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Samuel T. Simmons House; "Labyrinth"
Urbana vicinity
Private

Ca. 1825; ca. 1900-1920

The Samuel T. Simmons House, sometimes called "Labyrinth" after the tract name, is a two-story stone dwelling with a two-story open porch with a scroll-sawn balustrade on the second level and a stucco-covered north elevation. A one-story brick addition adjoins the west gable end and a concrete block garage is on the east end. The east gable is covered with diamond patterned slate, probably originating from a 19th century quarry formerly located about 1-1/2 miles east of the Simmons House on Slate Quarry Road. The house also has a frame smokehouse and two early 20th century frame barns located on the north side of Linthicum Road. The house was probably originally built by Samuel T. Simmons about 1825 and the slate may have been added in the last quarter of the 19th century. Later alterations also included the enclosure of a two-story porch on the rear elevation. The house is moderately significant for the stonemasonry of the original section and for the unusual feature of the slate siding, an element associated with the Queen Anne style of the late 19th century.

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Samuel T. Simmons House
Hyattstown
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
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel T. Simmons House; Labyrinth

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1515 Linthicum Road not for publication

city, town Hyattstown vicinity of congressional district 6th

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 checked="" 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Charles & Christine Dyker

street & number 1515 Linthicum Road telephone no.:

city, town Dickerson state and zip code MD 20842

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 664

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 371

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-7-12

date 1978 federal state county local

Repository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Samuel T. Simmons House or "Labyrinth" is a two-story stone dwelling built about 1825 with a one-story brick addition on the west gable end and its three remaining associated outbuildings, a frame smokehouse, and two frame barns dating from the early to mid-20th century which are located on the opposite side of Linthicum Road from the dwelling and smokehouse. The buildings are about one mile northeast of the intersection of Linthicum and Thurston Roads near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The property is geographically closer to Hyattstown in Montgomery County, being only about 1/2 mile north of the county boundary. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural details, historical maps, and land records. The house has a plaque, No. 65, from the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation.

The dwelling has a three-bay north elevation which is sheltered by a two-story open porch and the stone front wall is covered with stucco. The porch is integral with the roof pitch and appears to be part of the original design; however, interior access was not possible and examination of the interior attic and plan should be considered to confirm the porch's date. The three irregularly spaced bays have 2/2 sash and doorways in the center bay on each story. The porch has square posts with scroll-sawn brackets and a decorative balustrade on the second level. The roof of the house is covered with composition material and interior end chimneys rise at both ends. The one-story brick addition has a dog-tooth course near the cornice and a modern glass paneled door on the north elevation, flanked by a 2/2 window opening with a gauged brick arch and louvred shutters. The gable end of the stone section above the addition has german siding with two 6/2 windows at the attic level. The west gable end is covered with diamond patterned slate, possibly originating at the 19th century slate quarry, the site of which is located about 1-1/2 miles east of the house on Slate Quarry Road. This may have been added in the last quarter of the 19th century. The wall below the slate covering is stone and a one-story modern concrete block addition incorporating a garage converted to a living room or den adjoins the first story. On the south elevation, a one-story porch has been enclosed and has modern clapboard siding. The roof line of the east gable end reveals that the house probably was built with two-story open porches on both the north and south elevations, with the roof extending over both without a break. The south elevation has been enclosed, with probably two or more building periods, the latest occurring since 1962 when the current owners purchased the property.

Smokehouse: The small frame smokehouse located south of the house has modern vertical siding and a vertical board door in the north elevation. The roof is composition patterned to resemble a slate roof. The smokehouse may date from at least the last quarter of the 19th century, but its interior features were not observed.

Barns: The two frame barns on the north side of the road are apparently early 20th century in origin, based on their exterior siding and roof styles. Both have gambrel roofs and vertical siding. The roofs are corrugated metal and the barn nearest the road has painted "vents".

