

F-5-118
Henry Smith Farmstead
Monrovia vicinity
Private

Ca. 1815-1895

The Henry Smith Farmstead is centered on a two-story stone dwelling built about 1815 with a 1-1/2 story stone side wing which may have been built as early as 1760. The house has a surviving stone springhouse probably built about 1815 located on the north side of the B&O Railroad tracks which run directly north of the dwelling. Other outbuildings are a circa 1895 bank barn and a wagon shed/corn crib of about the same date. The house's original owner and possible builder are unknown, but the farm was part of the property of Dr. Belt Brashear (1770-1834) and was sold to Henry Smith of G. in 1836. It remained the property of Smith and his sons George and James until 1893, when purchased by Jesse Burall who built the barn and probably the wagon shed. When the B&O Railroad was relocated in 1902 from the southern boundary of the farm along Bush Creek to its present location running just behind the house, Burall sold the farm. The house has Federal style interior details, including a side-hall plan, a Federal mantelpiece with a flanking cupboard in the main parlor and a second parlor with a more simple mantelpiece, splayed paneled window soffits, and bull's-eye corner blocks on the exterior window lintels. It is moderately significant for the surviving early 19th century architectural features.

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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:
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

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Henry Smith Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11928 East Baldwin Road not for publication

city, 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 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 John V. and Alice Atanasoff

street & number 11928 East Baldwin Road 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 621

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 260

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

Survey No. F-5-118

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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 Henry Smith Farmstead is centered on a two-story stone dwelling with a side-hall plan and a 1-1/2 story stone side service wing built about 1815 on the north side of Bush Creek about 1-1/2 miles east of Monrovia, Frederick County, Maryland. In 1901, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which had been built on the north bank of Bush Creek in 1831 skirting the south boundary of the original farmstead, was relocated, with a new right of way running immediately north of the dwelling and its associated agricultural outbuildings, and separating the house from an original domestic outbuilding, a circa 1815 stone springhouse which still exists on the north side of the tracks. The house is currently a tenant property on a parcel with a modern, non-contributing dwelling located north of the Smith House and the present access to the historic site is through the principal residence grounds. The contributing agricultural outbuildings include a circa 1895 bank barn and a wagon shed/corn crib of about the same date. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural evidence, land records, and historical maps.

The dwelling has three bays on its principal elevation, which faces southwest. The entrance is in the right or east bay. The cornice is boxed and the wood shingle roof is under corrugated metal sheeting. An interior end chimney is on the west gable end. The doorway has a paneled soffit and a beveled paneled door under a three-light transom. A modern replacement concrete stoop rises to the door. Bull's eye corner blocks are at the window openings, which have 1/1 replacement sash except for a 6/6 window in the east bay of the second story. The southwest elevation of the side wing has an exposed stone cellar level with stone buttresses extending from the foundation wall to support a one-story porch, which was enclosed early in the 20th century and has German siding. A dormer with a replacement single panel window is in the roof of the wing. An interior chimney rises from the west gable end of the wing. On the east gable end of the main section, the protruding ends of metal tie rods with ogee curved braces are visible. There are no openings except 2/2 attic windows in the gable. The northeast elevation has three bays with 6/6 sash and the frames show evidence of shutters having been removed. The window trim with corner blocks is the same as on the southwest elevation. At the rear of the side wing is a paneled door in the "cross and bible" arrangement.

The interior of the house has been considerably altered, but the basic floor plan of the first story remains intact. The side hall is proportionally wide, with a staircase on the exterior wall side with a molded railing and low risers. The main room has its original wide board flooring and a molded chair rail and baseboard. A Federal style mantel with a flanking cupboard on the right side is on the west wall. The splayed window reveals are paneled. A partition wall separates a rear parlor from the front room. The rear room also has a mantelpiece and a chair rail. The only entrance to the side wing is through a door in the front room which opens on the enclosed porch. This is not the usual plan in similar early 19th century houses, but the doorway through the thick stone wall next to the front room mantelpiece appears to be an original opening. The interior of the wing is a single room with a closed fireplace on the west wall flanked by a cupboard. Most of the finish in the room has been painted many times and little to clarify its origin.

