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Frederick Fair Grounds (Frederick Co. Agricultural Society Fair Grounds, The Great Frederick Fair)

Architectural Survey File

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Capsule Summary

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Frederick Fair Grounds

797 East Patrick Street

Frederick, Frederick County, MD

1867-present

Access: Private

The Frederick Fair Grounds is an amalgamation of buildings and tracts of land gathered and constructed at various times throughout its 135-year history at this East Patrick Street location in the city of Frederick, Maryland. By the very nature of the agricultural fair operation, buildings, particularly those used for housing livestock, are constructed, demolished, and reconstructed at various intervals, while their function and association remains constant. The numerous buildings and structures associated with the Frederick Fair Grounds, although many of them constructed less than 50 years ago, are therefore considered to be contributing resources to the continuing history of the grounds. The Frederick Fair Grounds includes 39 contributing buildings, among them are the oldest, the Administration Bldg., Caretakers House, Household Bldg., Grand Stands, (former) Poultry House, and Beef Barn, as well as newer livestock buildings, concession stands, restrooms, and other support buildings integral to the operation of the annual agricultural fair. Additionally, there are 2 contributing structures, the racetrack, which has been the central feature of these grounds since its establishment in 1867, and the 1916 tunnel under the racetrack. The Frederick Fair Grounds are a landmark in the Frederick City landscape and the views from the grounds of the surrounding city and county landscape are equally significant.

The Frederick Fair Grounds have played an integral role in the history of agriculture in Frederick County and the surrounding region (National Register Criterion

A) as a forum for exhibition, exchange of new ideas, and recreation. The buildings and structures on the Frederick Fair Grounds represent all periods of construction (National Register Criterion C), from the Administration Building, said to have been present on the property in 1867 at the time of initial purchase by the Frederick County Agricultural Society and updated by the Society in the 1880s, to the 1911 Grand Stands and 1916 racetrack tunnel, the 1922 Spanish Colonial Revival Household Building and 1929 Poultry House, and the livestock barns and support buildings spanning the 1940s through the present according to condition and needs. The Frederick Fair Grounds, although buildings have changed over the years, retain much of their original and familiar character while continuing to fulfill the agricultural community's changing needs.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Frederick Co. Agricultural Society Fair Grounds; The Great Frederick Fair
other Frederick Fair Grounds (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 797 East Patrick Street not for publication
city, town Frederick vicinity
county Frederick

3. Owner of Property

(gives names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name The Great Frederick Fair, Inc.
street and number P.O. Box 604 telephone
city, town Frederick state MD zip code 21705

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick Co. Courthouse liber CM 1 folio 571
city, town Frederick tax map 418 tax parcel 1156 tax ID number unknown

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☒ Other: Not previously recorded

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
☐ district	☐ public	☐ agriculture	☐ landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
☐ building(s)	☒ private	☐ commerce/trade	☒ recreation/culture	39	☐ buildings
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ defense	☐ religion	☐	☐ sites
☐ site		☐ domestic	☐ social	2	☐ structures
☐ object		☐ education	☐ transportation	☐	☐ objects
		☐ funerary	☐ work in progress	41	☐ Total
		☐ government	☐ unknown		
		☐ health care	☐ vacant/not in use		
		☐ industry	☐ other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				0	

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent	☐ deteriorated
☐ good	☐ ruins
☐ fair	☐ altered

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

Description Summary

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Description

The Frederick Fair Grounds is located in the city of Frederick east of Carroll Creek, on the north side of East Patrick Street. The streetscape is residential along the south side and lined with mature deciduous trees. A fence along the street frontage separates the fair grounds from the street. Access to the grounds is gained through gates at the southwest corner (Gate #6) and southeast corner (Gate #2), and at the main gate nearly opposite the intersection with Franklin St. (Gate #1). There are also gates on Monroe Ave. (Gate #3) and Highland Ave. (Gate #4 and #5). The approximately 75-acre grounds are bounded on three sides by East Patrick St., Monroe Ave., and Highland St., with only the west boundary directly abutting residential property. The grounds are relatively level, however there is a slight downhill grade from east to west. The racetrack is therefore higher than natural ground level on the west end, providing a level racing surface and allowing the tunnel passage into the interior area of the track.

The following description of buildings and structures on the Frederick Fair Grounds is keyed to the attached site map.

Caretakers House (#1): (1922) This is a frame two-story, gable front dwelling. The two front (south) elevation bays are covered by a full shed roof porch supported with smooth Doric columns. Windows are one over one sash; the house is sheathed with asbestos shingles. The

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roof has wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. There is a shed roof porch across the rear (north) elevation. The small yard is fenced with low chain link fencing. The house stands on the lot where an earlier house stood, which conveyed with the acreage when purchased in 1867. That house served as the "Superintendent's House" until it was demolished and replaced with the present dwelling in 1922.

Restrooms/Security (#2): (c.1880) This frame gable end sits on a stone foundation. One story in height, it has a T addition on the south elevation and a cross gable on the north elevation. Now covered with vinyl siding, the north cross gable originally had a gothic-arched window.

Administration Building (#3): (c.1870) Reported to have been on the grounds when purchased in 1867, this two-story frame building was substantially remodeled in the 1880s, possibly for use as a Gate House (see 1887 Sanborn map). The building is gable end, five bays wide with a central entrance on the south elevation. There is a central cross gable with jerkinhead roof and a "Frederick County Agricultural Society" sign panel on the south elevation. On the north (rear) elevation is a T addition. The front section of the building sits on a stone foundation; the whole building is covered with vinyl siding. The interior has been altered substantially for use as offices.

Restrooms (#5): (1921) The one-story frame building was built as the "Ladies Toilet" in 1921. It is a one-story frame building with a hipped roof and "flipped" overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. The central cross gable on the south elevation originally had an arched window, now a rectangular vent opening. The building is now covered with vinyl siding; the roof is covered with channeled metal sheets.

Household Building (#9): (1922) Formerly known as the "Women's Building," this Spanish Colonial Revival styled exhibit hall is stuccoed with brick trim. Both the south and north ends of the large building have three entrance bays with double doors and multiple-light transoms above. The north and south ends rise to a two-story height in the center where rows of clerestory windows run the length of the building (now covered with siding); the end elevations are embellished with curved parapets and shallow stepped buttresses. Along the east and west length elevations are twelve window bays with steel framed multi-pane hopper windows, separated by deeper stepped buttresses. Both the east and west elevations also have a central entrance bay with a curved parapet above. Windows and doors are shaded by shed roofs supported on decorative brackets. The roof has exposed rafter tails. The interior of the building is a large open hall with concrete floor, pine panel walls below the windows, and exposed steel roof framing. The roof interior is stained narrow boards.

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Concession Stands (#10/10A, #40, and #16): (1980s) #10 and #40 (New Market Grange) are one-story concrete block buildings with horizontal service windows. #16 (Hemp's Meats) is a frame one-story building with horizontal service window.

Restrooms (#6 and #15; #31): (1979; 1954) One-story concrete block buildings.

Maintenance Shop (#11): (1985) Metal frame "butler" building.

4-H Building/Farmer's Market (#12): (1929) Originally built for poultry exhibition, this rusticated or rock-faced, cast concrete block building was formerly known as the "Poultry House." The building's design mirrors the Household Building (#9) in every way except that the parapets are squared (no curves). The clerestory windows are covered with siding and seven of the steel framed windows on the north elevation have been replaced with grouped one over one sash windows. The building fronts on the west gable end and is now used for 4-H non-livestock exhibitions and a weekly farmer's market.

