

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Forney-Mikesell Farm Survey Number: F-6-49

Project: Bennett Estates, new housing development Agency: S/MDE

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
Surveyed in 1991, the Forney-Mikesell Farm exhibited a fair amount of integrity in its late nineteenth and twentieth century domestic/agricultural complex. The intervening years of vacancy have taken their toll. The two story frame I house has lost its 2 over 2 windows, doors, decorative wooden features such as cornice and porch brackets, balustrade, interior stairs and fair amounts of plaster. The barn depicts signs of stripping; all its doors and windows have been removed. The springhouse has a similar condition. Due to this loss of materials, this common vernacular complex does not possess sufficient integrity for the Maryland Register.

N.B. The complex except for the springhouse will be demolished as a result of the housing construction.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory
compliance file Bennett Estates

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Lauren Bowlin Nov. 11, 1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter Skantz 11/12/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic (single family dwelling) and agricult

Known Design Source: _____

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Ca. 1860

Forney-Mikesell Farm

Thurmont vicinity, Maryland

Private

The Forney-Mikesell farmhouse is a two story frame building with a side gable roof of standing seam tin. The farm represents a agricultural complex dating from the mid-nineteenth century. The components of the complex, a farmhouse and dairy buildings, are commonly seen forms of architecture in the region. The house was constructed in a vernacular form that became widely prevalent and popular throughout the country after 1850 and is often referred to as an "I-house". The dairy farm buildings accompany the house in representing economic achievement.

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Forney-Mikesell Farm
Thurmont vicinity
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 Periods:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

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

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/springhouse
Agricultural/Subsistence/processing/dairy
Agricultural/Subsistence/storage/silo
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Forney-Mikesell Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Thurmont - Jimtown Road ___ not for publication

city, town Thurmont ___ 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 Gitil Company

street & number 6525 Belcrest Road, Room 300 telephone no.:

city, town Hyattsville state and zip code Md. 20782

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1424

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 597

city, town Frederick state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-6-49

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.

The Forney-Mikesell farmhouse is a two story frame building with a side gable roof of standing seam tin that is located on Rt. 550 in close proximity to Thurmont, Maryland. The principal facade faces south and contains 3 symmetrical bays. A dairy complex with a rounded gambrel roof barn, dairy shed and silo lies to the west of the house. Other outbuildings include a springhouse, a garage and sheds.

The 2 story farmhouse is sheathed in asphalt shingling over german siding. It contains one exterior end brick chimney and rests on a stone foundation. The principal elevation has central door placement with a panelled door that has a transom light. Windows are symmetrically placed on both stories with 2/2 lights. A full facade, one story open porch has a hipped roof of standing seam tin and sits on a concrete foundation. It has chamfered columns and decorative brackets. The north elevation is also 3 bays across and has 2/2 light windows. It is dominated by a one story enclosed porch that covers the facade and has a shed roof of standing seam tin. Windows in the porch are 2/2 lights. The east and west elevations are 2 bays and indicate that the house is 1 room deep. Windows in both elevations are 2/2 lights. On the east, there are vent windows at the attic level and a gabled roof covered entry for the basement door. On the west, a 1 story enclosed porch wraps around from the rear elevation with a hipped roof of standing seam tin. Resting on concrete piers, it contains a ribbon of windows that are 6/1 lights. There is one center attic window filled in with plywood.

A stone and frame springhouse with a standing seam tin gable roof is located to the northeast of the house on a small creek. One part of the building is comprised of vertical siding and has 6 light fixed windows and a door; the larger part is of stone with weatherboard in the gable ends. The building appears to have been constructed at an earlier date than the house. A concrete garage dating from the late twentieth century lies closer to the house.

The barn is situated several yards to the west of the house on a concrete foundation. Now utilized for storage purposes, its appearance suggests dairy functions. Sheathed in vertical siding, it consists of a rounded gambrel roof (resembling a barrel) with flared eaves. On the gable end, a large central hood projects from the gable peak and contains an arched door. Openings include 2 narrow 6 light fixed windows on the second level and 9 light fixed windows and a sliding door on the ground level. An attached dairy/milking shed with the same roof form as the barn roof/has two door openings and three 2/2 light windows with frame lintels. Roofing material on both the dairy shed and the barn is composition shingling. A concrete silo is also connected to the barn and has a tin domed roof. (The concrete probably replaced an earlier material.) A hay corral in two parts has a shed roof and board and batten siding. An asphalt shingled chicken coop with a shed roof is now used for hay storage.

