Survey No. F-8-115 Ca. 1850-1875; 1900-1941

J. Pfoutz Farmstead

Johnsville, Maryland

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 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.
Modern Period 1930-Present

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

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use: Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/wagon shed

Known Design Source: None

Tax Map 35 Parcel 11

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE __yes x no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic J. Pfoutz Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13024 Good Intent Road ___ not for publication

city, town Johnsville x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Clarence Leatherman, et.al.

street & number 13024 Good Intent Road telephone no.:

city, town Union Bridge, MD 21791 state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1227

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 355

city, town Frederick, MD 21701 state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_x_ original site
_x_ good	___ ruins	_x_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

Contributing Resource Count: 17

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	x agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	x architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
x 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates Ca. 1850-1875 ~~1900-1941~~ **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: x A ___B x C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state x local

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873
Williams, T.J.C., & Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, 1910; reprinted by Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1979, p. 1249.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Union Bridge, Maryland **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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** June, 1991

street & number 12 E. Church St. **telephone** 301-696-2958

city or town Frederick, **state** MD 21701

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7.1 Description

The J. Pfoutz Farmstead is an agricultural complex composed of a frame dwelling house built between 1850 and 1875 enclosing a log structure which may date from the second quarter of the 19th century and ten domestic outbuildings and six agricultural outbuildings including a dated 1874 frame bank barn and a 1940's frame hog barn. The farmstead is located on open fields at the end of a driveway running about 0.47 miles north off Good Intent Road, about 1000 feet east of the intersection of Wachter Road near Union Bridge, Maryland. The complex is a private residence and is not currently a working farm.

The dwelling house is a two-story, five-bay building with a rear ell extending from the northeast corner. The south elevation has a central cross gable with a Gothic arched gable window. A one-story entry porch shelters the center three bays. The 1850-1875 date of the house is based on the basic form of the house, its main elevation porch and cross gable features which are known to be common in Frederick County and other Maryland counties during the third quarter of the 19th century. The log structure is not visible from the exterior, but was confirmed by Mr. Leatherman, the current owner. No details of its size and configuration were available at the time of survey. Log main sections or rear ells are also common features on vernacular dwellings of the middle third of the 19th century.

The foundation is stone and the exterior siding is german, the gable roof is corrugated sheet metal. The door and window surrounds have plain architraves. The center entrance has a three-panel door with a glazed upper panel and a single light transom. The windows are 2/2 with louvered shutters. The porch columns are chamfered square posts with scroll-sawn brackets. The side elevations on the east and west have interior end chimneys. The rear ell is two stories and has an enclosed two story-porch on the west elevation. A 1 1/2 story shed addition is attached to the north end of the ell and a one-story screen-enclosed shed porch is located on the east elevation. Windows in the ell are 6/6. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Domestic Outbuildings:

Smokehouse: This is a square plan brick structure with a pyramidal corrugated metal roof possibly covering original roofing materials. It appears to date from about 1850. The single door is on the east elevation. A section of railroad track extends from the north elevation, possibly a support for a center hanging rack.

Springhouse: The rubble stone springhouse is possibly contemporary with the log section of the house, about 1825-1850. It is a one-story building with a corrugated metal gable roof extended from the south to shelter a wellhead immediately south of the springhouse door. The springhouse is basically rectangular in plan with plastered interior walls and a cooling trough along the east wall. Mr. Leatherman states that milk cans were sterilized in the springhouse in the 1940's.

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7.2 Description (continued)

Wash house/butchering shed: This one-story frame building is rectangular with a single door in the east elevation and an exterior stone and brick chimney on the west elevation. The siding is german and the single windows in the north and south elevations are 6/6. The gable roof is corrugated sheet metal. The wash house may date from the 1850-1875 period of the house, given its siding material. Butchered hogs were processed in the wash house in the 1940's and 1950's.