Commercial Exhibit Building (#13): (1967) This one-story concrete block building has a west gable end front with central entrance and is 16 bays in length.

Poultry/Rabbit (#14) and Farm & Garden (#14A): (1980s) Both are one-story "butler" type buildings with west gable end front.

Grandstand (#7 and #8): (1911 and 1929) The large grandstand (#7) was constructed in 1911, replacing an earlier version on the same location. The building is frame with an open front on the north elevation facing the track. It has a hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves and false exposed rafter tails. The framing of the building is exposed in the seating area. The small grandstand was constructed in the same style in 1929. It sits at an angle, its open front facing northwest on the southeast corner of the track. The open ends of both grandstands were enclosed with glass panes in 1965. The two buildings were connected by an infill building wedge in 1984. The whole building is covered with vinyl siding. There is exhibit space under the seating area.

Racetrack (structure): (1867) The ½ mile oval racetrack is located in the center of the fair grounds. The track surface is dirt and on the west end is raised above the ground level to provide a level track surface. The track interior is primarily grass. Although enlarged from its original size, the track remains essentially in its 1867 location.

Stage (#42): (1911, improved 1962, 1976, 1981) Located inside the racetrack and facing the large grandstand (#7). The stage was initially built at this location in 1911 and reportedly the

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original stage floor remains. The stage was enlarged in 1962, the steel frame roof added in 1976, and the side pads added in 1981.

Racing Tower (#41): (1911; 1992) Also known as the "Judges Tower," this square building is constructed of concrete block. It's 1911 appearance included an upper tier with a bell curved hipped roof. The upper tier was removed (no date given) and in 1992 the plain hipped roof currently covering the tower was added.

Beef Barns and Show Ring (#18): (1939/1940; 1990) The Beef Barns and Show Ring are actually two separate buildings although both numbered #18. The Beef Barns were built in two sections, the main central section, built in 1939, is a gable front building facing west with a double barndoor entrance. North and south wings, perpendicular to the main section, were added in 1940. Each wing has a gable end barndoor entrance. Small square 4-light windows are located below the eaves along the long elevations. The Beef Barns are covered with vertical board siding and standing seam metal sheet roofing overall. The interiors are concrete floor with open steel stalls. The main section has a show and auction ring with bleachers. On the east end of the main section is the old (c.1939) show ring. The new Show Ring, built in 1990, is a stand alone frame pole barn with two sides enclosed. The building stands immediately southeast of the Beef Barns.

Livestock Scales and Scale House (#17): (1977) The Livestock Scales are a concrete pad with steel fencing and gates; the adjoining Scale House is a small frame one-room building.

Horse Barns (#23): (c.1988) Steel framed with metal siding and roof, the horse barns are a continuous row of horse stalls, approximately 100 yards in length, along the north boundary of the fair grounds. Following a tradition of regular intervals of demolition and reconstruction, these barns represent the latest replacement occupying the same location.

Swine Barns/Show Ring (#25 and #26): (1969 and 1976) Both frame pole barns with low, plank-sided pens along the length of the north and south sides. Swine Barn #25 is the larger building, constructed in two sections with a center show ring connecting section. A shed roofed pen extension along the south elevation of the two long sections is frame with concrete block pen siding.

Sheep and Goat Pens/Show Ring (#27 and 28; 29; 30): (1959; 1958; 1950) Buildings #27-29 are frame pole barns with metal siding and interior low pens along the long sides. Building #28 has a new pole shed show ring (1986) attached to the east gable end. Building #30 is a frame pole barn with wood pland siding and interior pens.

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Dairy Show Pavilion (#32): (1954) Large open pole shed is steel framed with a barrel roof.

Dairy Barns (#33-39): (1940-#33/35/38; 1962-#34/36; 1948-#37/39) All are wood frame pole barns with plank siding and interior plank fencing along the long sides. All have metal roofs.

Milking Facility (#43): One-story concrete block milk house.

Tunnel (structure): (1916) The poured concrete tunnel was constructed under the west end of the racetrack in 1916 by Leroy Hoke. The tunnel is supported with six concrete columns which divide the tunnel into two sections, allowing pedestrian/equestrian and vehicle traffic to pass into the interior area of the track oval. The track retaining walls were added in 1992.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below
☐ 1600-1699	☒ agriculture	☐ economics ☐ health/medicine ☐ performing arts
☐ 1700-1799	☐ archeology	☐ education ☐ industry ☐ philosophy
☒ 1800-1899	☒ architecture	☐ engineering ☐ invention ☐ politics/government
☒ 1900-1999	☐ art	☒ entertainment/ ☐ landscape architecture ☐ religion
☒ 2000-	☐ commerce	☐ recreation ☐ law ☐ science
	☐ communications	☐ ethnic heritage ☐ literature ☐ social history
	☐ community planning	☐ exploration/ ☐ maritime history ☐ transportation
	☐ conservation	☐ settlement ☐ military ☐ other: _____

Specific dates	1867-present	Architect/Builder	L.C. Culler (ladies bldg)
Construction dates	c.1860 (admin bldg); 1911 (grand stand); 1922 (caretakers house); 1929 (women's bldg); 1930 (poultry house); 1939 (beef barn)		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary of Significance

The Frederick Fair Grounds have played an integral role in the history of agriculture in Frederick County and the surrounding region (National Register Criterion A) as a forum for exhibition, exchange of new ideas, and recreation. The buildings and structures on the Frederick Fair Grounds represent all periods of construction (National Register Criterion C), from the Administration Building, said to have been present on the property in 1867 at the time of initial purchase by the Frederick County Agricultural Society and updated by the Society in the 1880s, to the 1911 Grand Stands and 1916 racetrack tunnel, the 1922 Spanish Colonial Revival Household Building and 1929 Poultry House, and the livestock barns and support buildings spanning the 1940s through the present according to condition and needs. The Frederick Fair Grounds, although buildings have changed over the years, retain much of their original and familiar character while continuing to fulfill the agricultural community's changing needs.

Note: For Historical Context, please refer to *An Agricultural History of Mid-Maryland*, a Maryland Historical Trust grant funded context development project administered through The Catoctin Center for Regional Studies, 2002-2003.

Resource History

The history of agricultural exhibition in the Frederick area began as early as 1747 when Daniel Dulaney, the founder of Frederick-Town, advertised in the Maryland Gazette for a fair "at Frederick-Town, near Monocacy." The fair was to be held for three days in May and October, "all persons who will bring any Goods, Merchandizes, Cattle, or any Thing else to the said Fairs...shall be free and exempt from the Payment of any Toll, Stalage, Piccage, or any other charge, for the term of Five Years..."¹ This loose biannual gathering probably continued erratically through the 18th and early 19th century.

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In November 1821, the Frederick County Agricultural Society was organized by local farmers seeking a forum for exhibition and exchange of improvements in agricultural practice.² The first "Frederick County Cattle Show," under the auspices of the new Society, took place May 23 and 24, 1822. Reported by Frederick resident Jacob Engelbrecht, the fair was held "at Mr. George Creagers Tavern, Monocacy Bridge, about 2 miles east of this town."³ Engelbrecht described the fair as "only the second cattle show that ever was held in Maryland," perhaps referring to sanctioned exhibitions offering premiums to those entering their livestock for show.

