

F-6-78

Ca. 1820

Frenchman's Purchase

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

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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 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/smokehouse, garage, shed
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn,
corncrib,

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-78

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frenchman's Purchase

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Bullfrog Road not for publication

city, town Emmitsburg 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Frederick M. Gross

street & number 133 E. Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code MD 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1017

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 1086

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey

date 1974 (Form VI - 287) federal state county local

pository for survey records Frederick County Dept. 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

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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 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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

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.

(Typed on separate sheet)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-6-78

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.
Land Deeds and Will Books, Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 147.75Quadrangle name Taneytown, MD QuadrangleQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting	Northing

B

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Zone	Easting	Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 10, Parcel 7

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 Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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7.1 Description:

Frenchman's Purchase is located on Bullfrog Road in close proximity to the Monocacy River in the vicinity of Emmitsburg, Maryland. The principal elevation faces east with the gable roofline oriented on a north-south axis. The property includes a brick and log smokehouse, a bank barn, a garage/chicken coop, a corncrib, a modern swimming pool with a cabana and assorted sheds.

Constructed by circa 1820, the one and one-half story house with a full basement is of stone construction with large stone quoining. The gable roof of composition shingling has two interior end brick chimneys and is intersected with a center gable of board and batten. A cupola with a pyramidal roof sits in the center of the ridgeline: it has 6 light fixed windows capped with 2 elliptical lights on each side. There is a boxed cornice with returns. A one story frame addition, sheathed in board and batten, extends from the north elevation of the main block. Decorative elements such as the cupola, the center gable and board and batten siding indicate a Gothic Revival period (mid-nineteenth century) of renovation.

The main (east) elevation has a 4 bay facade. There are three 6/6 windows and a paired door with a shed roofed overhang decorated with bargeboard trim. All of the openings have cut stone lintels resembling brick jack arches. The center gable has a 6/6 window with a decorative carved lintel and a carved truss bracket in the peak. The west elevation has two bay openings with 6/6 windows and cut stone lintels. There are three gabled dormers with 6/6 windows. The south gable end is two bays wide; the basement level has a door with an entry hood and a 6/6 window, the first and second floors have two 6/6 windows with cut stone lintels, and the attic story has a center window (filled in) with a segmental stone arch. The north gable end also has two bays with 6/6 windows on the upper story.

The first level of the north gable end is covered with the one story board and batten addition on a stone foundation. It has a shed roof with bargeboard beneath the cornice. The north elevation has two bays with 6/6 windows and one open porch bay. On the east facade, the addition is one bay wide and open. The west elevation is one bay wide with a center door.

A one story brick and log smokehouse is located several feet to the south of the house. The base of the building is brick; the upper section is log with V-notching. The gable roof of corrugated tin runs north to south with the door opening in the north front gable. The gable is sided in weatherboard.

A bank barn with a stone foundation and german siding is situated to the east of the house. Dating from the mid-nineteenth century, it has a gable roof of standing seam tin. It is decorated with arched louvred vent windows on the east gable end. The north banked elevation has 6/6 windows with bracketed lintels. The stone foundation has 6/6 windows and a door opening.

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7.1 Description

A garage that was also a combined chicken coop has a shed roof of standing seam tin and is of frame and concrete construction. There is also a weatherboarded corncrib/shed with a gable roof of standing seam tin.

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Only one other house type like Frenchman's Purchase survives in the region: Swan's Harbour (F-6-59). In contrast to Swan's Harbour, this resource displays a higher level of integrity on the exterior. It also incorporates later mid-nineteenth century elements which provide another aspect to the resource. Its possible French origins (Survey Form VI, 287) make the property more significant in consideration of the surrounding historic context.

