MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no X

Property Name: Edward F. Fry House and Thomas Cemetery (English) Inventory Number: F-1-151

Address: ~~4616~~ 4604 Tuscarora Road City: Point of Rocks Zip Code: 21790

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Point of Rocks, Md.

Owner: Cyril Vernon and Fred K. Hines

Tax Parcel Number: 109 Tax Map Number: 1 Tax Account ID Number: 1101004638

Project: Duke Energy North America power plant Agency: ___

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___no ___yes Name: ___ Date: ___

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Is the property located within a historic district? X no ___yes Name of district: ___

Is district listed? ___no ___yes Determined eligible? ___no ___yes District Inventory Number: ___

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Edward F. Fry House is a two-story, wood-frame dwelling built ca. 1910. Although the property historically was the Thomas farm, the current house was built under a later twentieth-century owner not associated with the Thomas family ownership. The property also contains the family cemetery where many members the English branch of the Thomas family are buried. The house and cemetery are located on the north side of MD 28, about 1.7 miles east of Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is located approximately 0.4 miles off MD 28 in open, rolling fields next to a small, earthen dammed pond. The cemetery is located on the east side of the entrance road near MD 28.

The two-story Edward F. Fry House faces south towards MD 28. The rectangular house sits on a concrete-parged, rubble stone wall. The dwelling is three bays wide and two bays deep. The wood-frame walls are clad in vinyl siding. The building terminates in a side gable roof with gable returns. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The house features a central, interior, brick chimney. All the windows feature replacement, vinyl-sash windows. The frame barn described in the 1993 Maryland Inventory Historic Properties Form is no longer extant.

The current house on the site has been heavily altered, which has impacted its materials, workmanship, and feeling. The current house was not associated with the Thomas family and the property no longer retains its agricultural outbuildings. Therefore, the property does not possess the qualities of significance under A, B, or C of the National Register Criteria of Evaluation.

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Eligibility recommended ___ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D **Considerations:** ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date 6/19/02

Reviewer, NR program — Date 7/19/02

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The Thomas Cemetery (English) is in deteriorated condition. The stones are scattered, fallen, or missing. The cemetery contains at least 23 graves. Archival evidence fails to indicate that the cemetery is associated with persons of transcendent importance, dates from the earliest period of settlement in the area, is of significant design, or is associated with important events. Therefore, the cemetery does not possess the qualities of significance under National Register Criteria of Evaluation A, B, or C. At this time, the cemetery does not have a demonstrated potential to yield information and therefore does not appear to have the qualities of significance under Criterion D of the National Register Criteria of Evaluation.

Prepared by: Brian Cleven, Industrial Archeologist; Scott Meacham, Architectural Historian

Date Prepared: 5 June 2001

Edward F. Fry House and Thomas Cemetery (English)
F-1-151
4604 ~~4616~~ Tuscarora Road
Vicinity of Point of Rocks
ca. 1910
Private

The Edward F. Fry House is an early twentieth-century dwelling constructed following a fire that destroyed an earlier house. The current house was built on the earlier foundation. The Edward F. Fry house is the third building to occupy the site (Davis 1993). Previous Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Forms have named this the O. Thomas House based on historic maps and deed research. The house currently on the property is not associated with the Thomas family. The integrity of the current house has been severely compromised by a series of recent alterations, including replacement of the windows, doors, siding, and porch. In addition, the property no longer retains its agricultural outbuildings. Therefore, the property does not possess the qualities of significance under A, B, or C of the National Register Criteria of Evaluation. Archeological investigations of the site were outside the scope of work of this current investigation.

The Thomas family cemetery is located near MD Rt. 28 in a wooded area. The family cemetery was active between 1812 and 1873 with forty-eight people buried there. The Thomas family were of English descent. In general cemeteries are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places unless they meet Criterion Consideration D. The archival evidence at this time does not indicate that the Thomas Cemetery (English) is associated with persons of transcendent importance. The cemetery does not date from the earliest period of settlement in the area. It does not exhibit significant design, and it is not associated with important events. Therefore, the cemetery does not possess the qualities of significance under A, B, or C of the National Register Criteria of Evaluation. Archeological investigations of the site were outside the scope of work of this current investigation.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Edward F. Fry House and Thomas Cemetery (English) (amended)
other	Formerly named O. Thomas House and Thomas Cemetery (English)

2. Location

street and number	~~4616~~ 4604 Tuscarora Road	__	not for publication
city, town	Tuscarora	X	vicinity
county	Frederick		

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

name	Cyril Vernon and Fred K. Hines				
street and number	5323 Tuscarora Road			telephone	
city, town	Tuscarora	state	MD	zip code	21790

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Frederick			liber	2336	folio	860
city, town	Frederick	tax map	109	tax parcel	1	tax ID number	1101004638

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:_____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
_____district	_____public	__X__agriculture	_____landscape		
Contributing	Noncontributing				
_____building(s)	__X__private	_____commerce/trade	_____recreation/culture	0	1 buildings
__X__structure	_____both	_____defense	_____religion	0	1 sites
_____site		__X__domestic	_____social	0	0 structures
_____object		_____education	_____transportation	0	0 objects
		__X__funerary	_____work in progress	0	2 Total
		_____government	_____unknown		
		_____health care	_____vacant/not in use		
		_____industry	_____other:		

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
3

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent	_____ deteriorated
___ good	_____ ruins
___ fair	_X_ altered

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

Summary

The Edward F. Fry House is a two-story, wood-frame dwelling built ca. 1910. The house occupies land that historically was associated with the Thomas family; the current house was built by Edward F. Fry, a twentieth-century owner of the property. The house is located approximately 0.4 miles off MD 28 in open, rolling fields next to a small, earthen dammed pond.

The Thomas family cemetery is located just north of MD Rt. 28 on the east side of the entrance road to the Fry House. This cemetery was documented as part of this property on Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties forms prepared in 1982 and 1993. The cemetery contains the burials of many members the English branch of the Thomas family, the early and mid-nineteenth-century owners of the property.