A number of changes in organization through the 1840s and 1850s interrupted the annual exhibitions. In 1849, the Farmers Club of Frederick County was formed with Gideon Bantz serving as president, Ezra Houck, treasurer, and county surveyor S.H. O'Neal as secretary; and in 1853, the Agricultural Club of Frederick County was formed with Lewis Kemp, president, Christian Steiner, treasurer, and S.H. O'Neal again serving as secretary.⁴ Reportedly, no exhibitions were held between the years 1849 and 1853, however, the first fair held on the "Barrack's Grounds" opened in October 1853.

The Barrack's Grounds were located on the south edge of the City of Frederick, owned by the State of Maryland, the grounds were the site of two stone barracks built in 1777 to house state militia. In 1780, the buildings housed German mercenary soldiers and became known as the "Hessian Barracks." By the 1850s, the Barracks were used as an armory although the arms were reportedly outdated and generally forgotten.⁵ The annual agricultural fairs were held on the grounds, with household exhibits and farm machinery shown inside the barracks buildings.⁶ In 1854, a final organization change was made, incorporating the Agricultural Club into the Frederick County Agricultural Society, with Lewis Kemp again serving as president.

Seven years later, the Civil War put an end to the Society's use of the Barracks Grounds for the annual agricultural fair. The grounds were put to service as General Hospital #1 under Union command. The disruption of the war lasted until 1867 when the Society purchased new grounds on which to hold their agricultural exhibitions. Under the leadership of Society president, C. Keefer Thomas, whose farm "Araby" had been at the center of the 1864 Battle of Monocacy, the first four acres of new ground were purchased on the east side of Frederick from William Falconer on November 16, 1867.⁷ The acreage was quickly added to in April 1868 with fourteen adjoining acres purchased from General Edward Shriver.⁸

The annual exhibition began anew on the new grounds in the fall of 1868. In 1869, a premiums booklet was issued for the:

**Ninth Annual Fair
of the
Frederick County Agricultural Society,
to be held at their fair grounds at
Frederick City, Maryland**

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H.C. Koehler, Society secretary, described "the new Fair Grounds,"

adjoining the Eastern suburbs of Frederick City. The ground is beautifully situated, commanding a fine view of the surrounding county, and is easy of access from all points, being on the Baltimore Turnpike, and near the Rail Road. It is provided with extensive stabling, (both open and enclosed stalls,) and with Water from the City Water Works.⁹

Premium exhibition departments included "Cattle" with separate classes for Short Horns, Ayrshires, Devons, Alderneys, Herefords, "Natives," and Working Oxen, and a class for "Fat Cattle," or cattle fed for slaughter. Other categories for exhibition included Hog, Sheep, and Horse departments. Important among the horses were the "Draught," or working varieties. There was also a Mule Department, Poultry Department, Farm and Garden Production, Bacon, Hams, Dairy & Honey, Machinery & Agricultural Implements, and Carriage, Harness, Leather Etc. In the Household Department, premiums were offered for Needlework, and Bread, Wine, Preserves, Etc. Canned fruits and vegetables were judged in 1869 by Louis McMurray, the Baltimore native who established Frederick County's first canning factory in 1867, an industry that would remain important to the county economy through the middle of the 20th century. Among the competitions were the "Ploughing Match," and the always popular "Trials of Speed."¹⁰

Horseracing, or Trials of Speed, had been a Maryland tradition since the colony's earliest years and its popularity in the western counties like Frederick was no less. The racetrack filled the center of the fair grounds (see attached 1873 Atlas map), and was apparently among the first structures constructed on the grounds after 1867. Originally limited to the 18 acres owned by the Society, the track was expanded to its current one-half mile oval in 1871. A lease for 3 acres "immediately west of and adjoining the grounds now owned and used by said Agricultural Society for their Annual Exhibitions," was acquired from William Falconer in 1871. The five-year lease, at a cost of \$150 per year, was "to be used for the purpose of enabling the said Society to enlarge the track or course now made upon its grounds for trial of speed etc."¹¹ Races included "trotting in harness" and "pacing under saddle," their popularity attested to by the size of the premiums: \$100 for the winning trotters and \$300 for the fastest under saddle. Races were held every day of the week-long fair; the judges in 1869 read like a who's who of prominent Frederick residents, including Dr. Fairfax Schley, Grayson Eichelberger, Dr. D.F. McKinney, Dr. John W. Hilleary, Jno. A. Trundle, V.S. Brunner, Charles A. Manning, Charles Mantz, and Gen. Edward Shriver.¹²

The 1869 Premium booklet reveals that the Frederick Fair of 1869 was remarkably similar to the annual fair's held today (2003). In 1869, the Machinery Department included exhibitions of the one-horse plow, cultivator, roller, sub-soil plough, gang plough, corn planter, wheat drill, horse rake, grain cradle, and wagons, ox carts, and horse carts. Still important as a source of information for improvements in agricultural practice and technology, today's fair

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includes a massive "machinery row" displaying ploughs, harvesters, combines, and the latest technological developments.

While the exhibits associated with the Frederick Fair have changed little over the years, the buildings which housed the exhibits have been historically relatively ephemeral, particularly the livestock stalls. Administrative records indicate that various horse and cattle buildings have been replaced at least twelve times in the past 135 years. Hog and sheep barns have a similar history. The more permanent buildings included the Grand Stands, Poultry House, and Household Building. The original grand stands, judging from the 1873 map of the fair grounds (see attached copy) were quite small. In 1880, these stands were enlarged to seat 2,500 people (see attached historic photo). These stands served until 1911, when they were replaced with the nearly identical stands (Large Grand Stand #7), with seating for 3,000, which still serve today. In 1929, additional seating was added by construction of the Small Grand Stand, also still standing today. The 1920s was a period of several changes to the fair grounds. The Ladies Restroom (Restrooms #5) was built in 1921. In 1922 the Caretaker's House was constructed to replace the Superintendent's Dwelling, which were on the grounds at the time of purchase in 1867. The Women's Household Building (Household Building #9) was also constructed in 1922. In 1925, the Farm and Garden Building (demolished 1988) was constructed and in 1929, the Poultry House (4-H and Farmer's Market Bldg #12) was erected. Construction understandably halted through the 1930s, during the Great Depression, but began again in the 1940s when many of the cattle barns now standing were erected.