Wood shed: Originally a chicken house located southwest of the house, this frame one-story building is rectangular in plan with a single door on the east elevation. It has vertical board siding and a corrugated metal gable roof, covering original shingles. It was moved to its current location about 1944 and was built in the first quarter of the 20th century.

Chicken house and brooder house: These two shed-roofed, german sided buildings are located southwest of the house and have multiple-light windows on the south elevation. They appear to date from the last quarter of the 19th century, having similar siding to the house.

Wagon shed/garage: The vertical siding of this small rectangular frame building date it to the first quarter of the 20th century. Originally a wagon shed, it is currently used as a garage. The roof is both standing seam and corrugated metal.

Garage: The second garage is a frame, german sided rectangular building located west of the hay barn, suggesting it also may have had agricultural as well as domestic uses. It has a corrugated metal roof and appears to be dated from the last quarter of the 19th century.

Shop/chicken house: A frame rectangular building with flush vertical siding, it was moved in the 1950's from the vicinity of the other chicken houses to its present location south of the second garage to be used as a workshop. It has a corrugated metal shed roof and multiple light windows on the east and west elevations. Its date is probably last quarter of the 19th century.

Privy: A square plan, shed-roofed building with vertical siding which stood near the house and was moved to its present location in the 1940's or 1950's. It may date from the last quarter of the 19th century.

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7.3 Description (continued)

AGRICULTURAL OUTBUILDINGS:

Hog barn: The hog barn was built in the 1940's in response to health regulations regarding milk production and separation of livestock instituted in the 1930's. It is a frame structure located south of the bank barn, with vertical siding on an exposed concrete block base. It is rectangular in plan and has integral hog wallows on the south elevation. Its roof is corrugated metal.

Hay barn: This is a frame vertical-sided building with a rectangular plan and sliding doors opening on the south elevation. An implement shed or tractor shed with an open side on the south is attached to the hay barn on the west. A second shed for tools is attached to the north elevation of the hay barn, with an opening on the east. It has metal siding and appears to be a recent addition. The hay barn itself dates from the first quarter of the 19th century.

Bank barn: This is a stone based, frame bank barn located at right angle to the hay barn with its ramp to the hay storage level on the west elevation. The forebay is on the east elevation and is partially enclosed by concrete block and frame to form a milking parlor, an alteration which took place in the 1940's. A date of 1874 was obscured on an interior beam by the alteration. The barn's hand-hewn structure and vertical siding appear to support 1874 as the date of construction. A concrete block milk house built in the 1940's connects the bank barn and the hay barn at the northwest corner of the bank barn. The bank barn has a standing seam and corrugated metal roof.

Silos: Two concrete paneled silos dated 1949 according to the current owner are located near the southwest corner of the bank barn.

Cow and calf barn: This is a frame rectangular structure located east of the bank barn. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. Consisting of sections for new cows, calves, and dry cows, the structure has feeding aisles and access doors on the south elevation.