Description

The two-story Edward F. Fry House is oriented south towards MD 28. The house adopts a rectangular footprint and is supported on a rubble foundation parged with concrete. The dwelling is three bays wide and two bays deep. The wood-frame exterior walls are clad in vinyl siding. The building terminates in a side gable roof with gable returns. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The house features a central, interior, brick chimney. All the bays feature replacement, vinyl-sash windows.

The principal (south) elevation features a replacement, full-width, four bay, shed roof porch. The porch's plain, four-inch by four-inch, square, posts are supported by a concrete block foundation. The porch covers a three-part modern replacement window and the principal entrance on the principal elevation of the house. The entrance is located at the extreme southeast corner of the façade and features a modern nine-light wood door. The north elevation features a one-story, shed-roofed addition at the northwest corner. The addition covers the western two bays.

Thomas Cemetery (English)

The Thomas Cemetery (English) is in deteriorated condition. The cemetery sits in a wooded area and is covered in brambles. The stones are scattered, fallen, or missing. The following readable stones were recorded on 15 May 2001:

Names	Born	Died	Miscellaneous
Samuel Calvin Lamar	September 11, 1811	July 11, 1861	
Frederick N. Crown	February 19, 1813	November 8, 1863	
Wm. Thomas Crown	1830	1852	
C. Byron Thomas, M.D.	?	January 6, 1871	28 years
Otho Thomas	June 21, 1839	March 3, 1877	37 years, 10 days
Cyrenas Crown	1835	December 28, 1836	son of Frederick Crown
Richard Thomas	December 2, 1824	September 12, 1870	45 years, 9 months, 10 days
Uptown L. Clabaugh	1827	May 3, 1848	20 years, 8 months, 4 days

David Otho	?	July 27, 1856	9 months, 2 days - son of Richard & Mary A. Thomas
Frances Elenor Snoupeer (sic)	?	?	infant dau. of John B. & Melinda Snoupeer
Elizabeth Ellen Snouffer	1827	?	30 years
Samuel ??	April 1?, 1836	April 18, 18??	16 years
George W. Snoupeer (sic)	December 3, 1824	December 8, 1886	89 years
Melinda C. Snouffer	?	June 8, 1867	28 years; wife of John B. Snouffer
Otho David Thomas	?	July 9, 1856	8 months, 3 days, - son of Richard & Mary A. Thomas
Margaret Ella Thomas	?	June 17, 1852	3 years, 2 months, 24 days - dau. of Richard & Mary A. Thomas
Clarence Ann Snouffer	Aug. ?, 1868	June 5, 1873	daughter of G. & Mary Snouffer
Mary Julia Snoffer	?	?	

At least five more headstones were either unreadable or unread due to heavy concentration of briars.

In his 1928 *History of Carrollton Manor*, Grove reported the following gravestones cemetery. Grove described the graves as "some without marks, others with fieldstone."

Names	Born	Died	Miscellaneous
Benjamin Thomas		June 29, 1816	73 years
Elinor Thomas		December 31, 1812	64 years, consort of Benjamin Thomas
Captain Otho Thomas	November 15, 1788	December 11, 1865	
Charles E. Thomas		March 1869	43 years
Edward Thomas		February 10, 1819	slate headstone
Samuel H. Thomas	September 1777	1857	
Archibald Thomas	1784	1825	
Levin Thomas		1842	56 years
Margaret Thomas	1797		35 years
Catherine Ann Thomas			5 years
Charlotte V. Thomas	1855		3 years
Eddie Thomas	1866		1 year
Sarah T. Boone	1788	1824	
Mary Davis	1800		22 years
Jonas Albert Claybaugh	1829		24 years
Henry F. Claybaugh	1826		31 years
Elizabeth Fisher	1806		18 years
George Rawling			
Clarence Herbert			
Elizabeth Abigail Snouffer	1836		16 years
Charles Luther Snouffer	1854		6 months
Sara Ranaberger		January 12, 1850	75 years
Sarah P. Rannebarger		1842	20 years; wife of P. Ranneberger
P. Ranneberger		1866	61 years
Benjamin Hatfield	1823	1864	
Susana Crowle	December 25, 1762	1837	

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E. Oscar Crown	1839		26 years
Frederick N. Crown	1845	1865	
John Crown			
Joshua Crown			

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

Specific dates ca. 1910 **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates ca. 1910

Evaluation for:

__X__ National Register ___X___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

The Edward F. Fry House is an early twentieth-century dwelling constructed following a fire that destroyed an earlier house. The current house was built on the earlier foundation. The Edward F. Fry house is the third building to occupy the site (Davis 1993). Previous Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Forms have named this the O. Thomas House based on historic maps and deed work. The house currently on the property is not associated with the Thomas family. The integrity of the current house has been severely compromised by a series of recent alterations, including replacement of the windows, doors, siding, and porch. The frame barn described in the 1993 Maryland Inventory Historic Properties Form, F-1-151, is no longer extant.

The Thomas Family (English) Cemetery contains the remains of nineteenth century owners of the property. The Thomas Cemetery (English) remains extant, but is in deteriorated condition.

Historical Context

The Edward F. Fry House was built on a portion of the historic Thomas family farmstead. In 1865, the property was part of the estate of Otho Thomas, Sr. (d. 1865). It remains undocumented as to when and how Otho Thomas acquired the land. Grove (1928) identified this property as the Thomas family homestead. The location of the Thomas family cemetery nearby containing the names of Otho Thomas' parents confirms this. Otho Thomas' father, Benjamin Thomas, moved to Frederick County between 1771 and 1776 when he was commissioned as a third lieutenant of the 34th Battalion on June 18, 1776 (Grove 1928:168). The Thomas family was of English descent. Benjamin Thomas apparently leased farmland on Carrollton Manor according to estate accounts. By 1850, Otho Thomas was recorded as living on this 295-acre farm. Otho Thomas also owned two other farms in the vicinity.

Following the death of Otho Thomas in 1865, the 700 acres was formally subdivided into three farms for three of Otho Thomas' children. This property was labeled on an 1866 survey as Farm No. 2 containing 296 acres and the family cemetery. This farm was conveyed to Otho Thomas, Jr. The 1866 plat of the farm indicated a house located just northeast of a spring (Frederick County Will

TLMcL 1:209). The house was a frame weatherboarded dwelling. The property also included log stables and a frame barn (1866 Frederick County Tax Assessment). The spring is at the present location of the dammed pond. The present house, located just east of the pond, may be located on the foundation of the Otho Thomas, Sr., house.