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

Specific dates C. 1815 (house); C. 1895 (barn)
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 Henry Smith Farmstead is moderately significant in architecture as an altered example of a late Federal style residence of about 1815, with two original mantelpieces, wide board flooring, chair rails, paneled window soffits, and staircase trim. The original windows have been replaced, and the interior of a side wing which may date from the late 18th century has been altered, leaving its date of construction unclear. The original owner of the house is unclear from land record research for this historical inventory. In 1836, Henry Smith of G. purchased 105-1/4 acres of land from the estate of Dr. Belt Brashear (1770-1834), an early physician in New Market. Dr. Brashear probably owned this farm as an investment and had a tenant farmer occupying the house and working the fields. The deed mentions the reservation of an access road for a neighboring property owner along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to reach his meadow. In the early history of the B&O, horses were used to haul the cars along the tracks prior to the arrival of steam locomotives on the line. One of the 12 horse-changing stops in the early 1830's was at "Smith's", one stop after Plane No. 4. Presumably, this referred to Henry Smith's farm, although he did not purchase it until 1836. In 1863, Henry Smith passed the property to his two sons, George M. Smith and James H. Smith (1845-1932), reserving to himself a life estate. From 1893 to 1902, Jesse M. Burall owned the farm and the 1910 biographical sketch of Burall in The History of Frederick County states that he improved the farm by building a new barn, undoubtedly the present structure. Burall seems to have sold the farm when it became clear that the B&O Railroad intended to run the relocated main line directly north of the dwelling. Although no deed record has yet been located, the B&O bought the right of way for the Mt. Airy Improvement during 1901 and 1902. From 1902 to 1959, the Smith Farmstead was owned by the Willis family. The Willises owned a large amount of property between the railroad and the Old National Pike and the Smith House once again became a tenant house, which it has remained to the present.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-118

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Harwood, Herbert H., Jr. Impossible Challenge: The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Maryland. Baltimore: Barnard, Roberts and Company, Inc., 1979, p. 29.
Holdcraft, Jacob N. Names In Stone. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the stone dwelling on Tax Map 89, Parcel 247.

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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514-7600

7.1 Description (Continued)

appearance is visible. An enclosed stair leads to the upper loft level, a single space with plaster over lath walls lit by the dormer window and a small attic window in the west gable end. The present owner of the Smith Farmstead, Mrs. Atanasoff, gave the date of the wing as about 1720. However, no clear evidence in its architectural features or plan places the wing as being of that period. The documentary evidence to support construction of the Smith House at that time was not found in research for this inventory form. The stonemasonry technique and vernacular style of the side wing could be as early as about 1760, but the wings of other 1815 buildings are very similar to that of the Smith House. The main section of the Smith House clearly has the plan and details of a late Federal dwelling. H. Hanford Hopkins noted that the Smith House may be partially pre-Revolutionary on his 1966 map of early houses in the northeastern part of the County; however, Dr. Hopkins' date sources were mostly based on verbal reports and deed research which followed the changes in ownership of the land rather than on architectural and building technology analysis.

Bank barn: The bank barn appears to date from about 1875-1900 and has vertical siding with arched louvred vents and a corrugated metal roof. sliding doors are on the northeast side of the barn. A concrete block milk house is located near the southeast gable end of the barn.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The wagon shed/corn crib is in deteriorated condition, but was probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century. It has stone piers and vertical vented siding on the crib sides. A corrugated metal roof covers the building.