8.1 Significance

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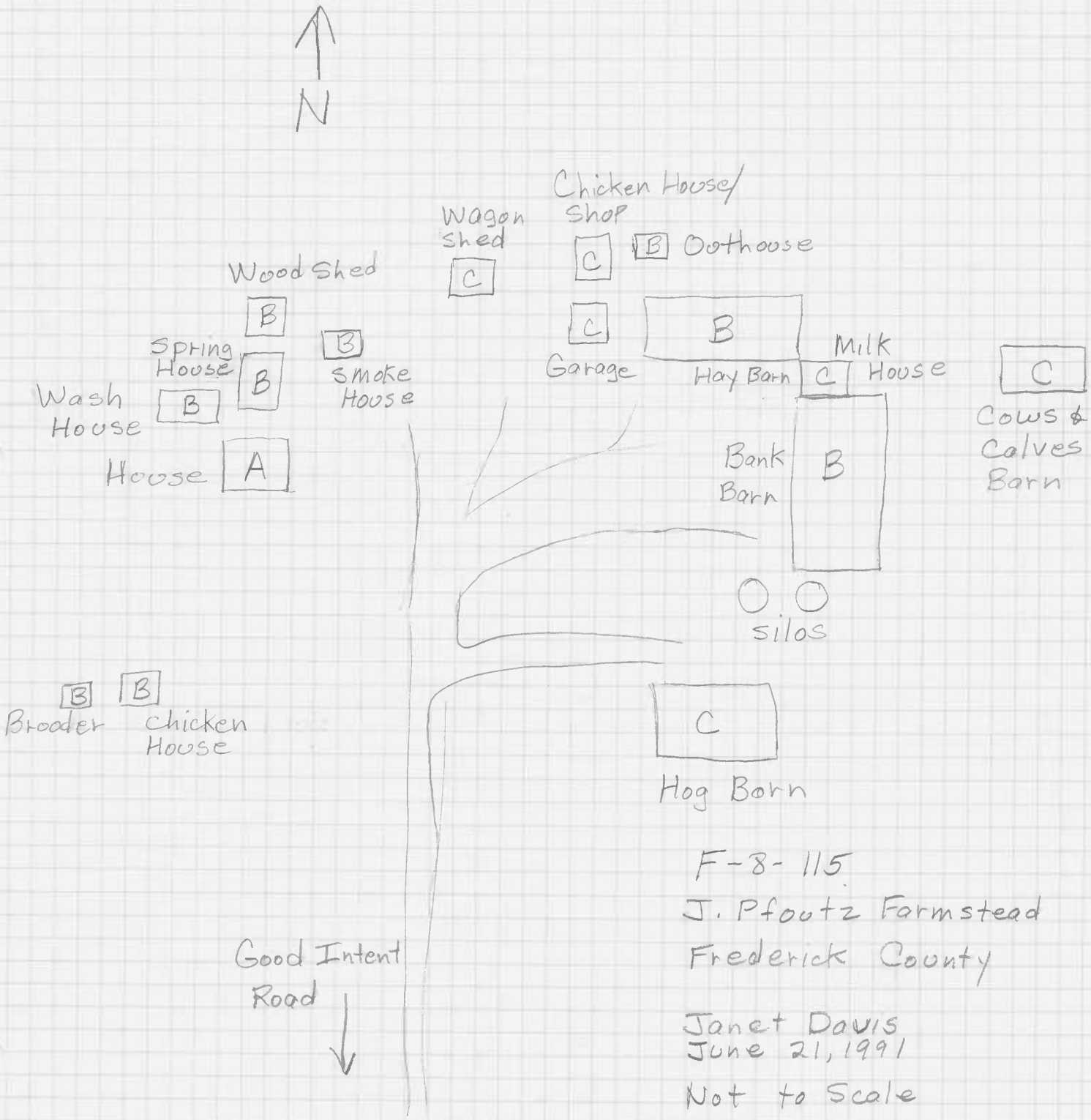
Within Frederick County, the Pfoutz Farmstead is an excellent example of the type because of its state of preservation. Few agricultural complexes still exist without some metal sheds and vinyl or aluminum siding. The fact that this farm has been owned by the same family since the early 1940's and is no longer operating as a farm has contributed to its significance in this respect. J. Pfoutz, possibly Jesse Pfoutz, is shown on the 1873 Titus Atlas of Frederick County as the farm owner. He was probably responsible for the erection of the bank barn. The 1858 Bond Map of Frederick County shows a building in the approximate location of the farmstead occupied by B. Ecker. Little is known about the two; Jesse Pfoutz may be identical with the J. Pfoutz shown on the 1873 map, according to Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County, p. 1249. However, he was born in 1883; therefore, the J. Pfoutz on the 1873 map may be another member of the Pfoutz family. They were known to be active members of the Beaver Dam German Baptist Church.