8. Significance

Survey No. F-7-12

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 C. 1825; C. 1900-1920 **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 Samuel T. Simmons House is moderately significant in architecture for the stonemasonry of its structure, although much of it has been concealed by modern stucco and additions. The house has an unusual feature in the patterned slate gable wall on the east elevation, a common example of exterior surface variation associated with the Queen Anne style in the last quarter of the 19th century. The slate probably was obtained at a nearby quarry located about 1-1/2 miles east of the house during the 19th century, although its dates of operation have not yet been identified. The house was probably built about 1825 by Samuel T. Simmons Sr. or Jr., who, with James W. Simmons, purchased 113 acres of the tract "Labyrinth" in that year. James Simmons bought an additional 70-1/2 acres in 1835 and presumably Samuel T. Simmons, Jr. inherited both parcels soon thereafter. S. T. Simmons is shown as the owner on both the 1858 and 1873 maps. A Simmons family cemetery is located near the intersection of Linthicum and Thurston Roads. The property remained in the Simmons family ownership until 1930.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-12

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Urbana, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 111, Parcel 5, including the agricultural buildings on the north side of Linthicum Road.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date December 1993

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

15. - Lenthicum Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
664/371 9 Feb 62	Charles & Christened L. Dwyer	Hamilton & Sophia M. Lenthicum	556A 1836. 17 sq p	
374/158 4 Apr 30	Hamilton Lenthicum et ex	Leslie N. Coblenz assignee	Equity 1230 part of a tract called "Labyrinth" "McKees Choice" 183 3/4	\$2,500
<u>Mill Record</u> SDT 1/306	Helen S. & Jesse M. Simmons	Samuel T. Simmons	Samuel T. Simmons as assignee - by inheritance and by deed in 70 5/8A & 113 1/8 parcels	
JS 49/224 28 Mar 1835	James M. Simmons	Samuel T. Simmons Jr. & Elizabeth his wife	113 1/8A.	\$375
JS 48/132 19 Jan 1835	James M. Simmons	Levi Phillips et ex	70 5/8A.	
JS 28/561 7 Jan 1825	Samuel T. Simmons, Jr. James M. Simmons Samuel T. Simmons, Jr.	Ephraim Thornburgh	113 1/8A.	\$800

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Labyrinth

AND/OR COMMON

Simmons House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East Side Linthicum Rd.

6th E.D. 7

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

VICINITY OF Thurston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

Map 111 Parcel 5

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Charles and Christine Dyker

Telephone #: 874-2335

STREET & NUMBER

Route #1

Maryland 20753

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 664

Folio #: 371

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

Labyrinth is a one and two and a half story frame, stone and brick structure which faces east from the south side of Linthicum Road near Thurston. It is obvious from the construction that the house was built in several stages.

The one story section of the house is connected on the south side of the main block. It is a small brick building laid in Flemish bond on the east side and common bond on the south and west sides. The use of Flemish bond on the east side suggests that the main entrance may once have been on this side. One modern door with a radiating brick arch is located in the first bay on the west side. The replaced asphalt roof is finished by a stepped brick cornice, with diagonal brick inset.

The main block of the house is two and a half stories; it is constructed of coursed stone which has been stuccoed on the west side and covered by a frame addition on the east and south sides. A two story open porch extends over the main entrance, a modern door located in the second bay, on the west side. The residence is three bays long and two bays wide. A unique slate design in the diamond pattern covers the north gable suggesting that the owners were closely associated with the nearby slate quarry. Most of the windows in the main block are 2/2, the entire house is built on a random stone foundation and the replaced asphalt roof is finished by a plain cornice. A modern one story addition is located on the north side of the main residence.

Two out buildings, a smokehouse and spring house are located east of the building. The spring house, a stone structure is almost in ruins. The smokehouse has a slate roof with a similar pattern to the north gable of the main house.

