

F-6-61

Ca. 1790

Dotterer Farm

Graceham vicinity

Private

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Dotterer Farm  
Graceham  
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:  
Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815  
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/summer kitchen, smokehouse  
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn,  
wagon shed, blacksmith shop  
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/corncrib  
Agricultural/Subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop,  
hogpen

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dotterer Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Graceham Road  not for publication

city, town Graceham vicinity  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frederick and Arnie E. Sandagger

street & number 7205 Oriole Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Springfield state and zip code VA. 22150

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 510

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 49

city, town Frederick state MD. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey (Form VI 086)

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Frederick County Department of Planning & Zoning

city, town Frederick state MD.

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(Typed on separate sheet)

# 8. Significance

Survey No. F-6-61

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### 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.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-6-61

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.  
Interview with Linda Sandagger, current owner, April 1991.  
Kniffen, Fred, "Folk Housing: Key to Diffusion," Annals, Association of American Geographers, v. 55 (1965): 549-577.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 143.00 acres

Quadrangle name Thurmont MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 26  
Parcel 68

### 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 Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991

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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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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### 7.1 Description:

The Dotterer Farm is situated on a lane off of Graceham Road approximately one mile from the town of Graceham, Maryland. The two story log and frame dwelling house faces south. An extensive collection of agricultural and domestic outbuildings contribute to the complex.

Constructed by 1800, the house has two sections. The original section (circa 1790) is of log construction, sheathed in weatherboard, and rests on a stone foundation. The facade has 3 assymetrical bays. The gable roofline is covered in standing seam tin and has a center brick chimney on the ridgeline. Decorative details on this section include a dentilled cornice, sawtooth bargeboard in the gable ends, pendants hanging from the gable peaks and an incomplete cornice return.

A later two story addition (circa 1850) extends from the rear of the original log section; it is possibly of log construction and is sheathed in weatherboard. Resting on a stone foundation, it has a standing seam tin gable roof with a center brick chimney.

The principal facade of the house, facing south, has off-center door placement and two 2/2 windows on the first and second floors. The east and west gable ends have 2/2 windows assymetrical on the first and second floors and 1 attic window.

The addition extends from the rear (north) facade: the main facade for the addition faces east. The facade has two door openings, one with raised panelling, and 2/2 windows. It is dominated by a 2 story, full facade, open porch that has decorative brackets. The last bay on the second floor of the porch is enclosed. The west elevation has a one story, hipped roof, enclosed sun room running three bays across with 4 light ribbons of windows. The north gable end has assymetrical placement of 2/2 windows and two 1 light attic windows.

Several domestic outbuildings are clustered near the house several feet to the east. Contemporary to the house are a summer kitchen and a smokehouse. The frame, one story summer kitchen is sheathed in board and batten siding and has a standing seam tin gable roof oriented on a east-west axis. It has 6/6 windows and two door openings. The pyramidal hipped roof smokehouse is located directly across from the summer kitchen. It is also sheathed in board and batten siding. Its door opening faces north. The roof, which is covered in standing seam tin, has a pendant at the peak.

Two other domestic outbuildings date from late nineteenth century ownership: a chicken coop and a hogpen. The long, rectangular chicken coop is situated directly behind the summer kitchen to the north: it is 9 bays long and covered in german siding. Openings include doors and 2/2 windows on the east elevation. Resting on a concrete foundation, it has a shed roof of corrugated tin. The vertical sided hogpen has a gable roof running north to south and is located to the northwest of the house.

## 7.2 Description

Agricultural outbuildings are located several yards to the north of the dwelling house. Built circa 1885, the bank barn has a stone foundation on the east and west gable ends and a brick foundation on the south elevation. The main story of the barn is sheathed in vertical siding and is covered with a corrugated tin gable roof. Decorative elements include 2-part stable doors on the east elevation with lattice work above, lattice beneath the cornice, and louvred windows and a round window in each gable end. The barn is referred to as a "Sixty-Pie Barn" because it required 60 pies to feed the men who raised it. Connected to the barn is a one story concrete block dairy shed. To the north of the barn, there is a vertical sided wagon shed with a drive-through portion, a vertical sided corncrib with a shed roof, and a vertical sided blacksmith shop with a standing seam tin gable roof.

### 8.1 Significance:

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Within its historic context, the Dotterer Farm compares to other farms in the region with a high level of integrity. It has retained an intact appearance dating from late nineteenth century. Considered collectively, the complex is unique to the region in demonstrating how an original log dwelling was incorporated into the plan of a new owner, a wealthy nineteenth century farmer, and included a substantial bank barn and other outbuildings.