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Janet Davis
June 21, 1991

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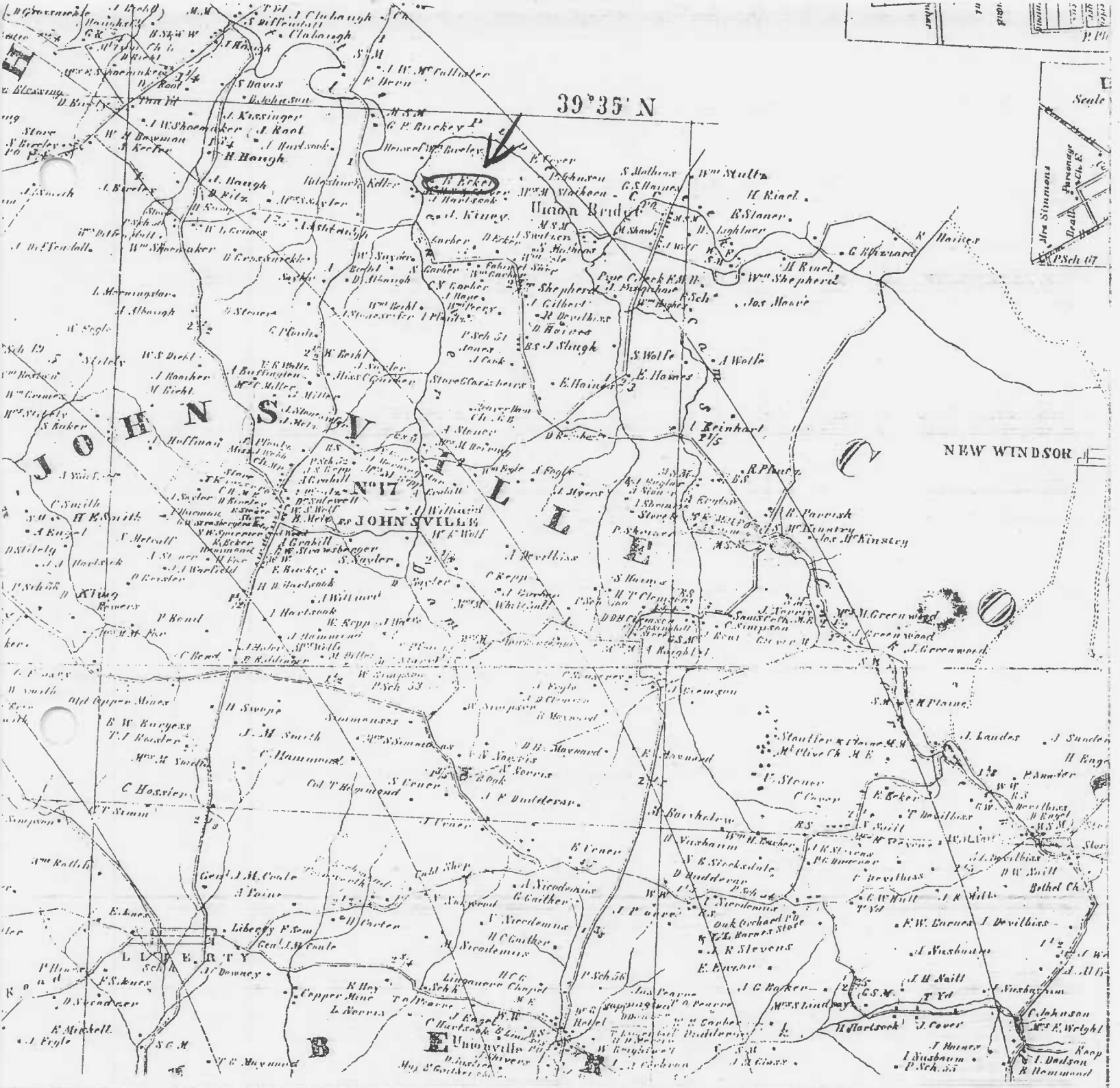