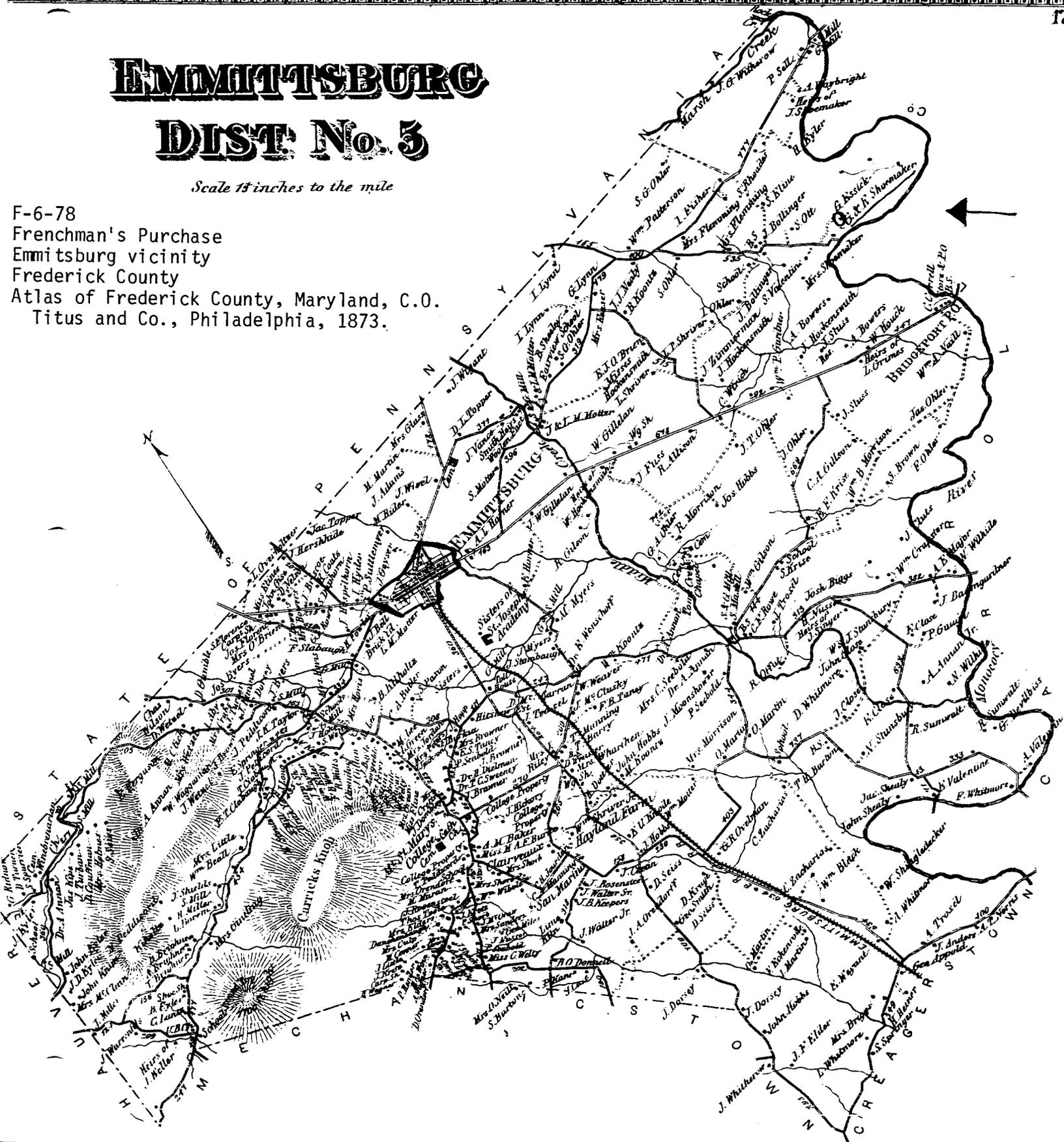
The property is part of several tracts including "Frenchman's Purchase", "Good Luck" and "Goose Quarter". The earliest known family associated with the property is the Gillelans. William Gillelan inherited the estate from his mother, Susanna Stoner, at her death in 1843 (Will Book, G.M.E. No. 2, 746). On the 1858 Bond Map, Mrs. Gillelan resided at the property. William and Magdelene Gillelan sold the estate to William Shoemaker for \$8,000 in 1864 (Land Deed, J.W.S.B. No. 1, 665). At that time, it included 236 acres with buildings and improvements. William Shoemaker died, and George Shoemaker took over the payments. G. & E. Shoemaker are denoted on the 1873 map. The Shoemakers resided there until 1928 at which time the Dern family purchased it. It has had a succession of owners during this century.