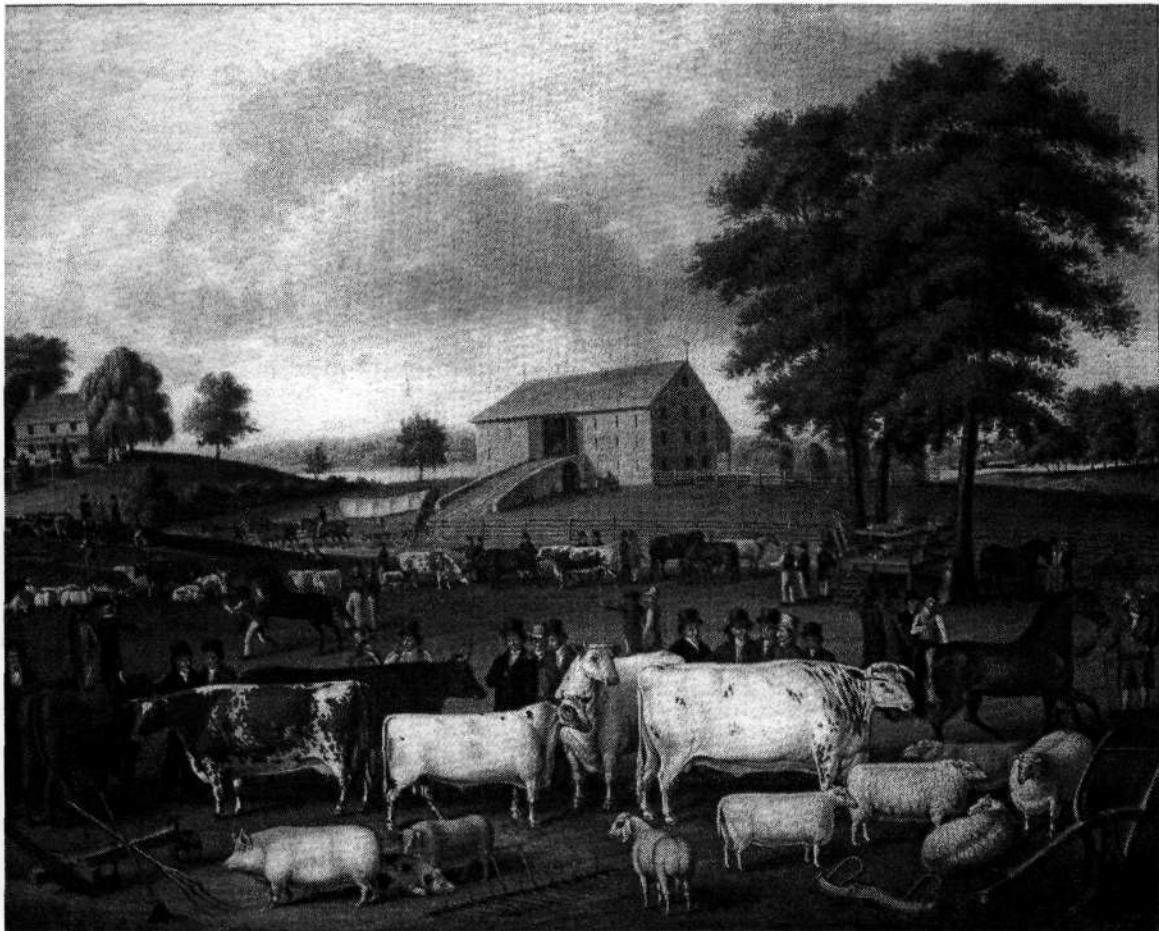
Historic maps, particularly the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, of the Frederick Fair Grounds illustrate many of the physical changes made over the years (see attached copies). Additional acreage was added periodically as well, purchases recorded in the Frederick County Land Records. Generally purchased in parcels of 5 acres or less, the fair grounds now cover 75 acres of ground on the east side of Frederick.¹³ The fair continues to be held annually with exhibitions of livestock, machinery, household goods, and "trials of speed." And Frederick County school children still look forward to "fair week" with Friday being "fair day," a day off from school to attend the fair.

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John A. Woodside, *A Pennsylvania County Fair*, 1824. (Courtesy Christie's, New York). From Nash, Jeffrey, Howe, Frederick, Davis, & Winkler, *The American People, Volume I, to 1877*, (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc., Second Edition, 1990), page 301.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Approx. 75 acres

Acreage of historical setting Approx. 75 acres

Quadrangle name Frederick, MD Quad

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Frederick Fair Grounds, Frederick Co. tax map 418, parcel 1156, is bounded on the south by East Patrick St., on the east by Monroe Ave., and on the north by Highland Ave. The western boundary line adjoins the eastern boundaries of parcels 1260A and 1261A of Frederick Co. tax map 418, and the eastern boundary of parcel 1265 of Frederick Co. tax map 414.

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¹ Maryland Gazette, September 1, 1747, copy in vertical files, Administrative Offices, The Great Frederick Fair, Inc., Frederick, MD.

² Vertical files, Administrative Offices, The Great Frederick Fair, Inc., Frederick, MD.

³ Jacob Engelbrecht, "The Diary of Jacob Engelbrecht," CD-ROM, (Frederick, MD: The Frederick Co. Historical Society, 2001), p. 96.

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⁷ Frederick Co. Land Book DSB 2, page 117.

⁸ Frederick Co. Land Book CM 1, page 571.

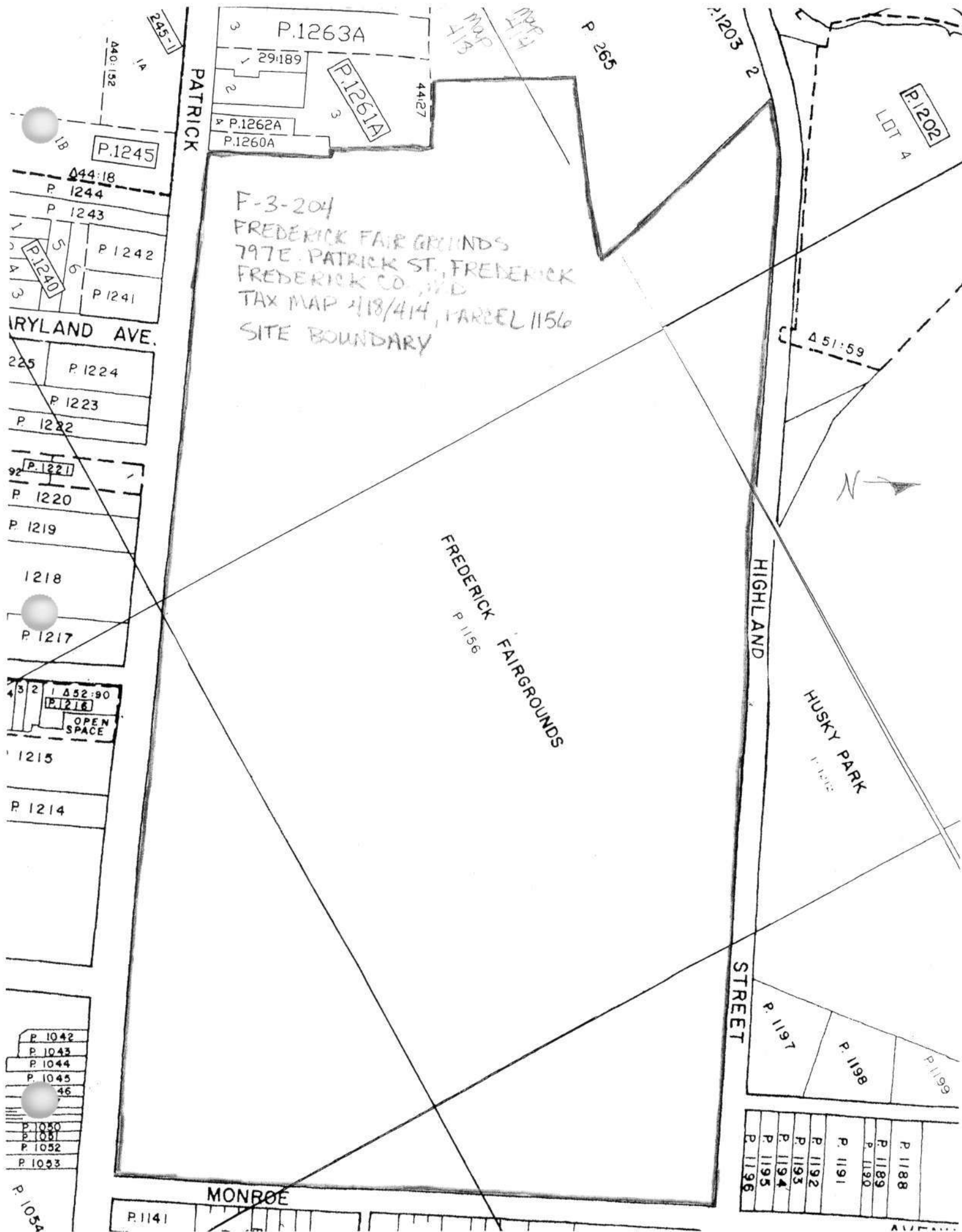
⁹ 1869 Premium booklet, vertical files, The Great Frederick Fair, Inc.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Frederick Co. Land Book CM 7, page 195.