Otho Thomas, Jr., sold the farm to Ezra Michael in 1874 for $9,500 (Frederick county Deed TG 1:405). Ezra Michael sold a forty-two and one-half parcel that included the cemetery to G. W. Snouffer in 1878 (Frederick County Deed TG 9:354). The rest of the farm was sold by the Ezra Michael estate to George S. & Eugene W. Mercier in 1897 for $6,500 (Frederick County Deed DHH 1:45). Eli Edward F. Fry bought the farm in 1906 (Frederick County Deeds STH 267:496; STH 274:247). The farmhouse was destroyed by fire around 1910 and the current dwelling was built on its foundation (Davis 1993). Edward F. Fry sold the farm in 1921, although he retained a 54-acre parcel that fronted onto MD Rt. 28 (Frederick County Deed 335:408). Since 1921, the property has transferred five times.

The current house on the site was constructed ca. 1910. The house itself has been heavily altered. These alterations have compromised integrity of materials, workmanship, and feeling. Research indicates that the current house on the site was not associated with the nineteenth-century Thomas family, though it may be constructed on the site of earlier occupation. No evidence suggests that the current house is associated with any significant patterns of agricultural history of the area nor with any significant persons. The house itself lacks integrity to embody the distinctive characteristics of early twentieth-century architecture. In addition, the property no longer retains its agricultural outbuildings. Therefore, the property does not possess the qualities of significance under A, B, or C of the National Register Criteria of Evaluation. Archeological investigations of the site were outside the scope of work of this current investigation.

Thomas Cemetery

The family cemetery was active between 1812 and 1873 with forty-eight people buried there. Elinor Thomas [d.December 31, 1812], wife of Benjamin Thomas, was the first known to be buried and Otho Thomas [d. March 3, 1877] was the last known person buried in the family cemetery.

The cemetery remained associated with the Thomas Farm No. 2 until 1878 when it was sold to G.W. Snouffer (Frederick County Deed TG9:354). Mr. Snouffer cared for the cemetery until his death when it was bequeathed to his children who in turn sold the property to Otho T. Snouffer (Frederick County Deed DHH 13:395). Upon Otho Snouffer's death, the land was given to George Snouffer et al (Frederick County Deed STH 276:229). Although the land around the cemetery was sold to William R, Titus in 1906, the cemetery remained in the Snouffer family (Frederick County Deed STH 276:229).

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In general cemeteries are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places unless they meet Criterion Consideration D, which states: A cemetery is eligible if it derives its primary significance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design, or from association with historic events. The archival evidence at this time does not indicate that the Thomas Cemetery (English) is associated with persons of transcendent importance. The cemetery does not date from the earliest period of settlement in the area. It does not exhibit significant design, and it is not associated with important events. Therefore, the cemetery does not possess the qualities of significance under A, B, or C of the National Register Criteria of Evaluation. Archeological investigations of the site were outside the scope of work of this current investigation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. F-1-151

Grove, William J.
1928 *History of Carrollton Manor.* Marken and Bielfeld, Inc., Frederick.

Davis, Janet
1993 "Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form, F-1-151" Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.

Frederick County Deeds and Wills

Frederick County
1866 "Frederick County Tax Assessments" Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	368.085		
Acreage of historical setting	296		
Quadrangle name	Point of Rocks	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for the house contains approximately five acres defined by the driveway on the south, the outer edge of the pond on the west and north to the treeline on the north, and the edge of the agricultural field on the east.

The boundary includes the area that appears historically associated with the domestic actiivities of the house.

The boundary of the cemetery includes approximately one-half acre defined by the driveway on the west and the heavy underbrush on the north, east, and south sides. This the area ocupied by the cemetery.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Brian Cleven, Industrial Archeologist		
organization	R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates, Inc.	date	May 2001
street & number	241 East Fourth Street, Suite 100	telephone	(301) 694-0428
city or town	Frederick	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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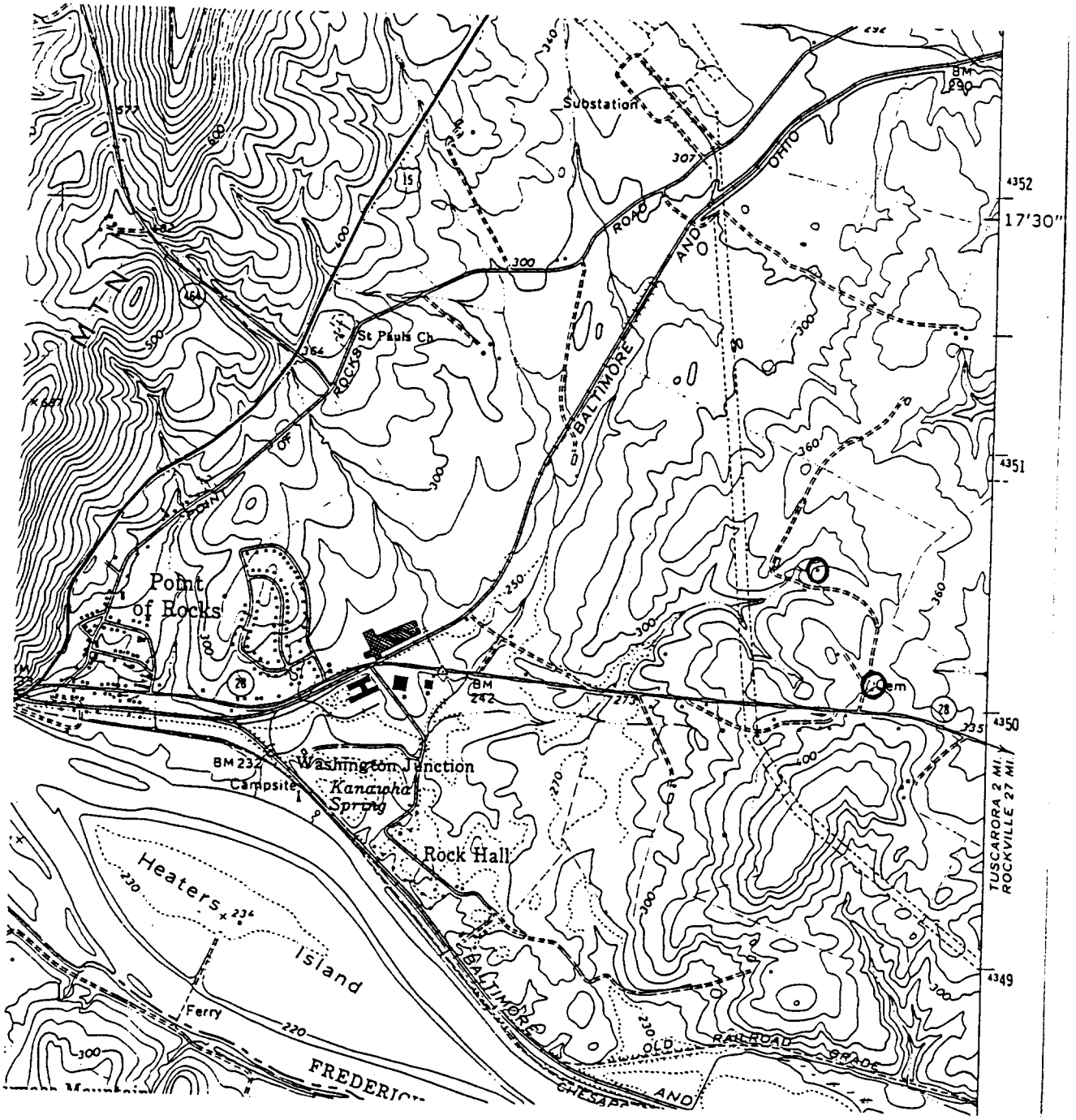
Point of Rocks, Md.-Va. USGS Quadrangle
1970, Photoinspected 1981



