.	\$11,005.31
WIP 6/692 4 Apr 1888	Albert Jones	Peter Lugenbuel and Milton H. Munn, trustees	AF 11/172 Equity 5315 19 3/4 A.	
AF 11/172 19 Mar 1885	Albert Jones of Baltimore	Henry Demmitt	part of "Resurvey on Gilboa"; "Resurvey on Cold Friday", "Bills Added Long Snake and Owings Choice", part in Frederick, part in Carroll Co. 403 A., 3 1/2 Rd., 33 p.	\$11,095.04 1/2
WBT 4/324 11 Apr 1846	Henry Demmitt	Isaac Brown & Singleton M. Hain, trustees of	John & Charlotte Hain 423 3/4 A.	\$700
WBT 4/326 27 Jan 1845	Henry Demmitt & John M. Cochran	Isaac Brown & Singleton M. Hain, trustees of	John & Charlotte Hain 20 Mar 1843 HS 18/167	\$1130.71
HS 18/167 20 Mar 1843	Isaac Brown & Singleton M. Hain	John & Charlotte Hain	Many deeds mentioned, all purchases by Hain from various owners, ranging in size from 9 to 440 acres, dates from 1821 to 1840, also personal property. Sale required to settle debts.	

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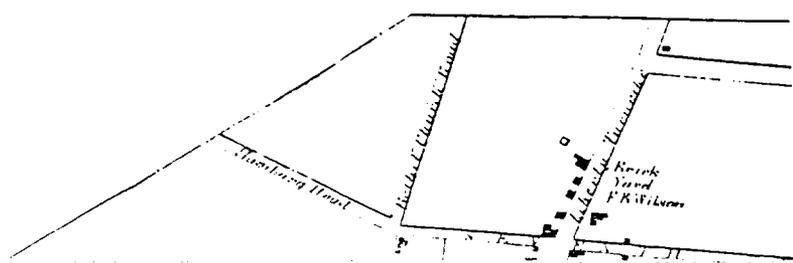
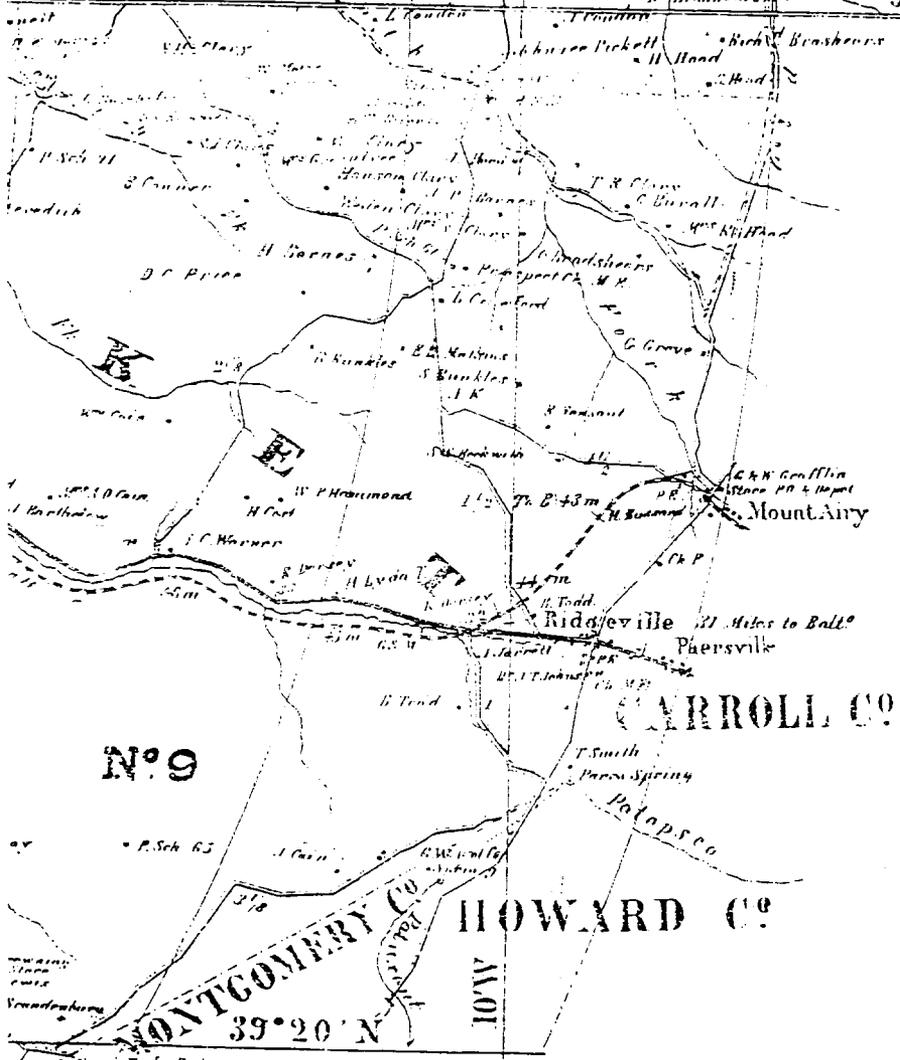
Elevations above Tide.