Springhouse: The stone springhouse north of the railroad tracks has a corrugated metal roof and a door opening on the northeast gable end. It is in deteriorated condition and was not closely observed, but it appears to date from about 1815.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Hopkins, H. Hanford. Map of
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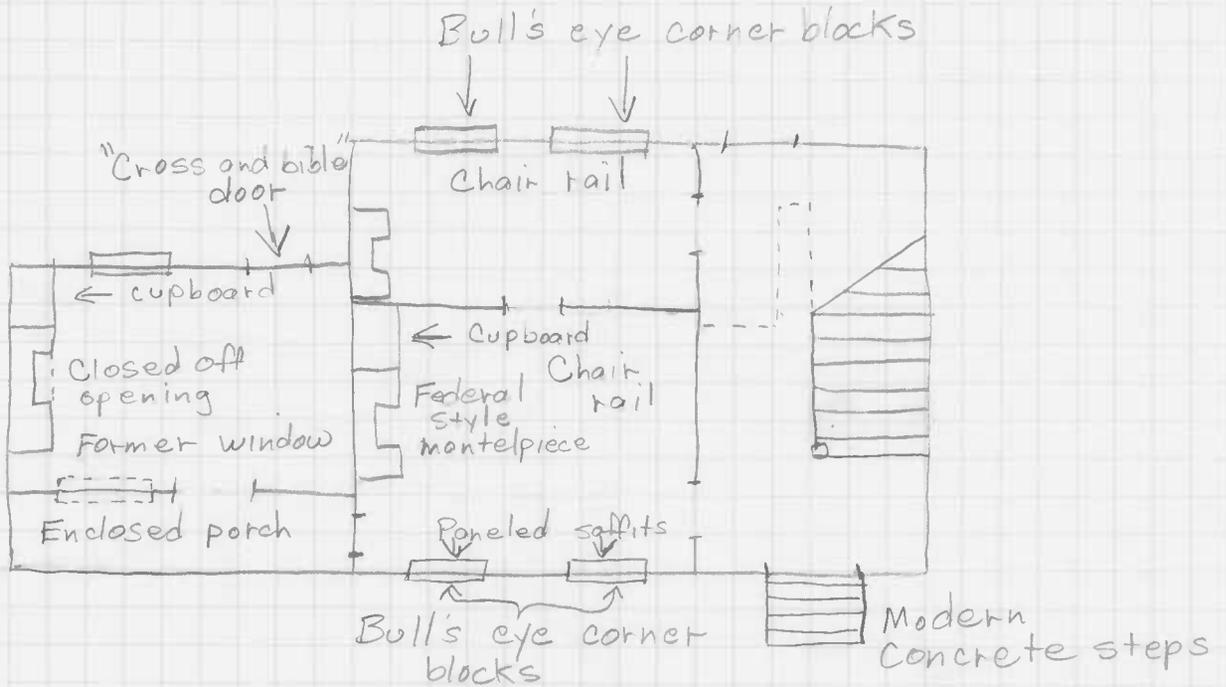
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Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 863.

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
621/260 7 July 59	John V. and Alice C. Atanaseff	William B. & Beatrice C. Willis	155 a.	
362/5 19 Mar 27	William B. Willis et ux	Louis O. & A. Mary Willis	232 a., 31 sq. p.	
DHH 13/462 11 Apr 02	Louis O. Willis	Jesse M. & Delilah Burrall	250 a., 2 B., 7 p. conveyed to Jesse Burrall as 2 separate parcels surveyed by R.A. Rager but not included in 1 tract by Rager survey	\$7,111.63
JLJ 5/109 13 June 1893	Jesse Burrall	Louis B. Detrick, mortgage	Equity 6/18 Detrick vs George & James Smith all that "Home Farm" containing 160 a. BCF 9/47, 1868 also that other tract adjoining the home farm of 80 a. on all records SEC 1/326 1868	\$7,120
<u>Will Record</u> SEC 1/326 2 Dec 1868 (probate 1872)	George M. & James H. Smith, sons of	John Smith of Et. my brother Henry Smith		
BGF 9/47 6 Apr 1863	George M. & James H. Smith	Henry Smith of Et.	all that land known as the home farm upon which I now reside adjoining the lands of Henry W. Dorsey, Samuel Tallott, H.W.D. Waters, Nathan Jones, et al. also the tract purchased by me in JS 31/238 2 July 1832, reserving life estate for myself	
HS 3/261 4 June 1836	Henry Smith	John Tallott, Trustee	sale of part of real estate of Bell Brashear, dec. mentions reserving of Rodw along B & O R. R. for use of Samuel Geyer as road to and from his meadow 105 1/4 a.	\$2,065.54