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EDWARD F. FRY HOUSE AND THOMAS CEMETERY (ENGLISH)

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

NATHANIEL PATCH

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

HOUSE, FRONT(S) AND E FACADES, VIEW NW

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EDWARD F. FRY HOUSE AND THOMAS CEMETERY (ENGLISH)

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

NATHANIEL PATCH

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

HOUSE, REAR (N) AND W FACADES, VIEW SE

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EDWARD F. FRY HOUSE AND THOMAS CEMETERY (ENGLISH)

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

NATHANIEL PATCH

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

THOMAS CEMETERY, WEST SIDE, VIEW EAST

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Otho Thomas House and Thomas Cemetery (English) Ca. 1910
Point of Rocks vicinity
Private

The Otho Thomas House was built about 1910 to replace an earlier house on the foundation which burned. The existing house is a two-story frame building with asbestos shingle siding and altered door and window locations. A center chimney is one of the few references to a possible older plan, as central chimneys were more common in dwellings built prior to about 1825. According to the current owner, this is the third house on the site. A frame barn at some distance west of the house appears to be of the last quarter of the 19th century. It has double drive-through passages and an additional equipment shed on one end. The Thomas family cemetery is located on the entrance drive to the property and is much deteriorated and neglected. Many stones have fallen or been moved, but the names of several Thomas generations, as well as Clabaugh, Crown, Lamar, Davis, Hatfield, and other families can be distinguished. This was the resting place of the English branch of the Thomases, the German side having a separate cemetery which was originally located on the present Howard Stup Road. The house is minimally significant for its architecture, being primarily a site marker of the much older houses established on the Thomas farm in the mid 18th century. The cemetery has little or no artistic value, but is noted as the burial place of one branch of one of the most prolific families in the Adamstown Region, whose members owned large tracts of land and were responsible for many other farms, houses, and businesses in the County.

F-1-151
Otho Thomas House and Thomas Cemetery
Point of Rocks
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:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

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

Resource Type:

Category: Building and Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Funerary/cemetery/cemetery

Known Design Source: None

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Survey No. F-1-151

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 Otho Thomas House and Thomas Cemetery (English)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4604 Tuscarora Road ___ not for publication

city, town Point of Rocks x vicinity of **congressional district** 6th

state Maryland **county** Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	x 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 Emory R. Patton et al

street & number 1409 Spencerville Road telephone no.:

city, town Spencerville state and zip code MD 20868

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1434

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 82

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

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-1-151

date 1982 ___ federal x state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville **state** Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-151

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_X_ original site
___ good	___ ruins	_X_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
_X_ 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: 3

The Otho Thomas House is a two-story frame dwelling built about 1910 on the site of two earlier dwellings dating from the last quarter of the 18th century. It was part of a large farmstead established by the Thomas family in the 18th century which has almost completely disappeared, leaving only this house, currently occupied as a tenant house, a distant barn visible to the west, and an unoccupied frame dwelling located about 1/2 mile north of the Thomas House. The property also contains the family cemetery of the English branch of the Thomas line, the German side cemetery being originally located near Adamstown. The Otho Thomas House and Cemetery are located on the north side of Tuscarora Road (Md. 28) about 1-1/2 miles east of Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is located about 1/2 mile off the main road in open, rolling fields. The cemetery is located on the east side of the entrance driveway to the property, which is now used as a sod farm, and has a modern non-contributing dwelling and a metal equipment building and shop located between it and the Otho Thomas House.

The Thomas House is a two-story frame building with three bays on the south elevation and asbestos shingle siding, which covers one of the second story bays and possibly a center bay on the first story. A one-story porch crosses the facade and a three-part modern replacement window is located on the first story. The entrance is at the extreme southeast corner of the facade and has a modern replacement door. The sash of the second story is 1/1. The roof is composition material and a central brick chimney rises at the ridge. Its location in the center is one of the few hints that an earlier plan based on the old foundation may have been followed. Central chimneys are more common in houses of the first half of the 19th century and earlier. The porch has plain square posts and a concrete deck. The west elevation has two bays with a replacement pair of windows in the northwest corner bay. These are 6/1 windows. A single attic window is located in the gable. The north elevation of the house has a one-story shed-roofed addition at the northwest corner, covering the two western bays. The sash on this elevation is 6/1 and 2/2 in the shed addition. The east elevation has three bays with one first story bay closed off near the southeast corner. The sash here is also 6/1. According to Mr. Emory L. Patton, one of the current owners, the house is the third on the site, having replaced the second structure which burned about 1910. Mr. Patton says the present house is slightly larger than the original stone foundation by about 6-8 feet. The stone foundation is exposed on the west elevation and is covered with cement. The interior of the house was not accessible for this survey.