In 1767, Christian Kuhn (also Coon or Koon) purchased 119 1/4 acres that was part of the "Resurvey of John's Delight" from Henry Bitzell (Land Deed, L, 1213). The house was probably constructed by the Kuhn family by 1800 and is representative of a log dwelling house of early German settlers. At Christian's death in 1806, the property was inherited by his son, Henry Kuhn (Wills, G.M.R.B. 1, 168). Henry bequeathed to his son, Zebulon, "150 acres of the farm on which he now resides" in 1830 (Wills, G.M.E. 1, 550). In 1834, Henry's wife, Elizabeth requested a plat of the 150 acres which showed the following division: first part, "Resurvey on John's Delight", 120 3/4 acres, and the second part, addition to "Saint Elizabeth", 29 1/4 acres. After Zebulon's death in the 1840s, the property became in dispute (Equity Docket 1920). Leonard Picking purchased the property of 194 3/4 acres through a public sale in 1848 for \$1,756.10 (Land Deed, W.B.T. 12, 212).

Leonard Picking and his wife, Cassandra, sold the property of 143 acres in 1857 to John J. Crum (also Krom) for a purchase price of \$4,800 (Land deed, E.S. 10, 257) which had changed to include portions of the "Resurvey on Fountain Low" and "Breeche's Pocket". By 1873, Crum was listed as a principal businessman and producer of Frederick County in Bond's Atlas. It noted that his farm of 170 acres produced wheat, corn, oats, rye, hay, and produce. He was also a dealer in stock. Crum sold the tract of 143 acres in 1891 to Mary E. and Lemuel Dotterer for \$5,720 (Land Deed W.I.P.No.13, 323). Substantial improvements (particularly noted in the construction of a new barn) were made to the property in the late nineteenth century probably after the Dotterer purchase in 1891. The property has remained in the Dotterer family to present day.

Remnants of a lime kiln exist in a field on the property. According to local legend, stone used for the construction of the state capital was obtained at this kiln.

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Frederick County

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9.1 BIBLIOGRAPHY (Continued)