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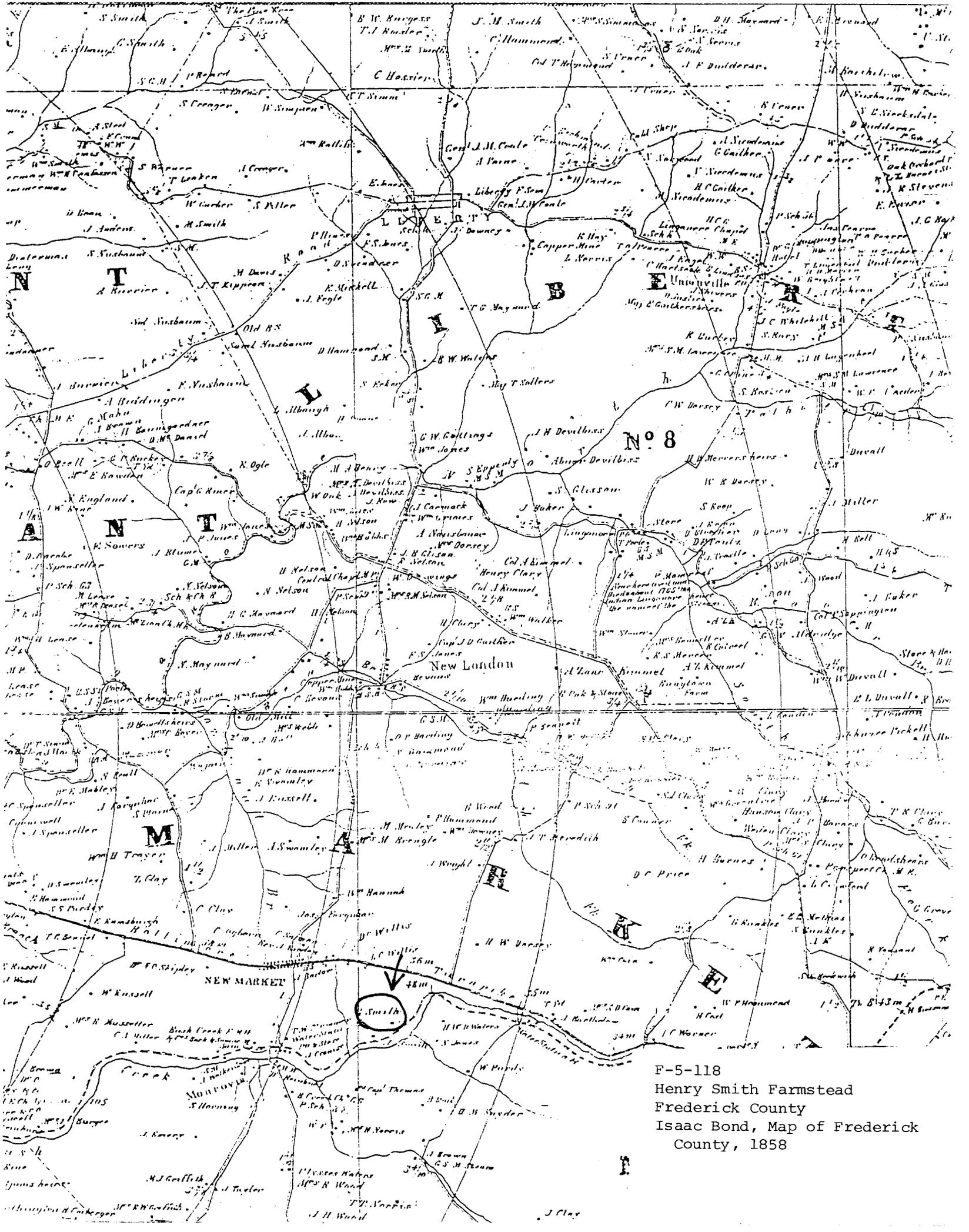