Barn: The frame barn is located about 1/4 mile west of the house on the other side of a pond. It is dominated by two central drive-through passages with flanking smaller openings on the east side. A shed addition on the south gives further shelter for wagons and tractors. The exterior is covered with vertical siding and the gable roof is covered with standing seam metal, in somewhat deteriorated condition. The barn appears to date from about 1890-1900.

Cemetery: Although in very deteriorated condition, the Thomas family cemetery is included in this description because of the prominence of the Thomas family in t

8. Significance

Survey No. F-1-151

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 C. 1910 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: _xA __B _xC __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.

The Otho Thomas House and Thomas Family Cemetery are minimally significant for their architecture and artistic qualities, the house being an early 20th century replacement of at least two earlier structures on the site and being itself much altered in recent years. The cemetery is greatly neglected and deteriorated, but its local historical significance is important because of the wide-ranging extent of the Thomas family in the Adamstown Region. Two branches of Thomases were early settlers in the region, one line being German and the other being English, moving to Frederick from southern Maryland. The cemetery on the Otho Thomas farm is recognized as principally the English side. The German Thomas cemetery was located on Howard Stup Road until 1968, when the graves were removed to the Manor Cemetery. stone monument marks the site of the original German Thomas cemetery. The Otho Thomas farm was one of two farms formed from the original Thomas property of about 400 acres. The southern farm, Farm No. 2, was described in Grove's History of Carrollton Manor (1928) as "the graveyard farm", indicating the importance and visibility of the cemetery in the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-151

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Grove, William J. History of Carrollton Manor. Frederick: Marken and Bielfeld, Inc., 1928, 121, 168-170
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 12 acres

Quadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md.-Va. **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A			
B			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 12 acres in two separate sections: 10 acres encompassing the dwelling and barn and 2 acres including the cemetery on Tax Map 109, Parcel 1

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** May 1993

street & number 12 East Church Street **telephone** 696-2958

city or town Frederick **state** MD 21701

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7.1 Description (Continued)

Adamstown Region. The stones are scattered and fallen in most cases. Some of the observed names were, in addition to many of the Thomas line, Snouffer, Hatfield, Clabaugh, Crown, Albert, Davis, and Lamar. Readable dates are from about the 1820's to the first decade of the 20th century. Graves of the second half of the 18th century are likely to be found, as local histories and deed records indicate that the Thomas family owned the property as early as 1753. The cemetery is specifically mentioned as a reserved part of the property in deeds in the 1870's.

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Magi No. 1111515504

DOE __yes X no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic O. Thomas House and Cemetery

and/or common Woodwinds

2. Location

street & number North side of Rte. 28, west of New Design Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Point of Rocks X vicinity of congressional district

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	___ 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

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town 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	___ original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ 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.

The O. Thomas house and cemetery, now called "Woodwinds", are located on the north side of Route 28, east of the town of Point of Rocks in southern Frederick County. The house is shown on the 1862 Bond map. The house and cemetery are shown on the 1873 Lake atlas of the county and on a current U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle map. Because of their inaccessible location, however, they were not visited during this field survey; their existence and present condition need to be verified. According to the maps, the house is set back from Route 28 and reached by a long driveway, while the cemetery is located closer to Route 28.

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	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture	
___ 1600–1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian	
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater	
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ 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.

The O. Thomas House and Cemetery is significant at this time primarily because of local historical associations with the Thomas family, noted by Scharf as among the earliest settlers of the Point of Rocks area (Vol. I, p. 567). The property is shown on the 1862 Bond atlas and on the 1873 Lake atlas of the county as owned by O. Thomas. Because of the inaccessible location, the structures and cemetery shown here on historic and current maps were not field checked and their existence and condition verified. In order to evaluate any architectural significance, closer inspection of any buildings here is needed.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-151

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Lake, D.J., Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, 1873.
Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Baltimore, 1968.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

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C				D			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	**code**	**county**	**code**
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11. Form Prepared By

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O. Thomas House + Cem.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1434/82 21 Jul 87	Emory R. & Patricia P. Patton et al	DKS Partnership	~~35.40482 A.~~	$800,000	
929/1 7 Dec 73	DKS P'ship	Hester M. Smithey widow	1. 643/311, 20 Sept 60 2. 651/219, 30 Mar 61 36 P. 68547 A.		
2) 651/219 30 Mar 61	J. Horace + Hester M. Smithey	Kim Burt Hill Inc.	Farm #1 allotted to Charles E. Thomas by will of his father Otho Thomas described and shown on a plat recorded with said will ~~- TL Mct 1/209~~		215.689 A.
2) 641/346 10 Aug 60	Kimburthill, Inc.	Fanny C. Ensor & James M. Carlisle Jr., exrs. of LW+T of James Maurice Carlisle, + Betty C. Carlisle, widow			215.689 A.
2) 370/431 3 June 29	James M. Carlisle	Charles Ernest Lamar & Delma Lamar			217 1/4 A.
2) 370/296 25 Apr 29	Charles E. Lamar	Clarence H. Lamar, mortgagee of John W. Wilt & Cora Wilt		$5,952.65	217. 1/4 A.
2) 322/192 7 Jun 17	John W. Wilt et ux	Amanda Orrison et al			
2) JLJ 14/206 27 Jun 1896	Fredericka + Amanda Orrison	Benjamin F. Reich	Part of "Resurvey on Hazzard called "Mad Wife"	$6000	217 1/4 A.
2) JLJ 14/205 27 Jun 1896	Benjamin F. Reich	Samuel Claggett & J.C. Williams exrs of LW+T of Laura E. Gray, dec.		$6000	
2) JLJ 7/310 11 Oct 1894	Laura E. Gray	Samuel Claggett assignee of mortgage from Harvey N. Michael + wife to Laura Gray	Equity #6261		217 1/4 A. being ~~lands~~ Farm # 1 assigned to Charles E. Thomas by will of Otho Thomas