	FEET.
Ridgeville,	860
Ruger Loaf Mountain,	1300
Mouth of Monocacy,	195
Potomac at Weverton, about	725
Mouth of Carroll Creek,	241
Frederick City, at crossing of Carroll Crk. and Market St.,	278
Tarapits, near Cemetery,	350
Mouth of Double Pipe Creek,	340
Cotoctin Mt. at Eagerstown Tarapits,	870
Cotoctin Mt. at High Knob,	1530
Blue Ridge, west of Middletown,	1700
Round Top, S.W. of Emmitsburg,	1700
Highest point of Hauvers District, probably,	2000

Miles of Public Roads, & Square Miles in each Election District.

ELECTION DISTRICT	MILES OF Co. Roads, Tarapits		Sq. Miles.
No. 1 Buckeystown,	55½	1%	50
2 Frederick,	75	24%	66
3 Middletown,	58½	8	48
4 Greencroftown,	50½	4½	40
5 Emmitsburg,	60	7	46
6 Cotoctin,	45		28
7 Urbana,	66		49
8 Liberty,	65½		52
9 New Market,	67	11½	62
10 Hauvers,	44½		28
11 Woodsborough,	36½	3%	33
12 Petersville,	24½	6%	27
13 Mount Pleasant,	25	3%	26
14 Jefferson,	27½	3%	22
15 Mechanicstown,	49%	4	27
16 Jackson,	38½		22
17 Johnsville,	28%		25
In the whole County,	536½	77½	652