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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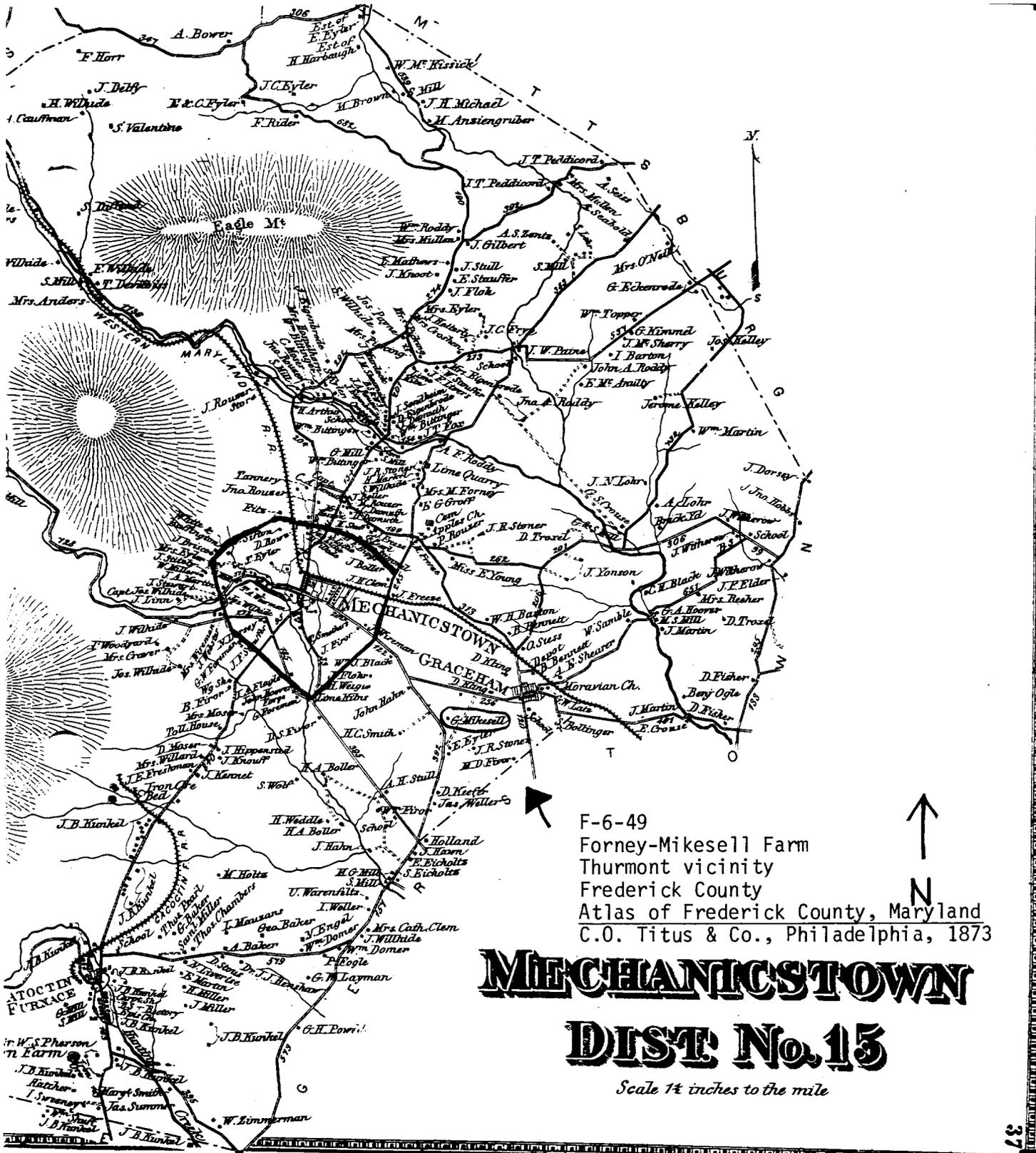
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Forney-Mikesell Farm represents a agricultural complex dating from the mid-nineteenth century. The components of the complex, a farmhouse and dairy buildings, are commonly seen forms of architecture in the region. The house was constructed in a vernacular form that became widely prevalent and popular throughout the country after 1850 and is often referred to as an "I-house". The Forney-Mikesell house adheres to this form in having two stories, one room deep, a side gable roofline and three bays. The house form was an indicator of economic achievement and provided a sense of status. The dairy farm buildings dating from the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries, accompany the house in representing economic achievement; the large barn has a dominant roof style (rounded gambrel "barrel-like" roof) with an exaggerated hood and suggests significant dairy activity. The property is no longer used for dairy operations but is presently farmed.

Within its historic context, many other examples of I-houses and dairy barns exist. However, the combination of both the house and the dairy buildings illustrates an agricultural complex of a farmer who had become financially "comfortable". The two components are not only seen as a collective whole but also seen as retaining a good level of integrity in materials and forms. Other farm complexes in the region dating from the mid-to-late nineteenth century have generally sustained greater alterations in at least one of the building components.