¹² 1869 Premium booklet.

¹³ Frederick Co. Land Records; TG 3, page 522 (1875, 7 acres); DHH 15, page 81 (1902, 5 acres); DHH 17, page 590 (1903, 30 ft. x 162 perches); STH 282, page 536 (1908, <1 acre); STH 294, page 323 (1910, 2 ½ acres); HWB 304, page 223 (1913, 1.09 acres); a 1923 conveyance, noted in Frederick Fair administrative records, from William Wallace for the estate of Charles E. Trail for \$11,820 was not located in the land records.



Building Description

- 1 Metaker's House
- 2 Restrooms/Tickets/Security
- 3 Administration Office
- 5-6 Restrooms
- 7-8 Commercial
- 9 Household Building
- 10 Food Concession

Legend

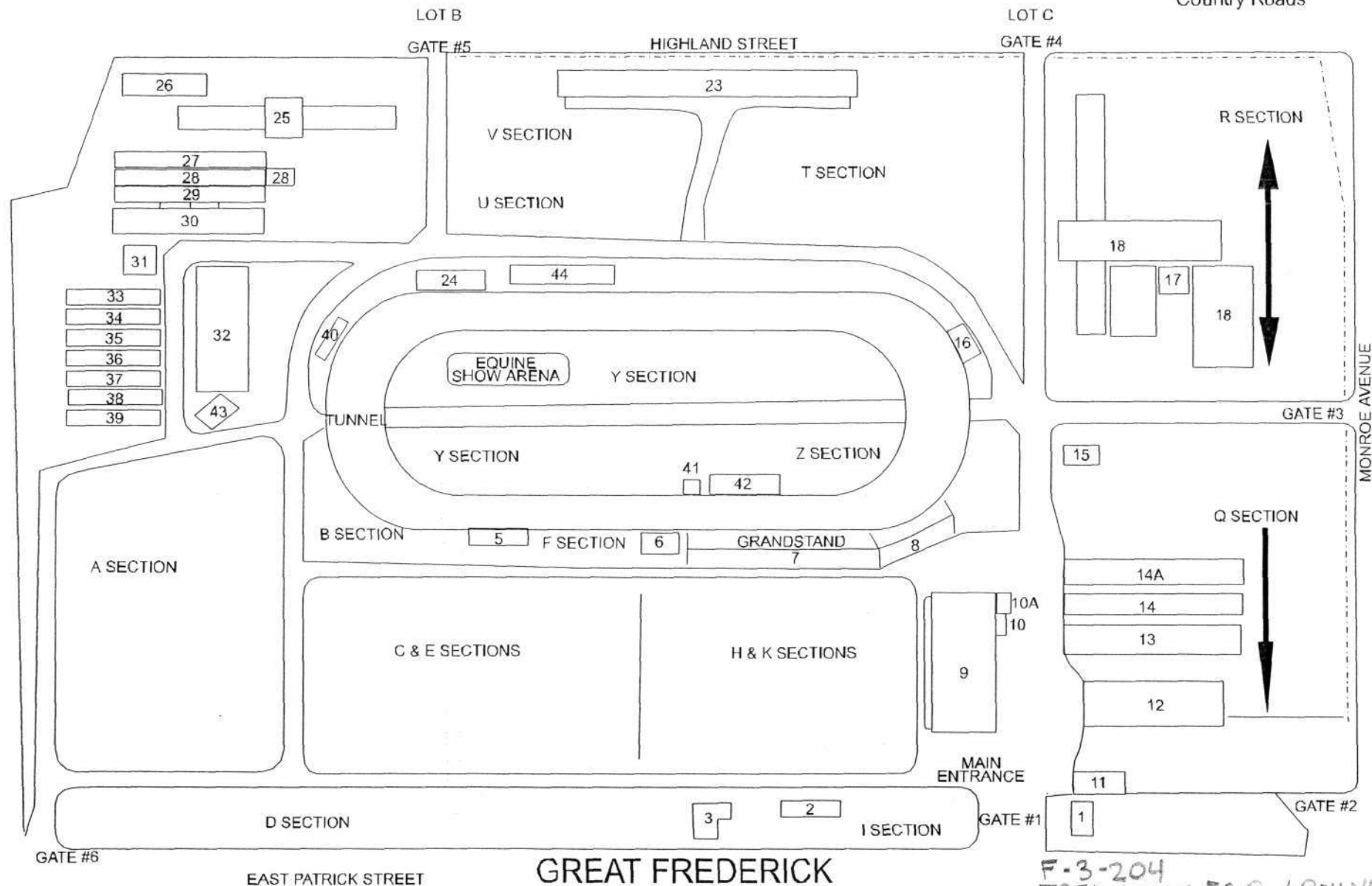
- 11 Maintenance Shop
- 12 4-H Building/Farmers Market
- 13 Commercial
- 14 Poultry/Rabbits
- 14A Farm & Garden
- 15 Restrooms
- 16 Food Concession

Legend

- Livestock Scales
- 18 Beef Barns/Show-ring
- 23 Horse Barns
- 24 Restrooms
- 25-26 Swine Barns/Show-ring
- 27-30 Sheep & Goat Barns/Show-ring
- 31 Storage Building

Legend

- 32 Dairy Show Pavilion
- 33-39 Dairy Barns
- 40 Food Concessions
- 41 Racing Tower
- 42 Stage
- 43 Milking Facility
- 44 City Streets, Country Roads