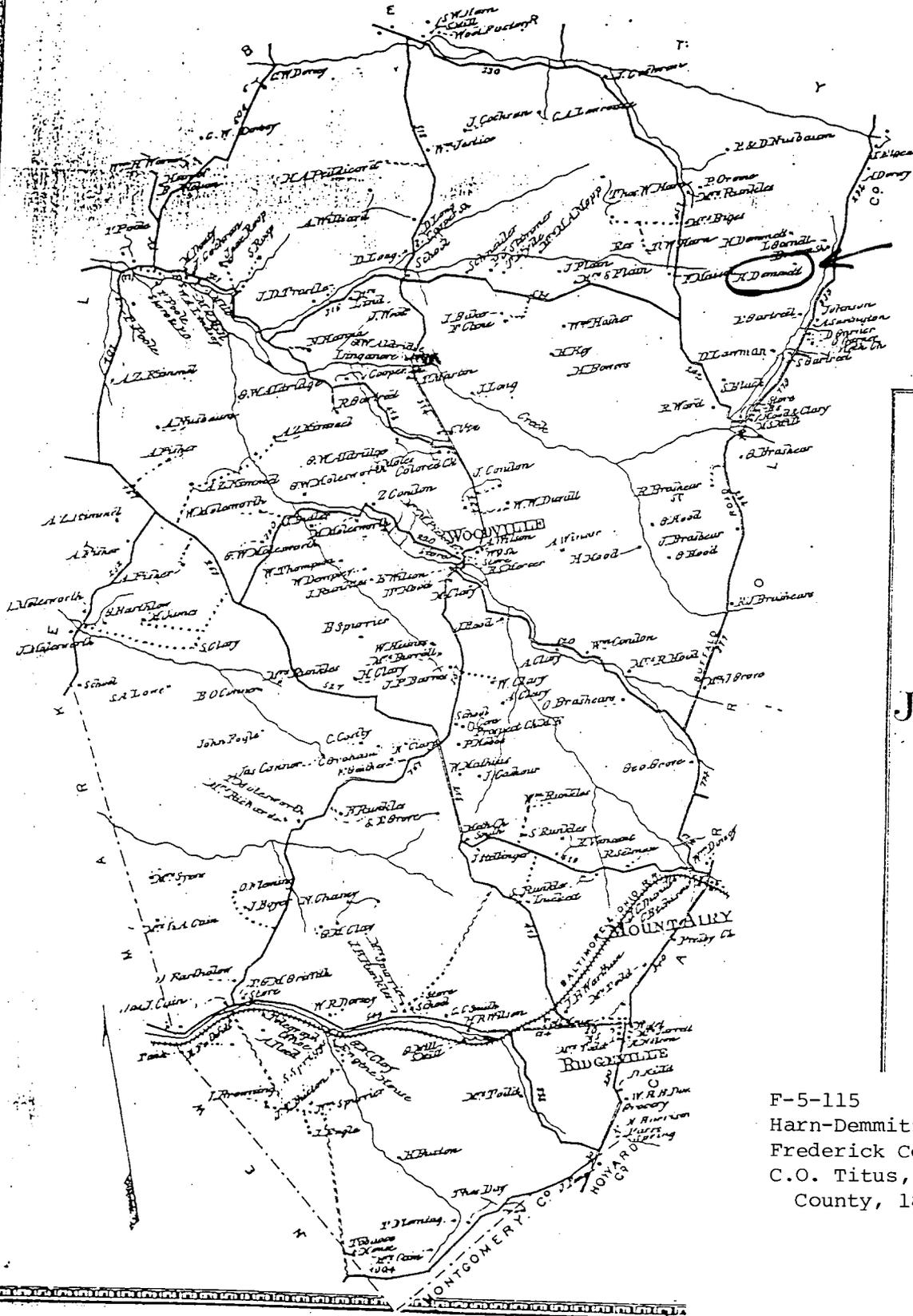
The whole County has nearly 1½ miles of road per square mile.
Districts 1 and 7 have about 1½ miles of road per square mile.



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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858