The farm appears on the 1858 Bond map as being owned by E. Forney. In 1873, the property becomes associated with G. Mikesell. The springhouse on the property indicates an older date than the other buildings which hints at the presence of an earlier dwelling. Architecturally, the barn and the house both date from the mid-to-late nineteenth century.

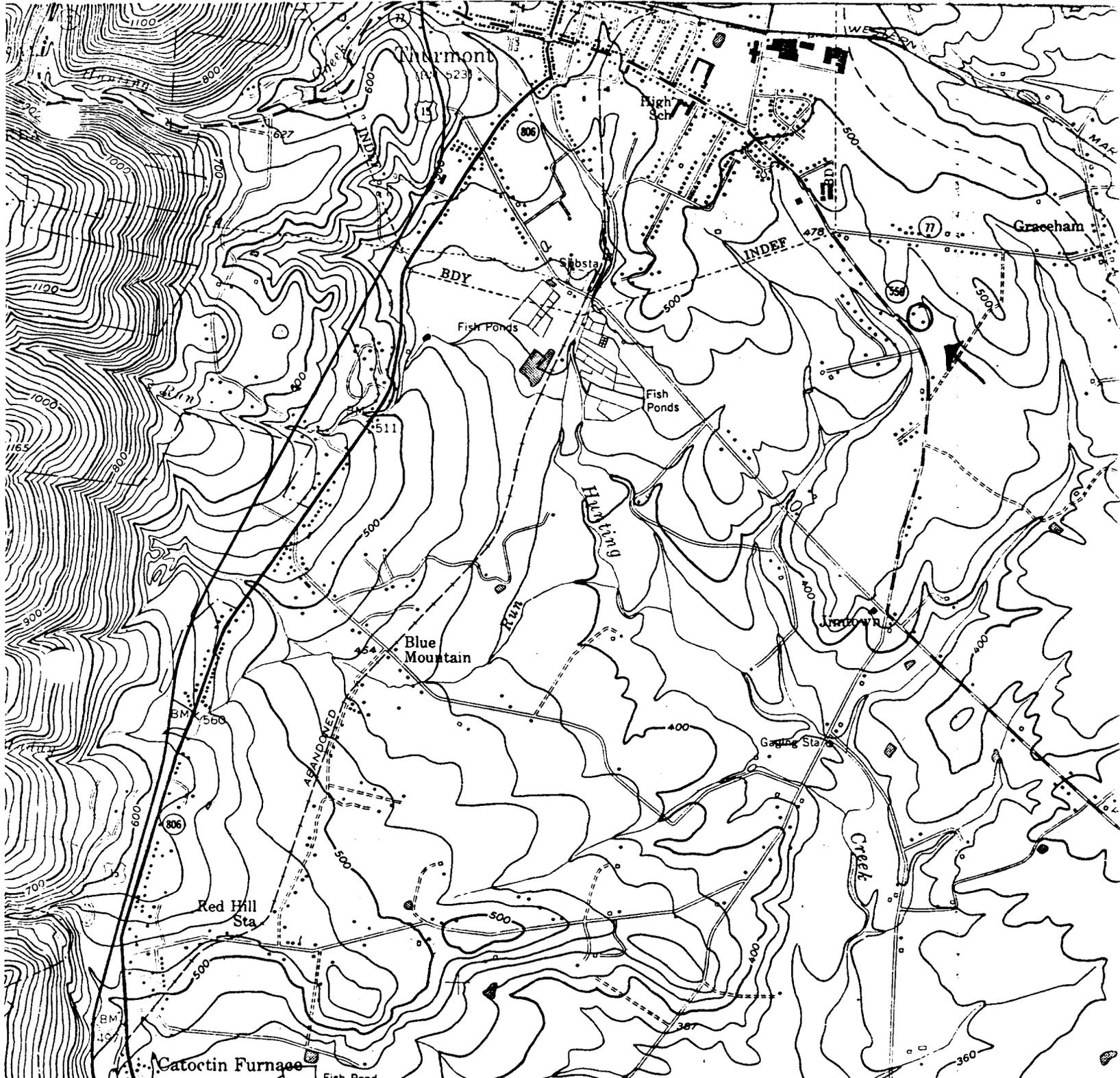


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 Forney-Mikesell Farm
 Thurmont vicinity
 Frederick County
 Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland
 C.O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, 1873

MECHANICSTOWN

DIST No. 15

Scale 1/4 inches to the mile



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 Forney-Mikesell Farm
 Thurmont vicinity
 Frederick County
 Catoclin Furnace, MD
 A-adrangle





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Forney-Mikesell Farm

Jimtown Road

Thurmont

Frederick County

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South elevation

Y4



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north elevation

3/4



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Jimtown Road

Thurmont

Frederick County

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April 1991

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Barn - east elevation



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Jimtown Road

Thurmont

Frederick County

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April 1991

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Annapolis MD

stone springhouse

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