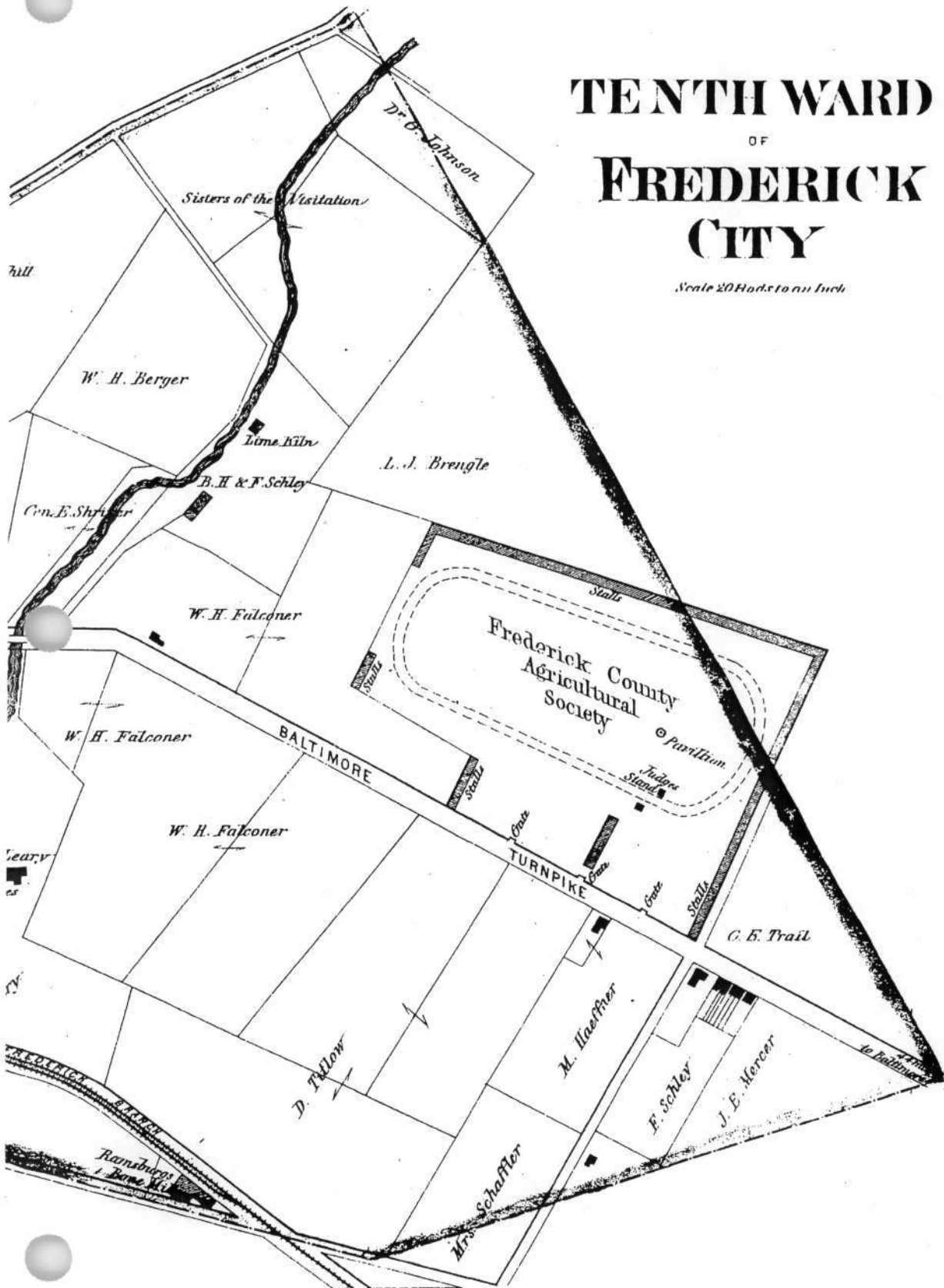


GREAT FREDERICK FAIRGROUNDS SITE RESOURCE MAP

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FREDERICK FAIR GROUNDS
797E PATRICK ST., FREDERICK
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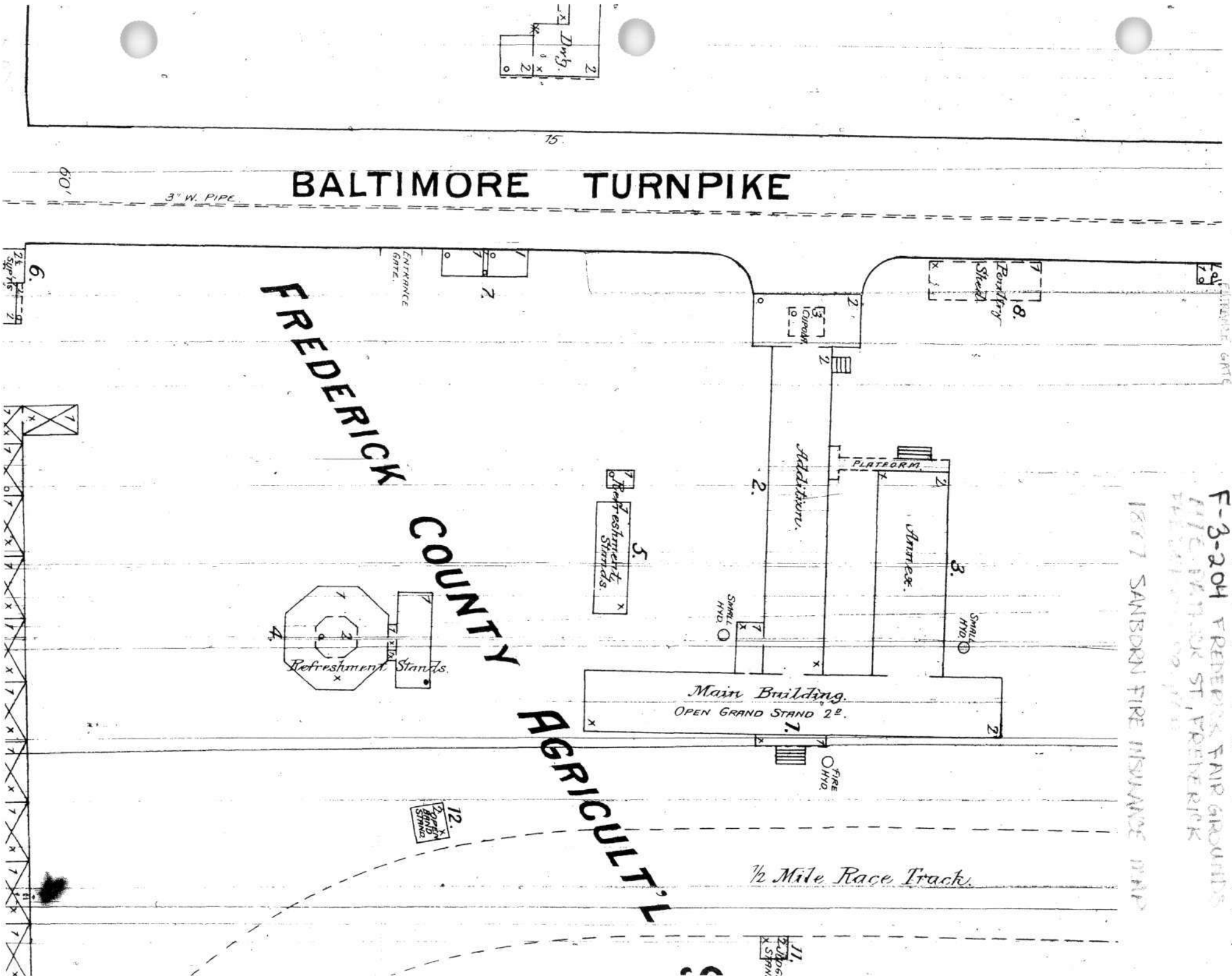
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Scale 20 Feet to an Inch