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
Will Record JPP 2/207	Harvey N. Michael	Ezra Michael, LW&T of	will dated 15 Nov 1881		217 1/4 A.
CM 10/350 15 Sept 1873	Ezra Michael	George Snouffer, trustee in Equity 3586 David O. Thomas	vs. Eliza J. Thomas et al		
TL McL 1/209 Will Record	Charles E. Thomas	Otho Thomas, LW&T of	Parts of "Resurvey on Hazard" granted to Notley Thomas, 14 Feb 1754 "Thomas's Profit" resurveyed for Samuel S. Thomas, 28 Aug 1792; "Moreland" granted Edward Thomas, 28 Jun 1784; "Dry Spring" granted Elias Delashmutt 10 Aug 1753; "Neighbors Refuse" granted John Trommell 11 Apr 1763		
1) 643/311 20 Sept 60	J. Horace & Hester M. Smithey	Elsye L. Morganthall & Paul C. Morganthall	parts of "Resurvey on Hazzard" "Hill in the Middle" "The Addition to Leonard's Beginning"		296 A. less 42 1/2 A., 54 A. ~ 8 A.
1) 439/567 6 Nov 43	Paul C. Morganthall et ux	Joseph H. Carey et ux			198 A.
1) 335/408 16 Apr 21	Joseph H. Carey & ux	Edward F. & Sarah E. Frye			
1) STH 274/247 24 Mar 06	Edward F. Frye	Eli W. & Eugene W. Mercier	"... Being Farm #2	$8,872.50	296 A. excepting ...
1) DHH 1/45 15 Dec 1897	Eli & Eugene W. Mercier	Marvin S. Michael, acting exc. of will of Ezra Michael		$6,500	253 A.
1) TG 1/405 2 Mar 1874	Ezra Michael	Otho & Mary Jane Thomas	Farm #2 as assigned to Otho Thomas, under will of Otho Thomas, dec		excepting out of this conveyance the family graveyard upon said first mentioned premises with the right of ingress & egress thereto & therefrom

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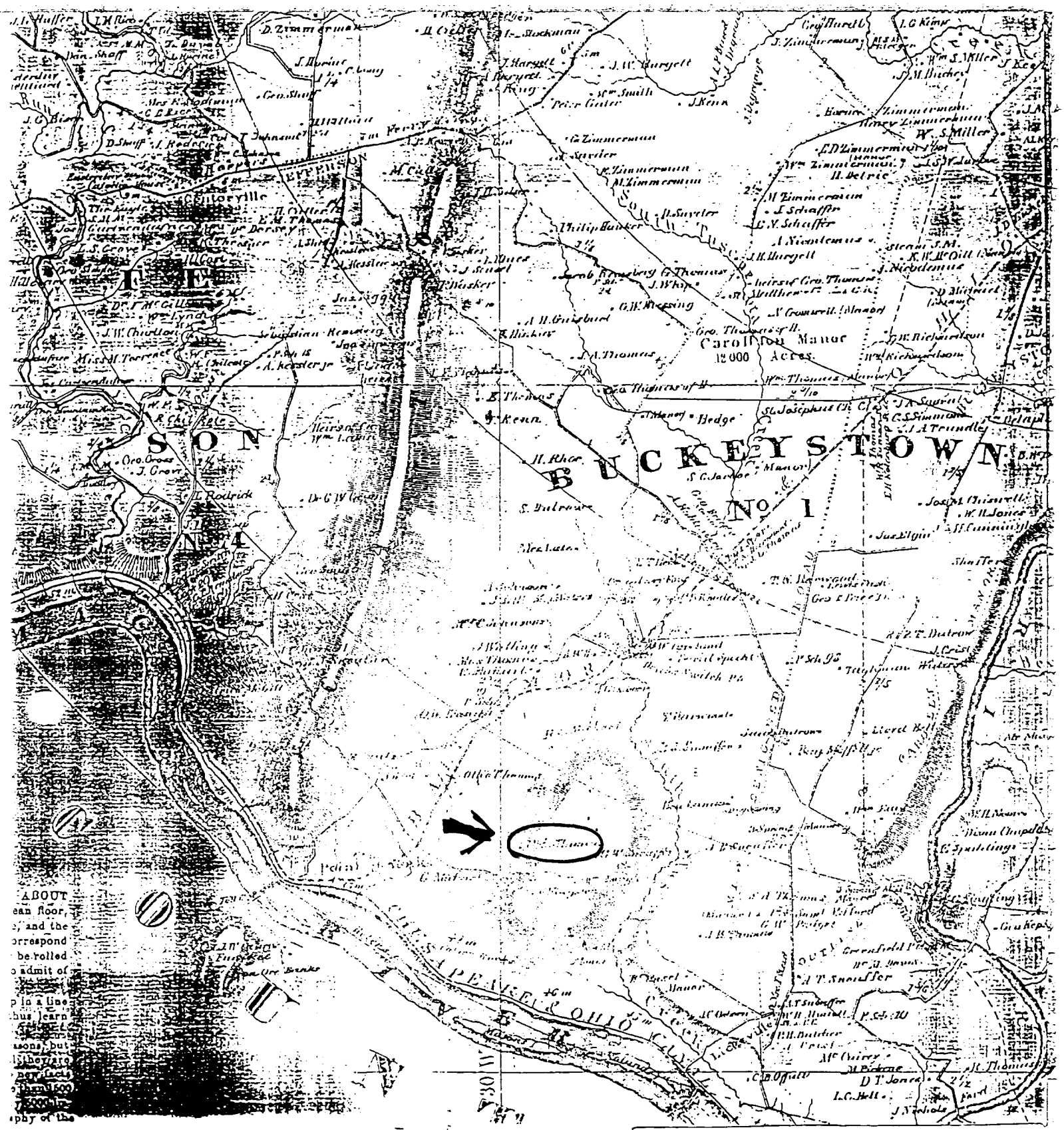
Keeping in repair and beautifying the same. Purposes of burial or / Otho Thomas for the / family of birdes [illegible] / [illegible]



