

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Lewis House, John T. Lewis House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER 12448 Fingerboard Road (MD 80)
North side of Route 80 across from Kemptown Sixth E.D. 9

CITY, TOWN Church Road VICINITY OF Kemptown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Frederick

STATE Maryland COUNTY Map 98 Parcel 66

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 Betty J. Hilton Telephone #: 253-2819

STREET & NUMBER Route 1, Box 63

CITY, TOWN Monrovia VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland, 21700

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 959
Folio #: 493

STREET & NUMBER Court Street

CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

F-7-10

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lewis house is a rectangular one-and-a-half story gable roofed frame house which faces south from the north side of Route 80 in the west part of Kempton, Maryland. It is a private single ownership residence which is detached from the other residences on the street.

The principal facade is three bays in width; the main entrance door, a particularly wide, eight panel door, occupies the second bay. Two 6/6 windows with plain molding occupy the first and third bays. A three bay, two step verandah extends from the front of the building. A shed dormer with twin 6/6 windows is located immediately over the front entrance. An inside brick chimney straddles the gable on the east end. The house is built on a low brick foundation with plain watertable.

A one story shed type frame addition extends to the west side of the main section. The south side is two bays wide with one 6/6 window with plain molding occupying the first bay and a three panel door with four window panes in the second bay. An inside end chimney extends four feet above the tin roof of the addition on the west side. One 6/6 window with plain molding occupies the center of the west side of the addition.

The west side of the main house is two bays wide with two small 2/2 windows in the side gable. The roof has been replaced with asphalt and is completed by a boxed cornice.

The addition extends northwest of the main house. The north side is one bay wide, a small 2/2 window occupies the center of the wall. A small one story end porch extends to the east of this section over the rear entrance to the main house. The north side of the main house is two bays wide. A 6/6 window occupies the first bay and three panel door with four window panes is located in the second bay. A storm cellar entrance is located in the northeast corner. The east side of the main section is two bays wide. A 6/6 window occupies the first bay and two small 2/2 windows are located in the side gable. To the northwest rear of the house is a later frame storage shack.

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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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<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 Early 19th century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lewis house was built in the early nineteenth century, perhaps as early as 1801, when Solomon Kemp purchased the land from John Pidgeon. According to the deed the 123 acres included "houses", one in particular in which "water (was) running in at and through the ditch from John Talbot's".¹

The house remained in the Kemp family, who founded Kemptown, until 1885 when it was purchased by John T. Lewis, a relative of the local coffin and cabinet maker whose shop is still standing southwest of the house across the main road.

Originally it is believed the house had three main parts on the first level, a kitchen area in a frame addition on the west side of the existing structure, a dining and living area in the present west addition, and a parlor in the main section of the house. The kitchen and living areas had dirt floors and there was a succession of steps to each room.

It is believed that it is a log structure beneath the frame.

Several large trees which are no longer standing once shaded the small house and made it a welcome retreat from the sun for Mr. Lincoln and his party, according to local tradition, while the President's horses were watered at a trough across the street. Lincoln was probably in route to Washington, however, the visit has never been documented.

The house is a private residence and is currently undergoing interior remodeling.

¹ Frederick County Land Records, Liber WR 21, Folio 348

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .47 acre

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

663-8300 Ext. 266

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Kemptown Survey District
Frederick County