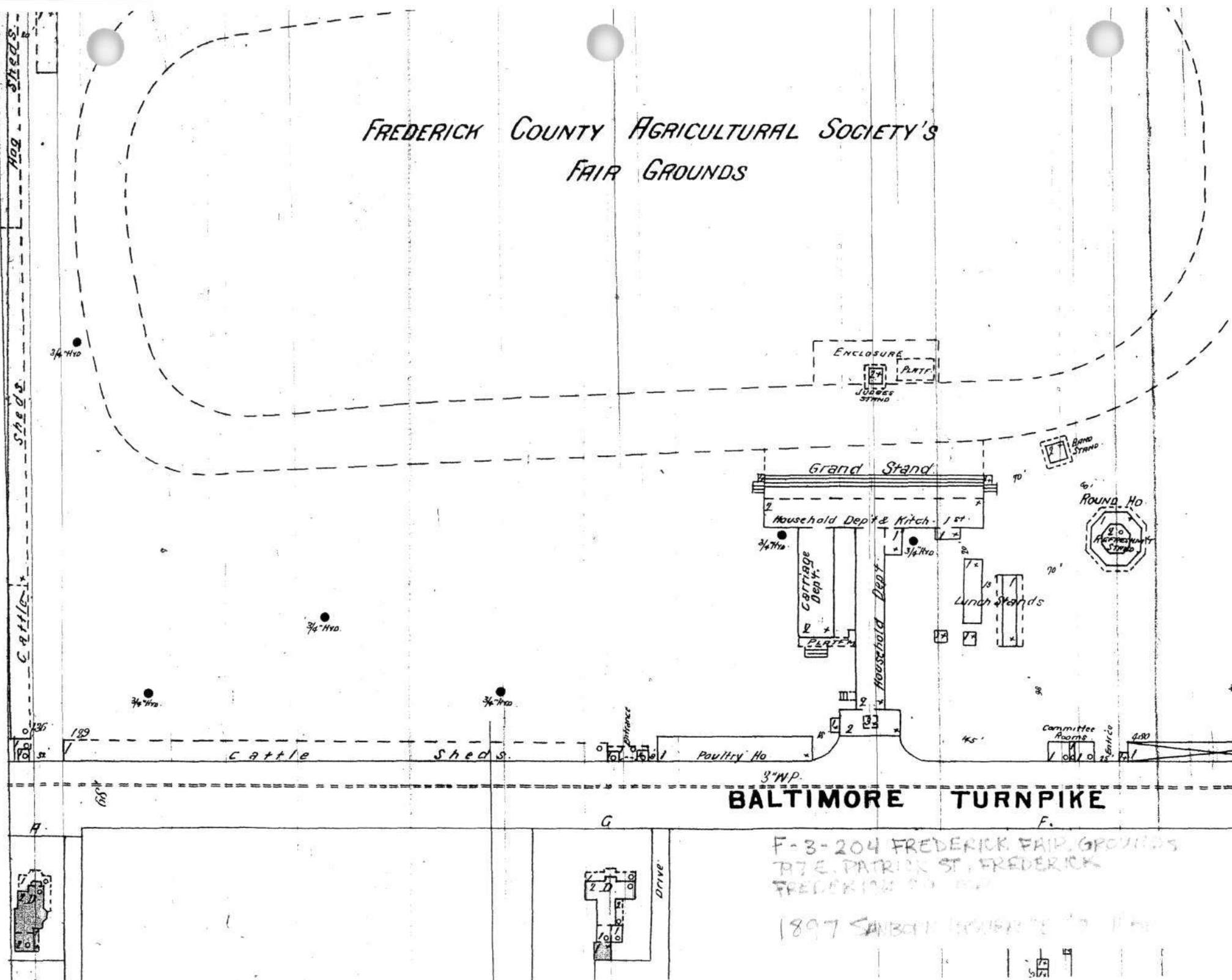


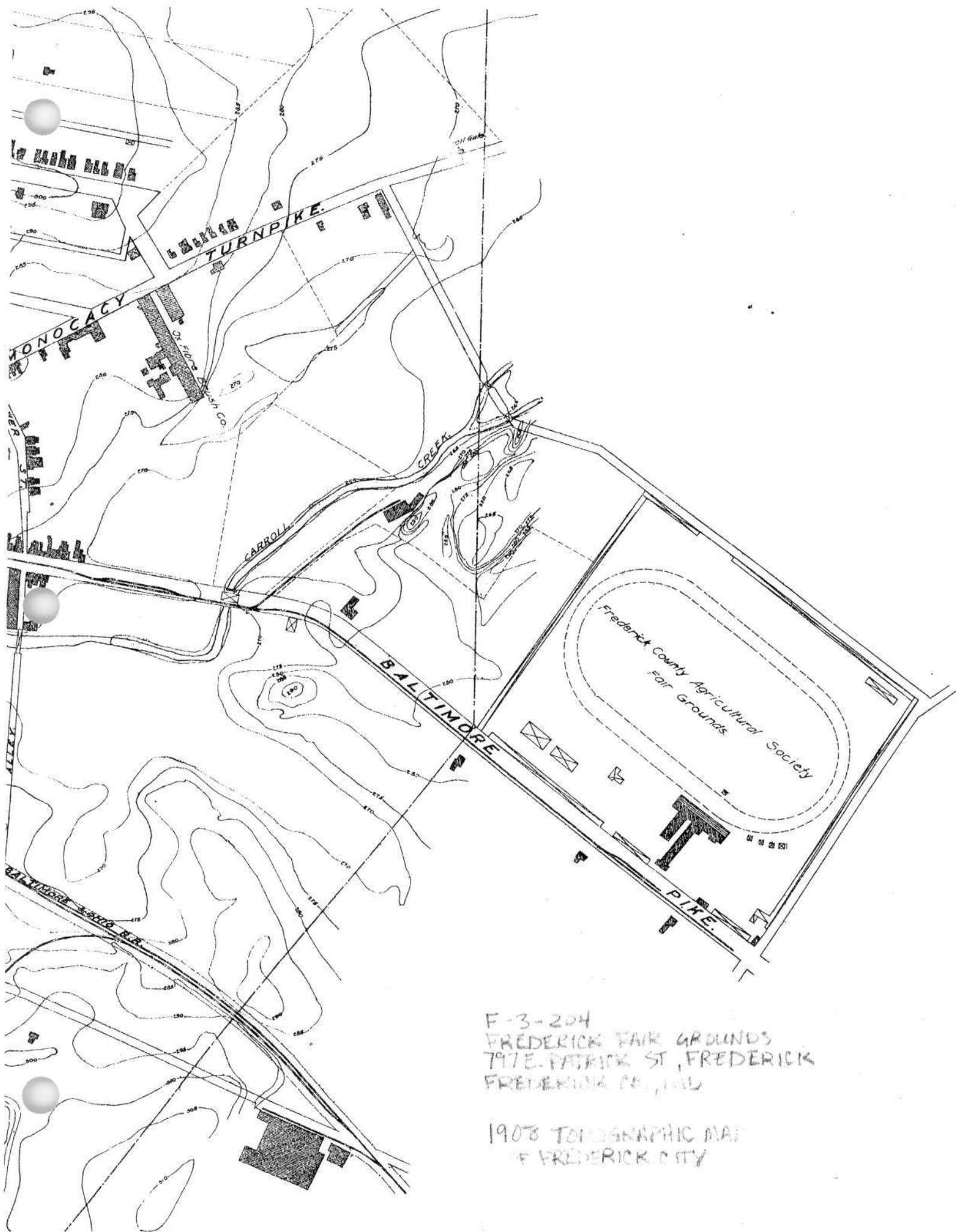
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111 C. MARSH ST, FREDERICK
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1867 SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP



FREDERICK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S FAIR GROUNDS





1922
WOMAN
Bldg.
SWANSON
(FROM PLANS)

FREDERICK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S FAIR GROUND.

111

1/2 MILE RACE TRACK

JUDGES STAND
PLAT.

LEAGUE
PARK

M.C.

GRAND STAND

AGRICULTURAL
BLDG.
HOLLOW TILE CONC. FL.
15

GRAND
STAND

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OFFICE
2

WOMEN'S REST RM.