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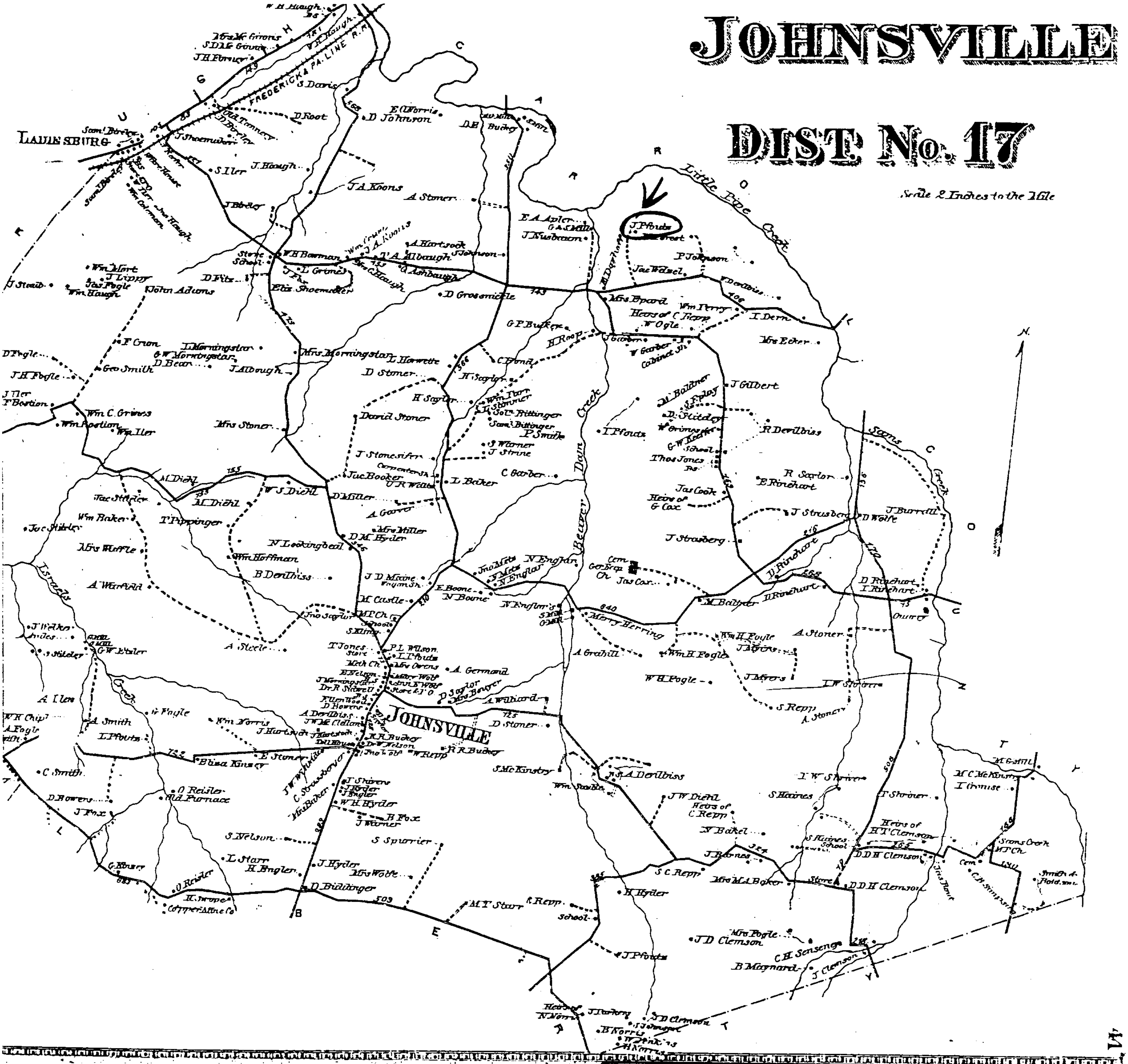
Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858