WOODVILLE DIST No. 18

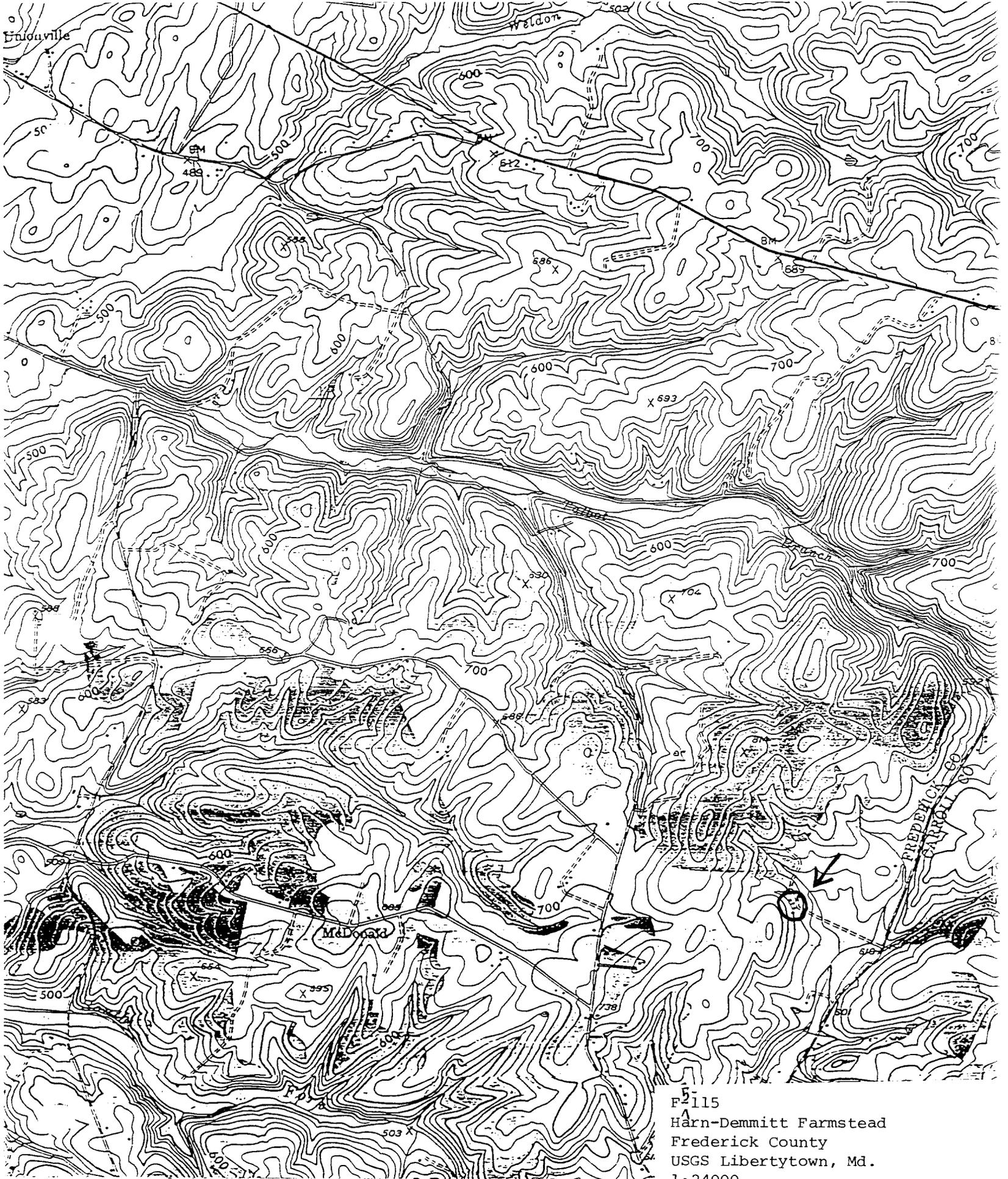
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Scale 1/2

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



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Harn-Demmitt Farmstead
Frederick County
USGS Libertytown, Md.
1:24000



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Harv. Demmitt Forest

Lied - 1000

Photo: Jones

June 1924

Map of the area - 1000

with a location

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1000-1000



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Harbor Entrance # 100 - 1000

Frederick Cay

Photo 1000 ft. 1000

June 1900

No. 1000 ft. 1000 ft. 1000 ft. 1000 ft.

South Cay

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Harrisburg, Pa. with Formosa

Frederick County

Phoenicia, Pa. 7-1-13

June 13-14

Logan Co. Md. Still in the mountains

Summer 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886

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F-5-11's

Home-learned - Warrstead

Frederic Courin

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Harpur Farmstead

Friederich County

Photo Janet, 1955

June 1955

1. ca. 20. - 1/2 S. - 1/2 W. - 1/2 E. - 1/2 N.

East, south-west corner view

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1955