Survey No. F-7-41

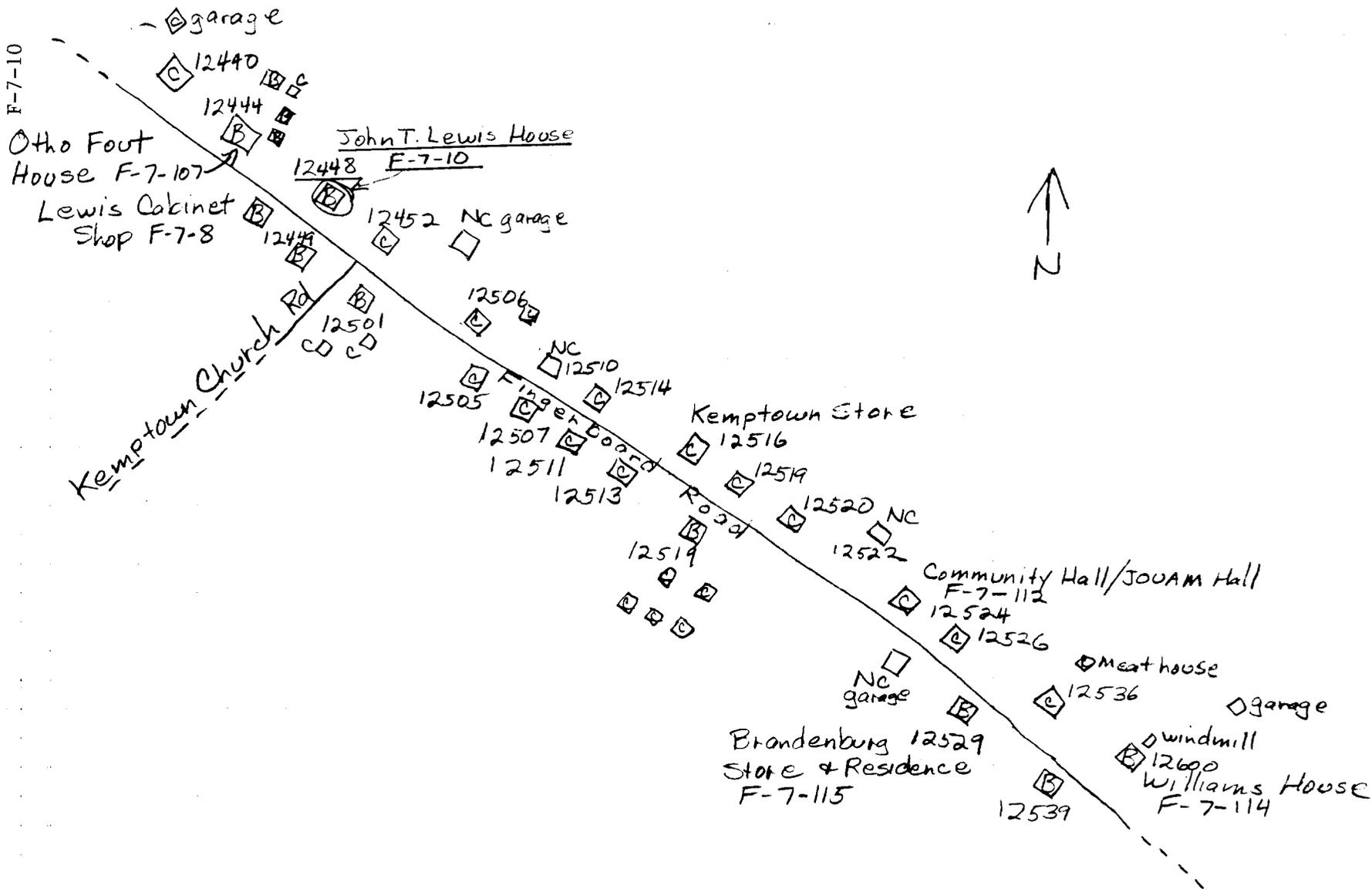
7.1 Description (Continued)

at least some period of time in the mid-19th century, the log building apparently housed the post office, according to Miss Maxine Browning, a local historian. One of the two doors opened to the shop and the other to the post office.

Otho Fout House (F-7-107), 12444 Fingerboard Road: The most elaborate example of the Queen Anne style in Kemptown, the Fout House was built about 1881. His son Raymond was the local physician in the late 19th century, with his office in the house and his residence at 12526 Fingerboard. At least two subsequent local doctors, Sellman and Kuhlman, also had their medical office at the Fout House. The building has a five-bay facade with double cross gables, a frequently seen feature of houses in the southeastern Urbana Region. The exterior is german siding and the roof is standing seam metal. The most distinctive feature of the house is the elaborate one-story porch on the south elevation. Turned spindle friezes extend between the square posts and the flat roof of the porch is edged with a scroll-sawn balustrade punctuated by finial-topped posts. The balustrade curves at the ends to meet the wall of the house. At the rear of the house is a small group of domestic outbuildings erected at the same time as the dwelling. A small frame barn with a corrugated metal roof and a central metal ventilator has german siding and an overhanging hay loft with louvred arched vents. An ogee bargeboard is repeated on the adjacent frame carriage house, also with german siding and a louvred arched vent above the double swing doors. Near the house are a two-story frame summer kitchen with german siding, an interior end chimney and a corrugated metal roof and a one-story frame meathouse with the same exterior materials and an extended gable roof over the door on the south elevation.

John T. Lewis House (F-7-10), 12448 Fingerboard: The 1-1/2 story log dwelling may have been built about 1840 by John T. Lewis. It has german and weatherboard siding and a composition roof with a shed dormer added late in the 19th century. A one-story porch extends across the south elevation. The first story has three bays with replacement modern sash. A one-story shed addition is on the west gable end. According to the 1989 local history booklet published by the Providence Methodist Church, this house was the site of a visit by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. Lincoln was allegedly evacuated from Washington when a raid was threatened and his party stopped along the road to water their horses in the village trough which stood in front of the house. Lewis invited Lincoln to dine and eventually to stay overnight, offers which were accepted. Although no verification of the story has been discovered, the story has been a long-standing family tradition among the descendants of John T. Lewis and the chair and bed used by Lincoln were retained by members of the family no longer living in Frederick County.