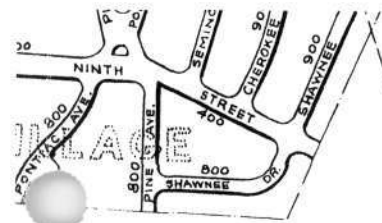
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1922 SMOKE FIRE INSURANCE MAP

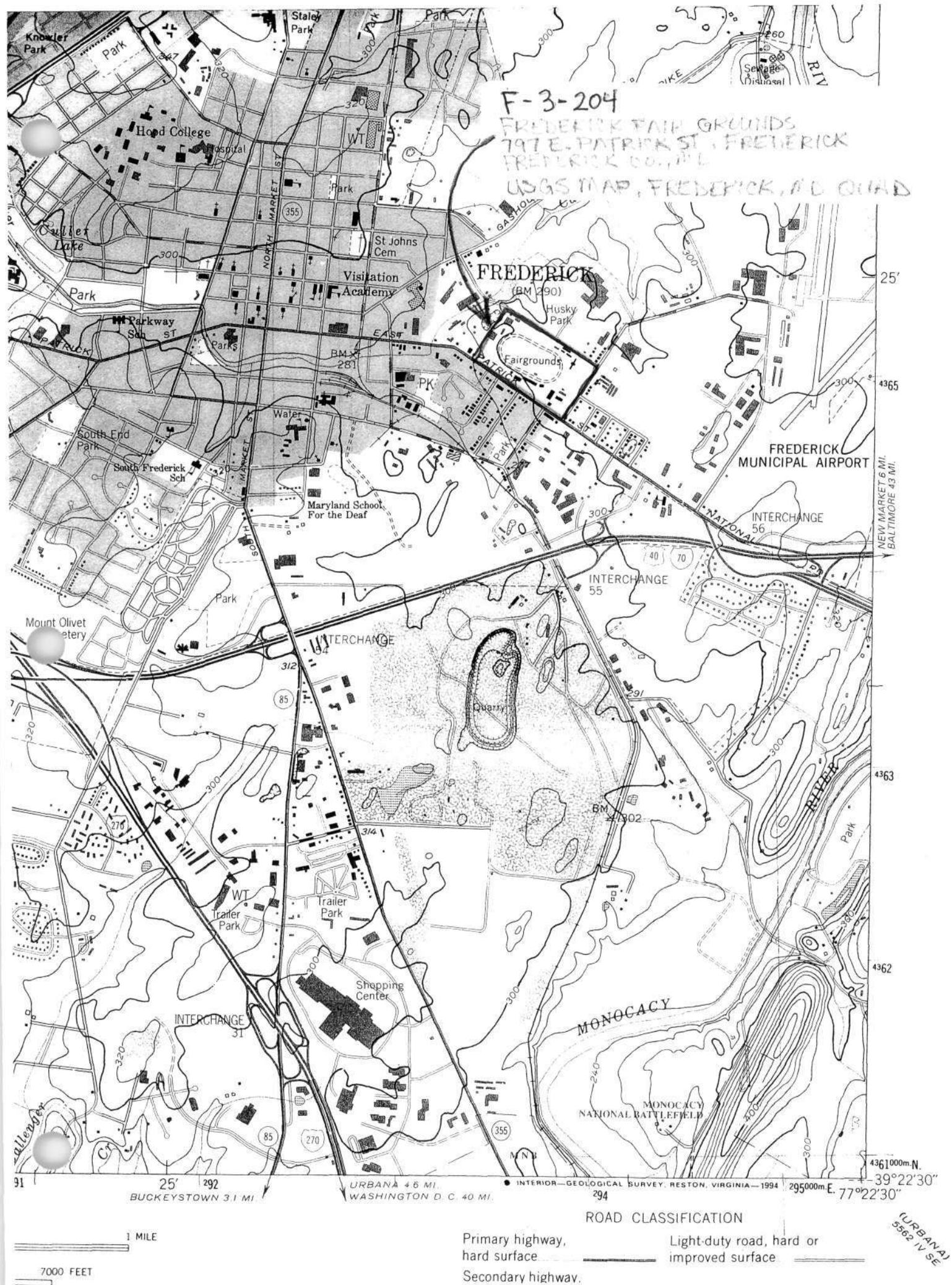
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1956 MAP OF FREDERICK CITY



Airport Administration Bldg.
and U.S. Weather Bureau





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Caretakers house, W and S elevations, view NE

Bldg #1

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Caretakers house, N and W elevations
Bldg #1 view SE

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Restrooms, Bldg #2, N and W elevations
view SE

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Administration office, Bldg # 3, S and E
elevations, view W

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NO PARKING
FAIR BOARD
MEMBERS
ONLY

RYAN
ALL DAY LONG

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Coca-Cola

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Administration Office, Bldg #3, E and N elevations,
view SE

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Restrooms, Bldg #5, S and E elevations
view NW

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Household Bldg, #9, S and E elevations,
view NW

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Household Bldg, #9, E elevation

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Household Bldg, #9, roof detail

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Household Bldg, #9, interior, view N

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Household Bldg, #9, interior, ceiling detail

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Household Bldg, #9 interior, view SE

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LIBERTYTOWN
VOL. FIRE
DEPT.

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Concessions, #10/10A, view SW

13/47



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4-H Bldg/Farmers Market (Poultry House), #12
W and S elevations, view NE

14/47



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4-H Bldg/Farmers Market (Poultry House), #12

N and W elevations, view SE

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Bldgs #13, #14, #14A, view NE

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View E toward Restrooms #5, Grand Stand #7 + 8 (left);
Household #9 (background); Administration #3 (right)

17/47



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COMMERCIAL
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The Frederick Fair Ground

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Grand Stand #8, E elevation, view W

18/47



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Grandstand #8, rafters detail

19/47

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CLUB LEVEL 100

SECTION

A

SECTION

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Grand Stand # 7; interior view toward S wall

20/47



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Grand Stands #7 & 8, view SW

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Stage #42, view NW from Grand Stand #8

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Race track, view W from Grand Stand #8

23/47



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Racetrack, view NE from GS#8 toward
beef barns

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Racetrack, view NW from GS#8 toward 4H barns

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Racetrack, view S toward Grand Stands

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Fair Ground setting, view W toward Frederick
City center

27/47



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Concession Stands, #16 and Hemp's Meats, view NW

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Beef barn #18, W elevation, view NE

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Beef barn #18, S and W elevations
view NE

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Beef barn, ^{#18}interior, S section, view N

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Beef barn^{#18}, center section interior, auction
area

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Beef show-ring #18 (new), view NW

33/47



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Livestock scales #17, view N

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Horsebarns # 23, S elevation, view NW

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Horse barns #23, S elevation, view W

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#23

Horse barns, interior, view E

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Swine barns/show-ring #25, S and E elevations,
view W

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Swine barns #25, E elevation, view W into
interior

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Swine barns #25, interior, view W

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Sheep & Goat barns # 27 + 28, E⁺N elevations,
view SW

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Sheep + Goat barns # 29 + 30, S and E elevations
view NW

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NEW MARKET GRANGE #362

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MD8HPO

Concession Stand # 40, W elevation; view S

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Dairy Show-ring #32, view SW

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Dairy Barns #33-39, E and N elevations
view SW

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Dairy Barn #34, interior, view W

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Tunnel, view E

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