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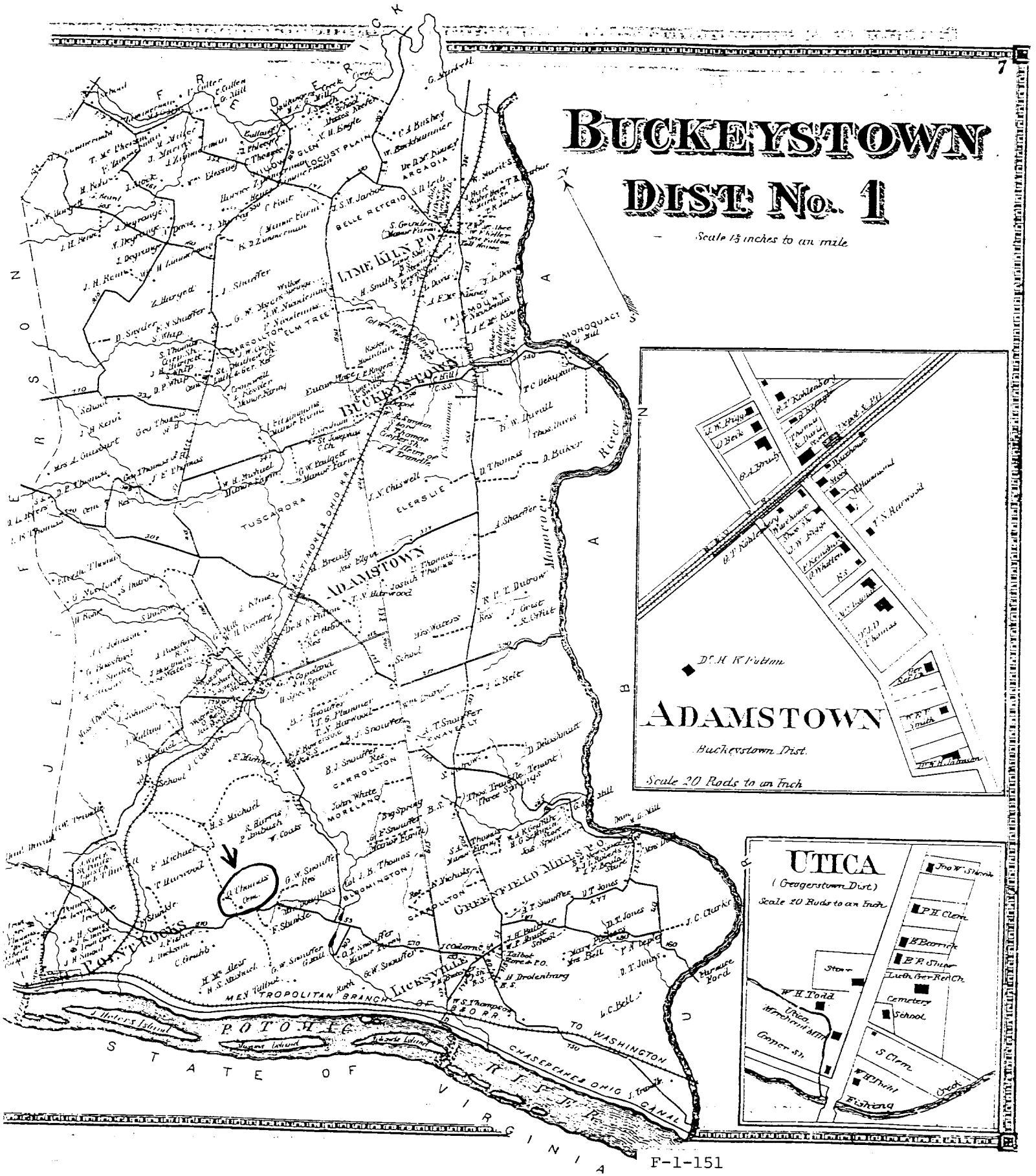
Frederick County
Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858