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July 6, 1994

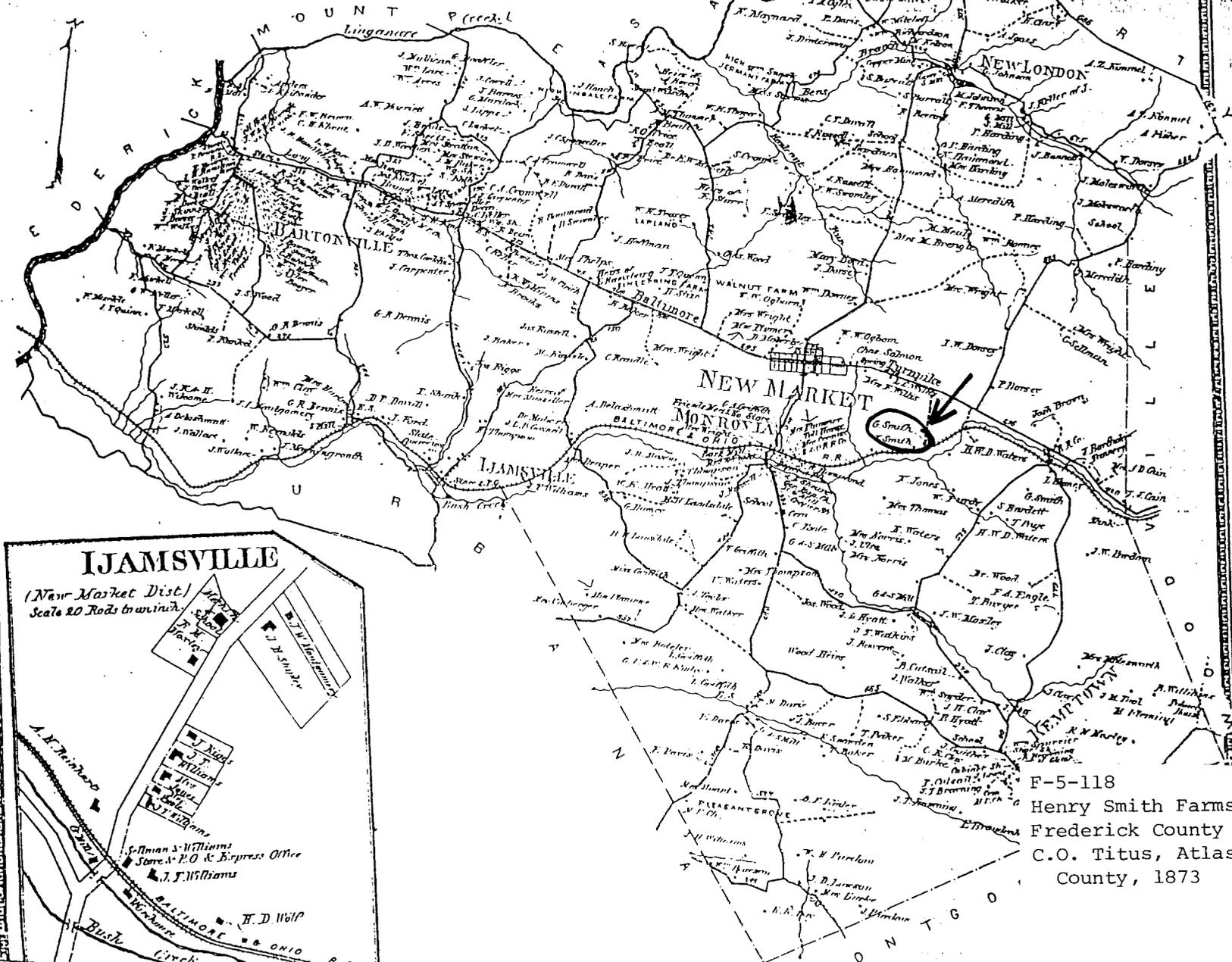
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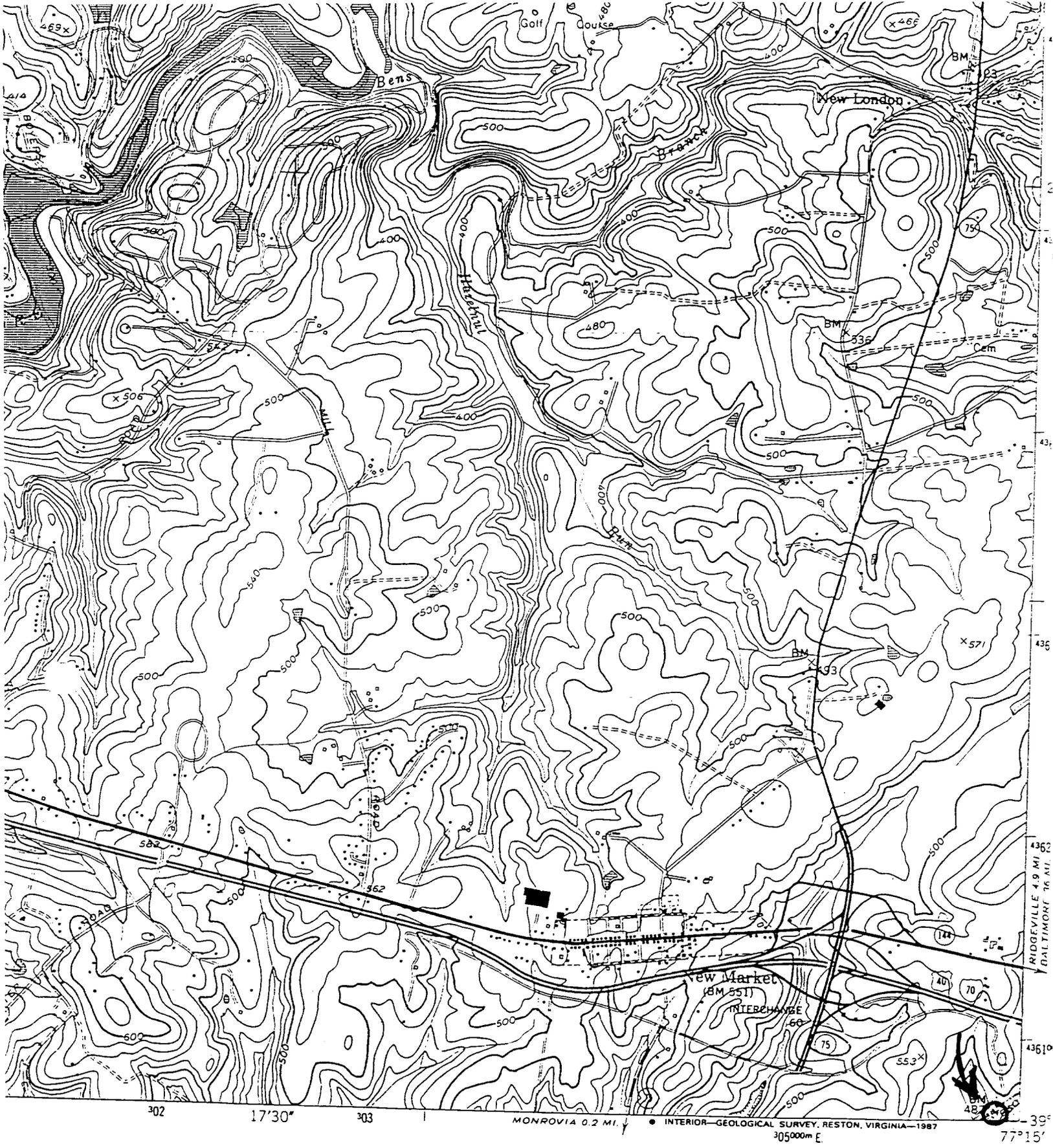
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858

NEW MARKET DIST. No. 9

Scale 7 1/2 inches to the mile



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



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 Henry Smith Farmstead
 Frederick County
 USGS Walkersville, Md.
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Henry South Commission

Fredrick County

Plots 1-10 at Davis

July 1990

North of 105th St. at Davis

South east corner

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F. S. 118

Henry Smith Farm - 200

Frederick County

Photo: Tower Farm

July 1924

Mr. J. S. Mansfield, Frederick Co. Md.

North-east corner

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Harvard - Cambridge

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

July 1980

Vegetation in the Forest Grove, Md

Barbara H. H. H. H. H.

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Smith Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo - Top of Hill

July 1974

Net loc. - 2 MI SWPA, Orange Co. Va.

Woodshed/stone structure and elevation

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Hent & Smith Farmstead

Frederick County

Philip Davis

1870

Near New Market, Frederick Co., Md.

Springhouse, view from north

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