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J. Pfoutz Farmstead
Frederick County
Photo: Janet Davis
June 1991
Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md
South elevation
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J. Pfoutz Farmstead
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Smokehouse, southeast corner view
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Springhouse, east elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.
Wash House, , west elevation
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J. Pfoutz Farmstead
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Hay barn, bank barn, and silos, view from southwest
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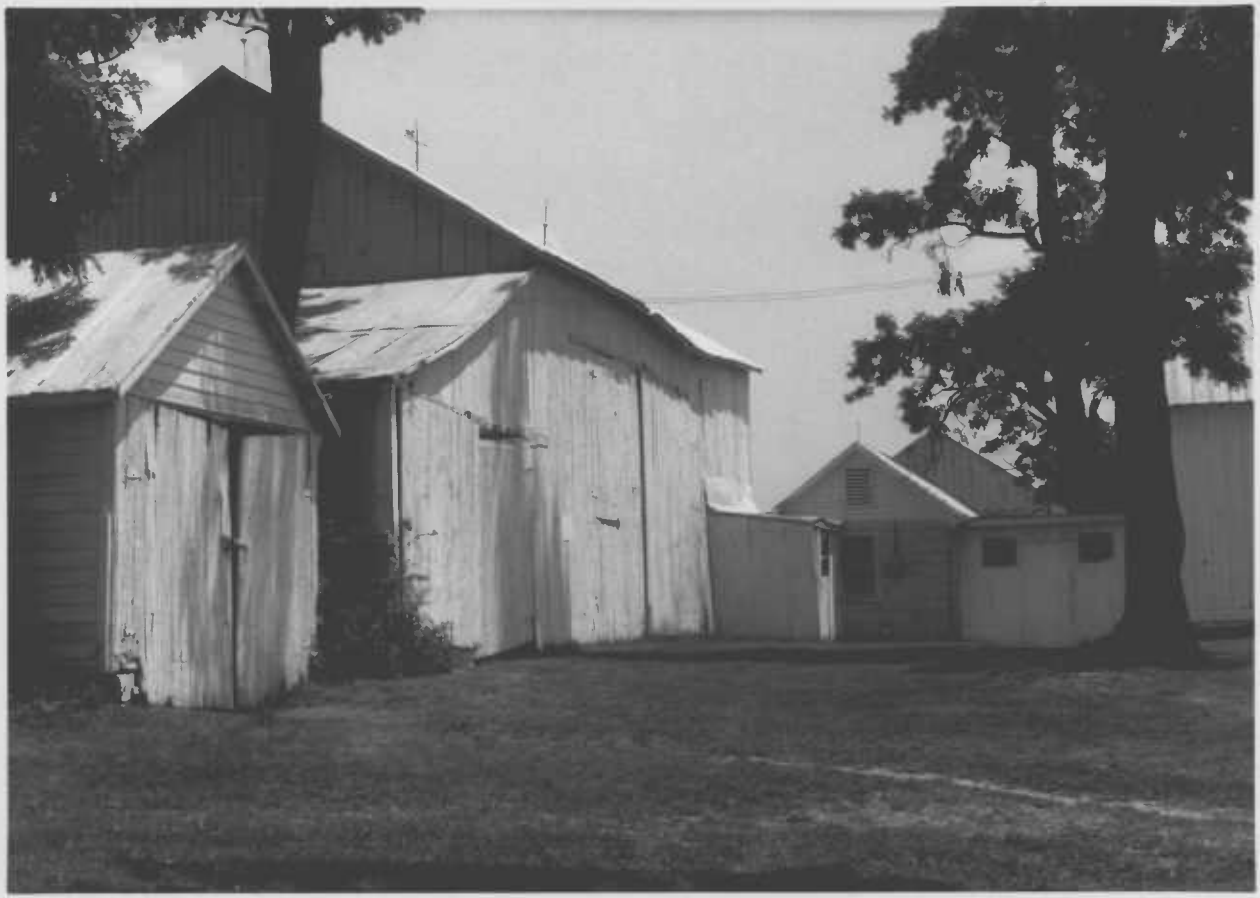

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Garage, hay barn, milk house, view from west
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Bank barn and cow shed, east elevation
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General view from south
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