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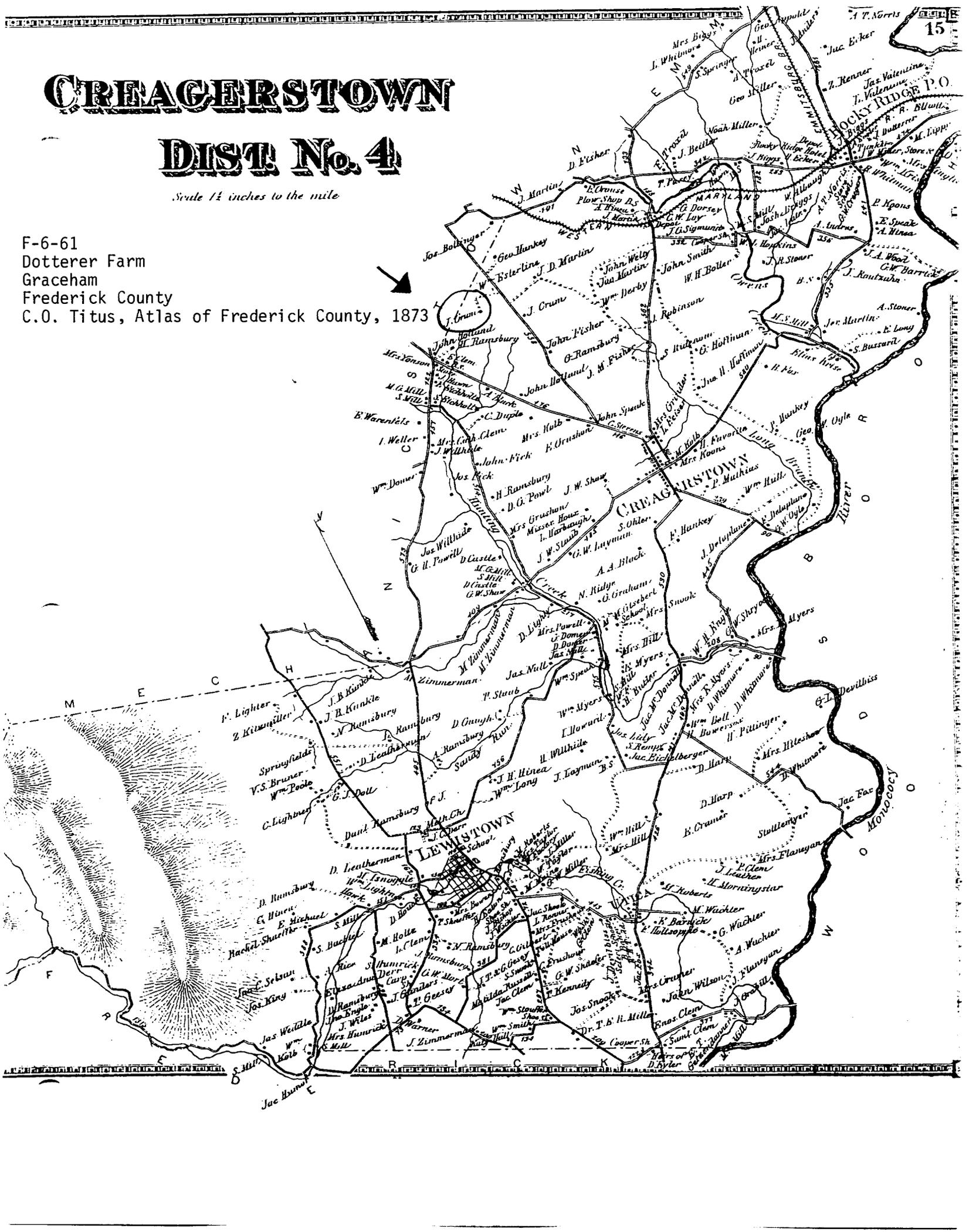
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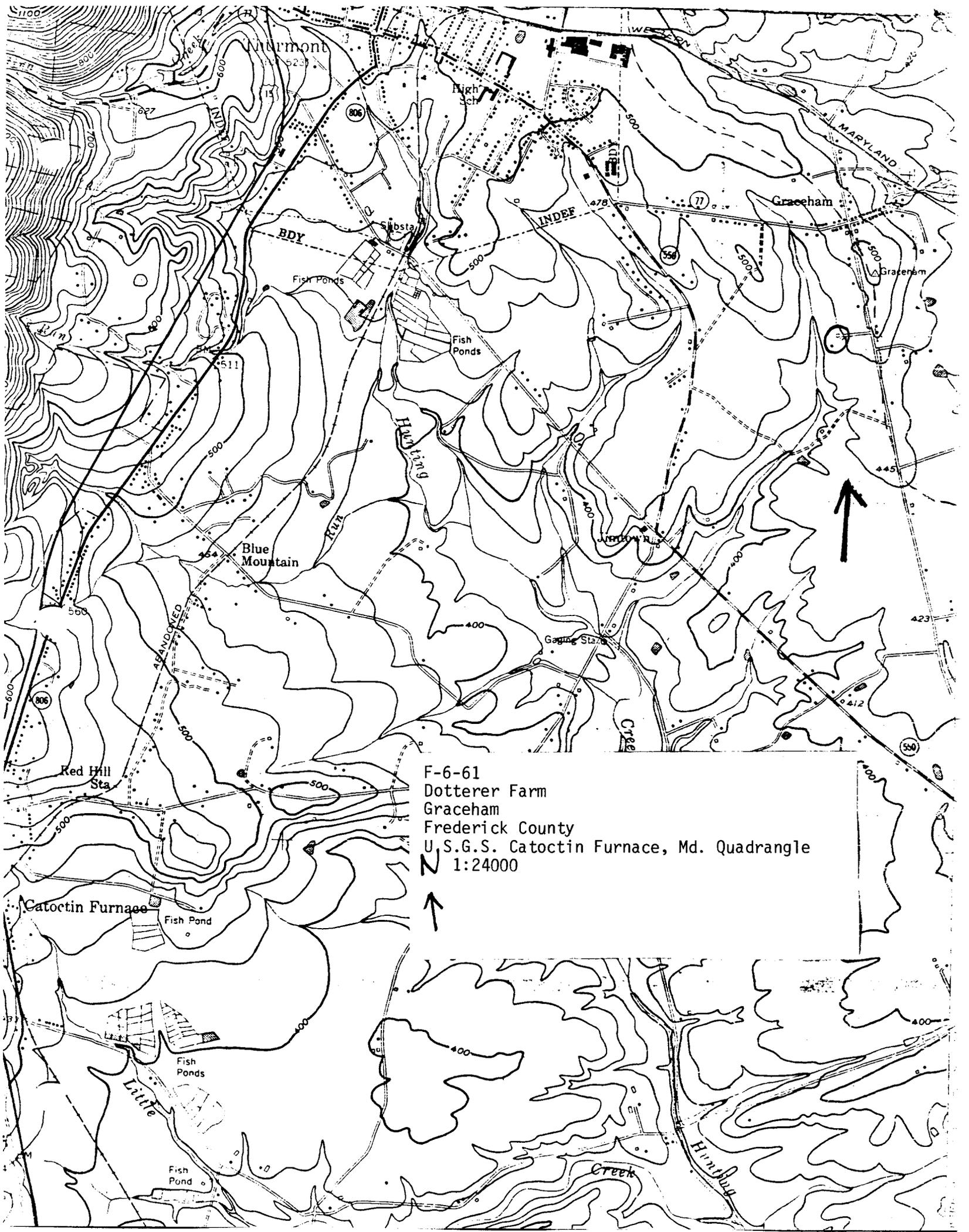
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## DIST No. 4

Scale 1/4 inches to the mile

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Dotterer Farm  
Graceham  
Frederick County  
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873





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Dotterer Farm  
Graceham  
Frederick County  
U.S.G.S. Catoctin Furnace, Md. Quadrangle  
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South elevation

1/4



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north east corner

2/4



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Summer kitchen, smokehouse

3/4



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BARN - Southeast view

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