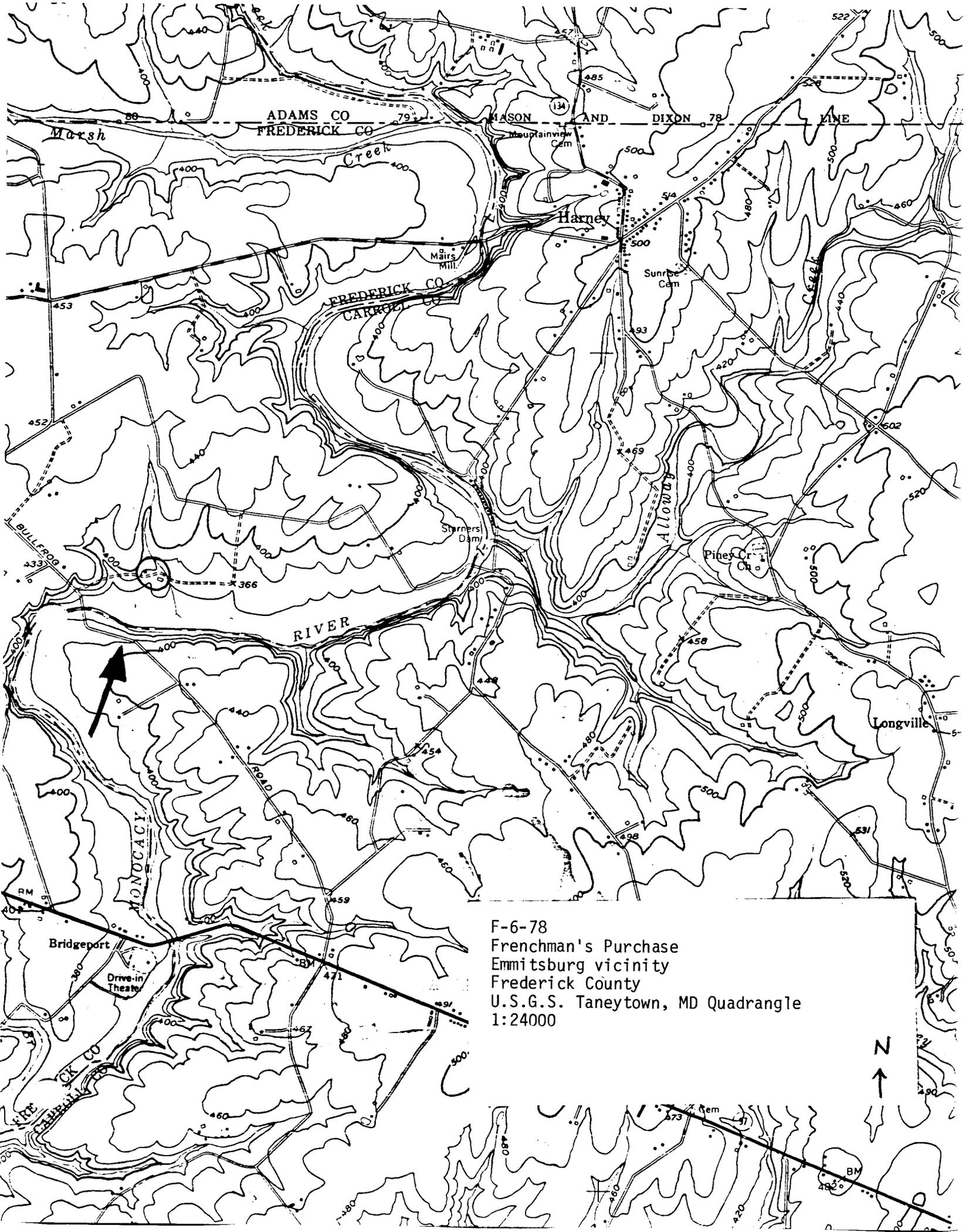
EMMITTSBURG

DIST. No. 3

Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile

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 Frederick County
 Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O.
 Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.





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Frederick County
U.S.G.S. Taneytown, MD Quadrangle
1:24000





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Billfrog Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredenck County

Photo: MARY K SHIBE

May 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

East elevation

1/4



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Frenchman's Purchase

Bullfrog Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredenck County

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May 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

west elevation

2/4



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Frenchman's Purchase

Bullfrog Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

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May 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

Brick + log Smokehouse

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