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Joseph Plummer House
Monrovia
Private

C. 1780

The Joseph Plummer House is one of only a few large brick residences which date to the eighteenth century in the area surrounding New Market.

The house is a very fine Federal rectangular two and one-half story gable roofed brick residence laid in Flemish bond which is five bays wide. Double hung 6/6 windows, most of which have been replaced, occupy each bay. A double brick belt course is situated in between the first and second level of the residence.

The interior of the building is laid out in a typical Georgian plan with one room opposite each side of a main hall with an open staircase. Much of the woodwork remains intact including a staircase, mantelpieces, beaded baseboards, and wood grained paneled doors.

In 1751 Samuel Plummer, planter and early settler of the New Market area, sold 184 acres of his "Pleasant Meddo" tract to his son, Joseph Plummer, wheelmaker for seven shillings and four pence. Plummer had built the existing brick residence by 1797 when he sold it and the surrounding area to James Adams.

In 1824, the land included not only the house described as "a good two story brick dwelling house and kitchen, a log barn and other outhouses, but also "a Fulling Mill and Saw Mill in good order, and capable of doing much work."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

JOSEPH PLUMMER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

N/S Weller Road

E D 9

CITY, TOWN

Route 1, Box 23A

___ VICINITY OF Monrovia

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Map 88 Parcel 114

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES- RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES- UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert L. Cobaugh

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 23A Weller Road

CITY, TOWN

Monrovia

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21770

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 944

Folio #: 541

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick,

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joseph Plummer house is a rectangular two story gable roofed brick residence laid in flemish bond which faces south from the north side of Weller Road. The principal facade is five bays in width; the main entrance door is located in the third bay. It is a replaced door with a transom which has been boarded shut. Located in the remaining bay on the first and second levels are double hung 6/6 windows which have been replaced. In between these levels is a brick belt course. There is evidence on the front side of the building that there was a small pedimented entrance porch connected to the front door, which is no longer in existence. The replaced wood shingle roof is connected to the structure by a boxed cornice with a decorative frieze which is very similar to that found on Rock Hall near the Sugarloaf Mountain Johnson Furnace.

On each end of the house is a replaced brick chimney flush with the east and west sides. The house is built on a low random stone foundation. Located on the west end of the building is a one story summer kitchen addition, which is whitewashed brick. Located directly behind the residence is a log smoke house which presently is in deteriorating condition.

The interior of the building is laid out in a typical Georgian plan with one room opposite each said of a main hall with an open staircase. Much of the wood work remains intact including a staircase, mantle pieces and baseboard.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joseph Plummer house one of only a few large brick residences which date to the eighteenth century is located in the New Market area.

In 1751 Samuel Plummer, planter and early settler of the New Market area sold 184 acres of his "Pleasant Meddo" tract to his son Joseph Plummer, Wheel maker for 7 shillings and 4 pence.¹ It is very likely that the existing brick residence was built by Joseph Plummer since in 1797 he sold 83 acres of the land where the building stands to James Adams for 390 pounds.²

Certainly by 1824, the land included not only the house described as "a good two story brick dwelling house and kitchen, a log barn and other out houses", but also "a Fulling Mill and Saw Mill in good order, and capable of doing much work."³

When James Adams died his executor sold his estate to his wife Lydia who lived in the plantation house until 1847 when she died. There have been only 3 owners since that time until the present.

The Joseph Plummer house is important to the New Market Region not only because of its associations with the Plummer family but also because of its very fine brick Georgian style of architecture.

- 1 Frederick County Land Records Liber B Folio 472
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- 3 The Frederick Town Herald Saturday August 14, 1824

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Frederick Town Herald, Saturday, August 14, 1824

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

2-1-78

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street

TELEPHONE

663-8300

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

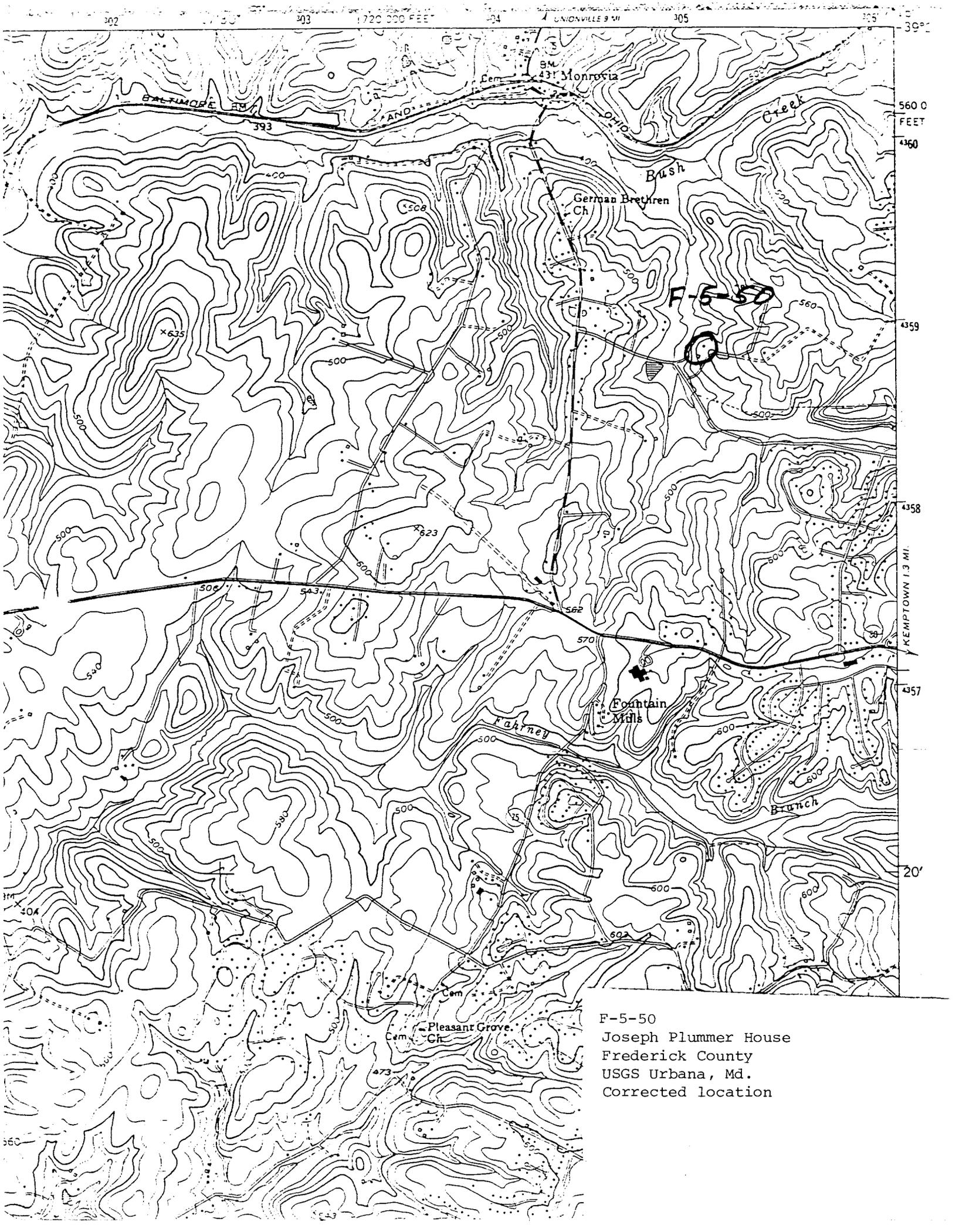
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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USGS Urbana, Md.
Corrected location