William Lewis House, 12449 Fingerboard: Located on the south side of Fingerboard across the road from the John T. Lewis House is the two-story Queen Anne house built about 1878-1880 by William T. Lewis. It has the double cross gable feature common to many houses in the Urbana Region and to the Kemptown Survey District. The corner property has two additional gables on the east end, facing Kemptown Church Road and the Boyer House at 12501 Fingerboard, a virtual duplicate of the Lewis House in design. The Lewis House has a central



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 Kemptown Survey District
 Frederick County

Janet Davis
 Oct. 22, 1993 Not to Scale

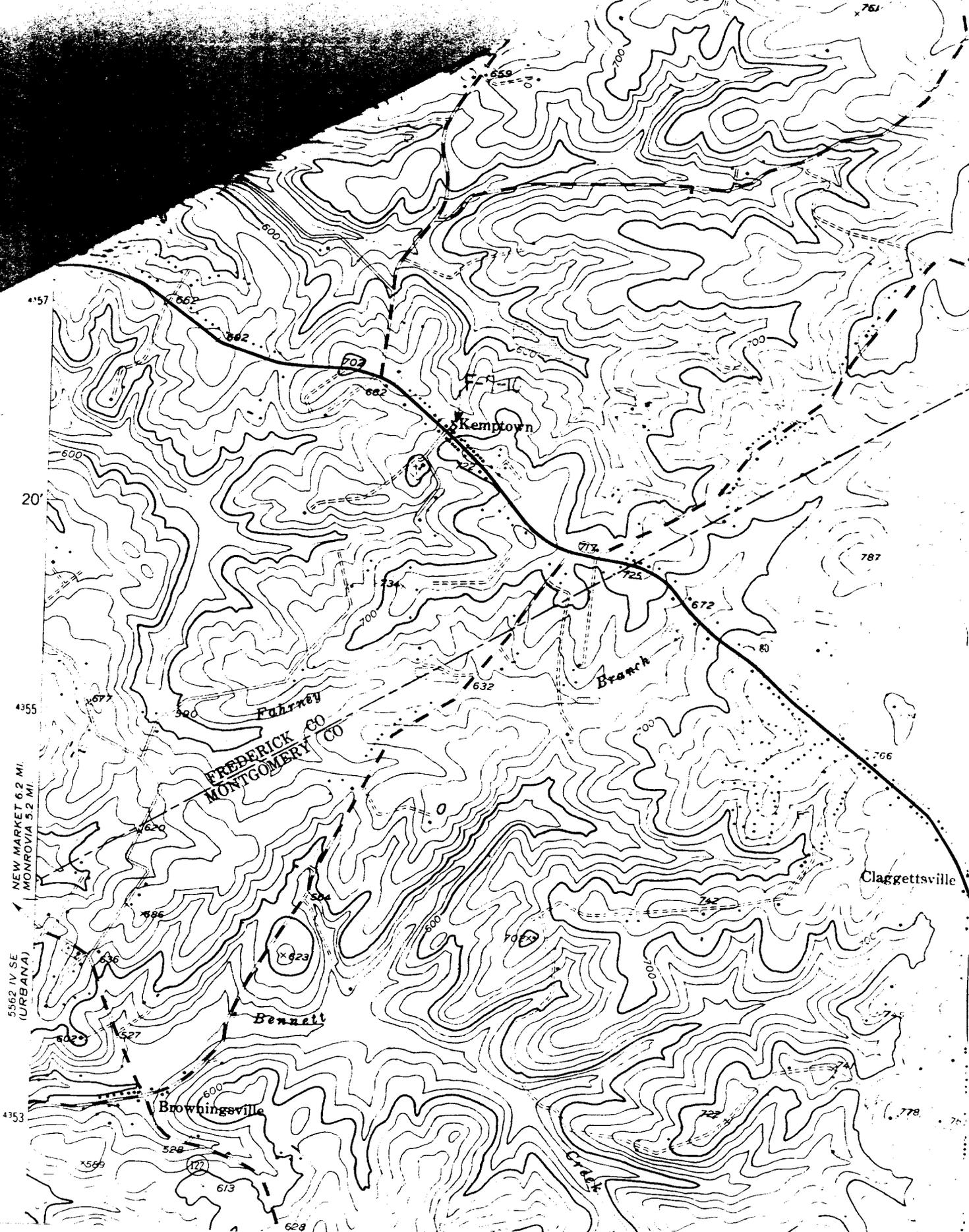
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Scale 1/8 inches to the mile



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South VIEW

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LEWIS HOUSE

Cherlyn Widell



NE VIEW

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LEWIS HOUSE

Cherilyn Widell



NW VIEW

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LEWIS HOUSE

Cherilyn Widell



SW VIEW

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LEWIS HOUSE

Cherilyn Widell



SE VIEW

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LEWIS HOUSE

Charlyn Widell