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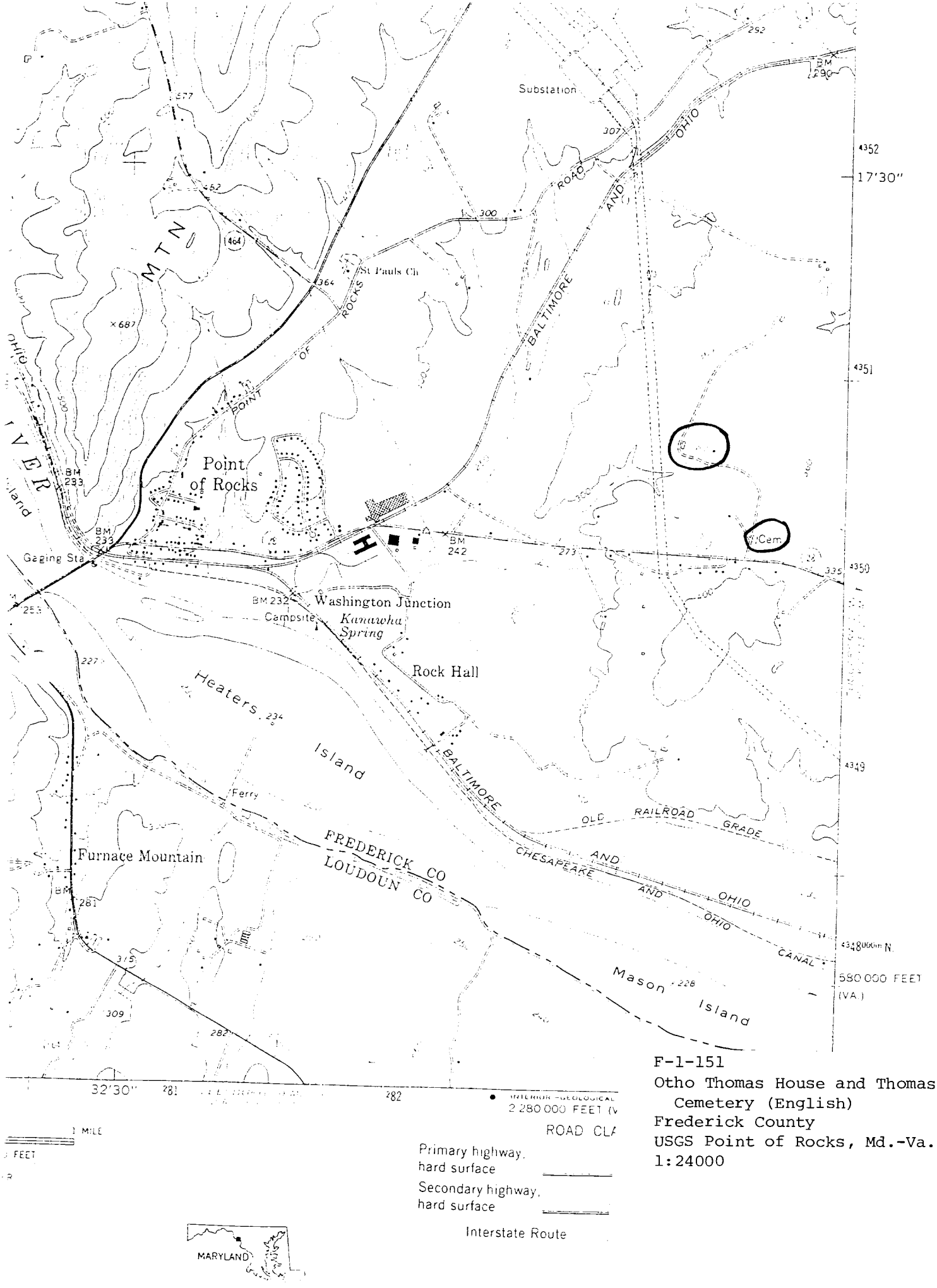

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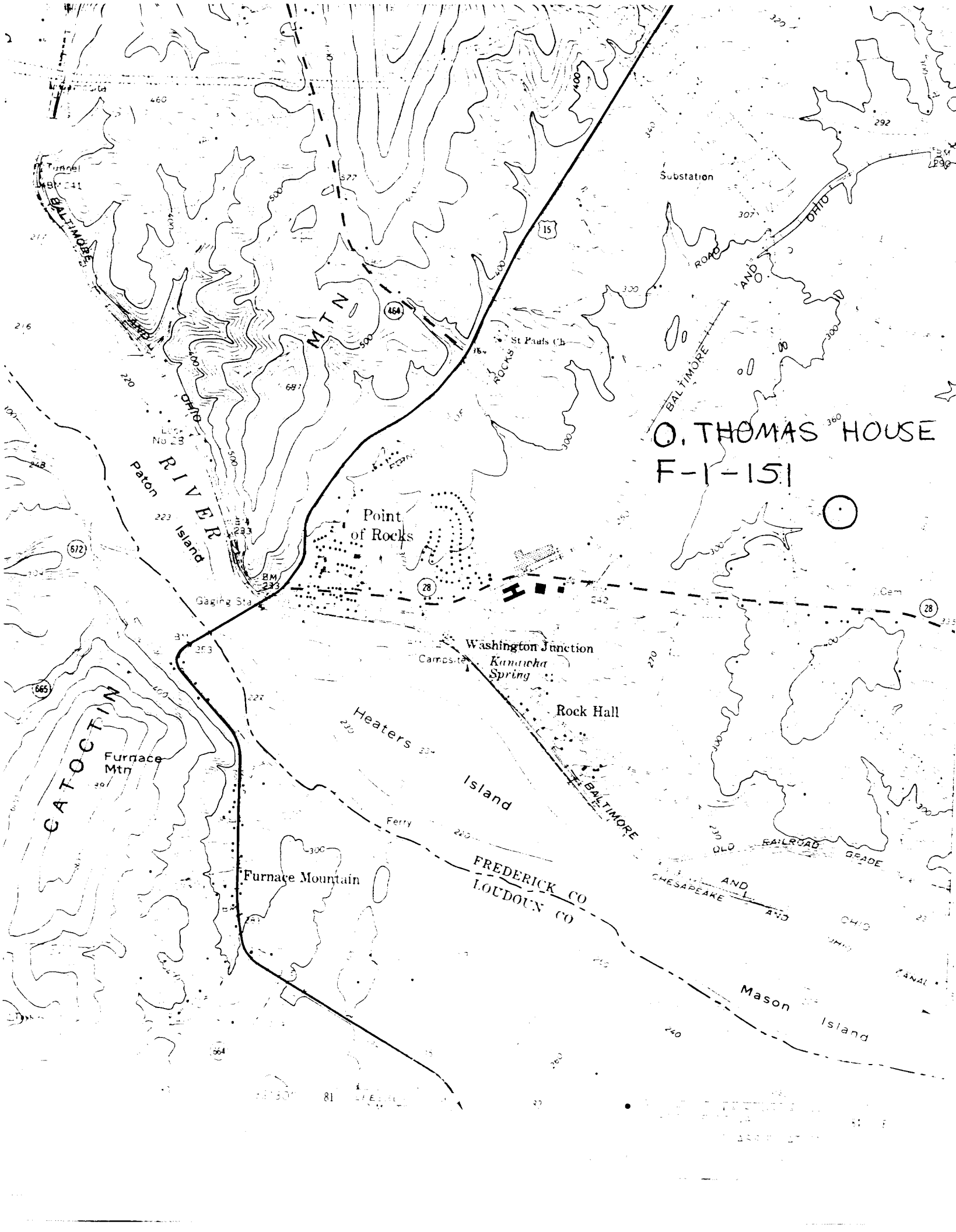
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Kanawha Spring
Rock Hall
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CATOCTIN
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Ferry
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CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO
Mason Island
Cem

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Owen Thomas House and Thomas Cemetery

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South elevation

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Northwest corner view
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Barn, view west from dwelling
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