The house is currently used as a private residence and is in very good condition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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, Sites Analyst

Office of Historical Preservation
ORGANIZATION

3/7/78
DATE

Winchester Hall E. Church St.
STREET & NUMBER

663-8300
TELEPHONE

Frederick
CITY OR TOWN

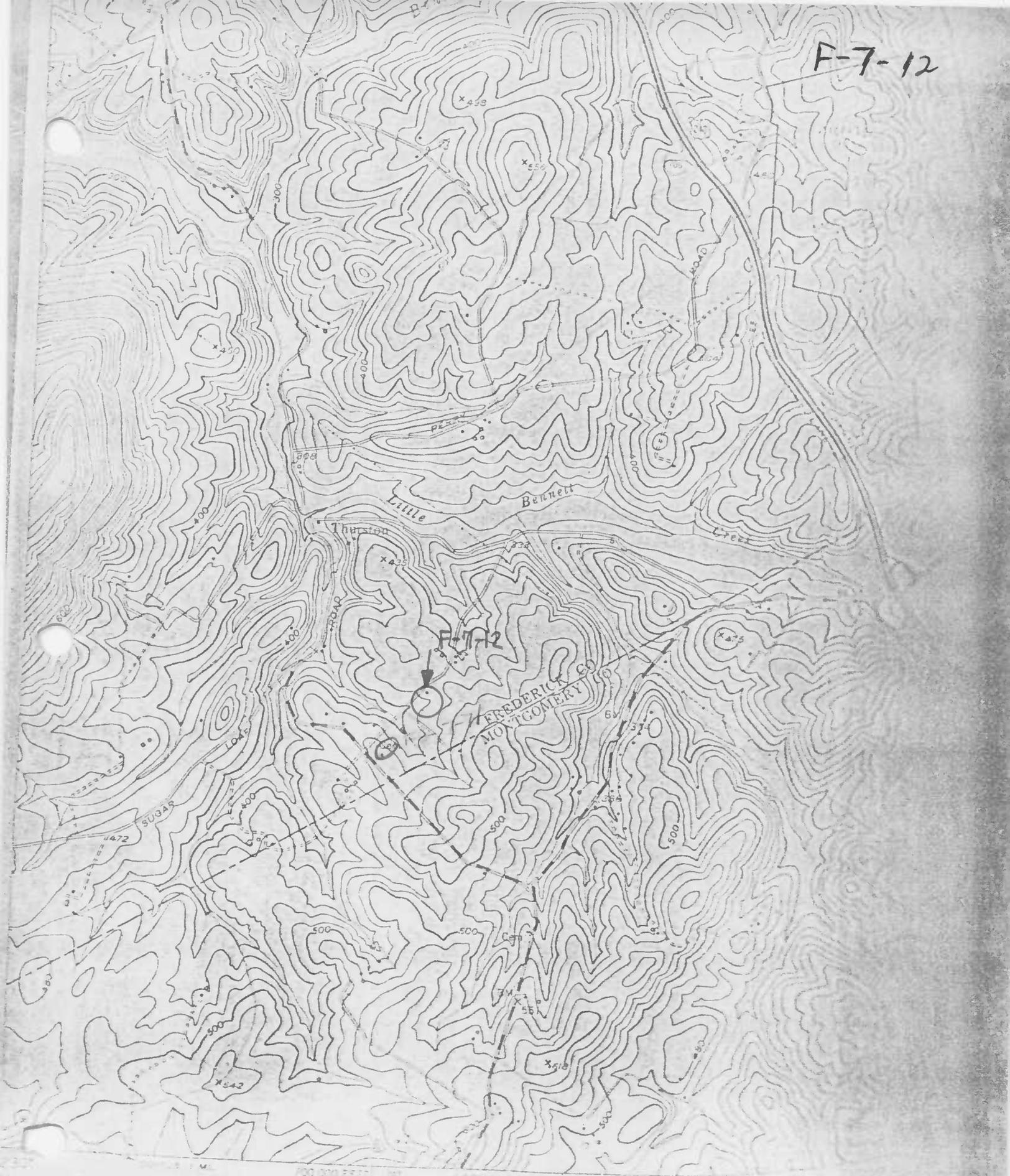
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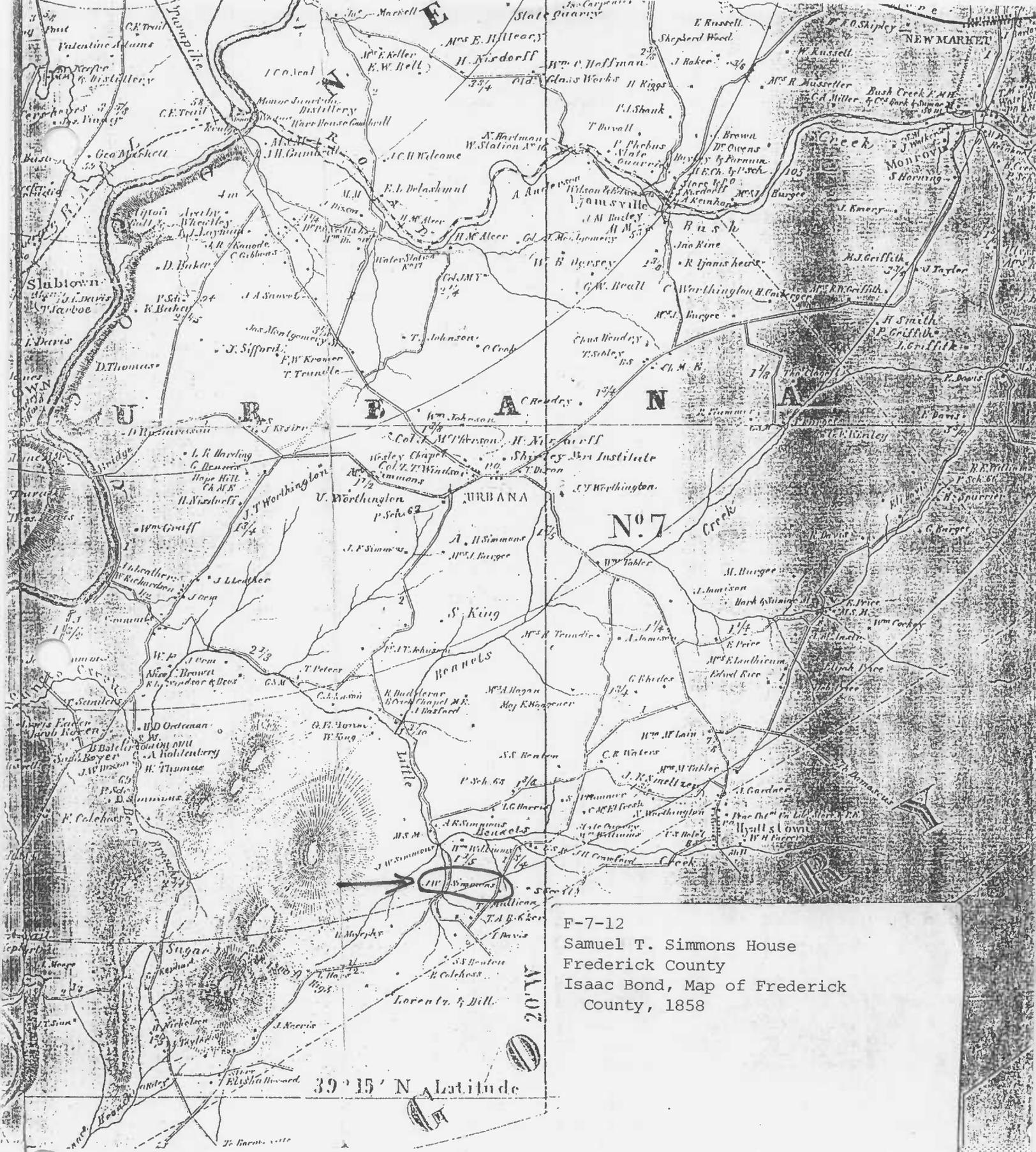
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MONTGOMERY CO

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QUADRANGLE

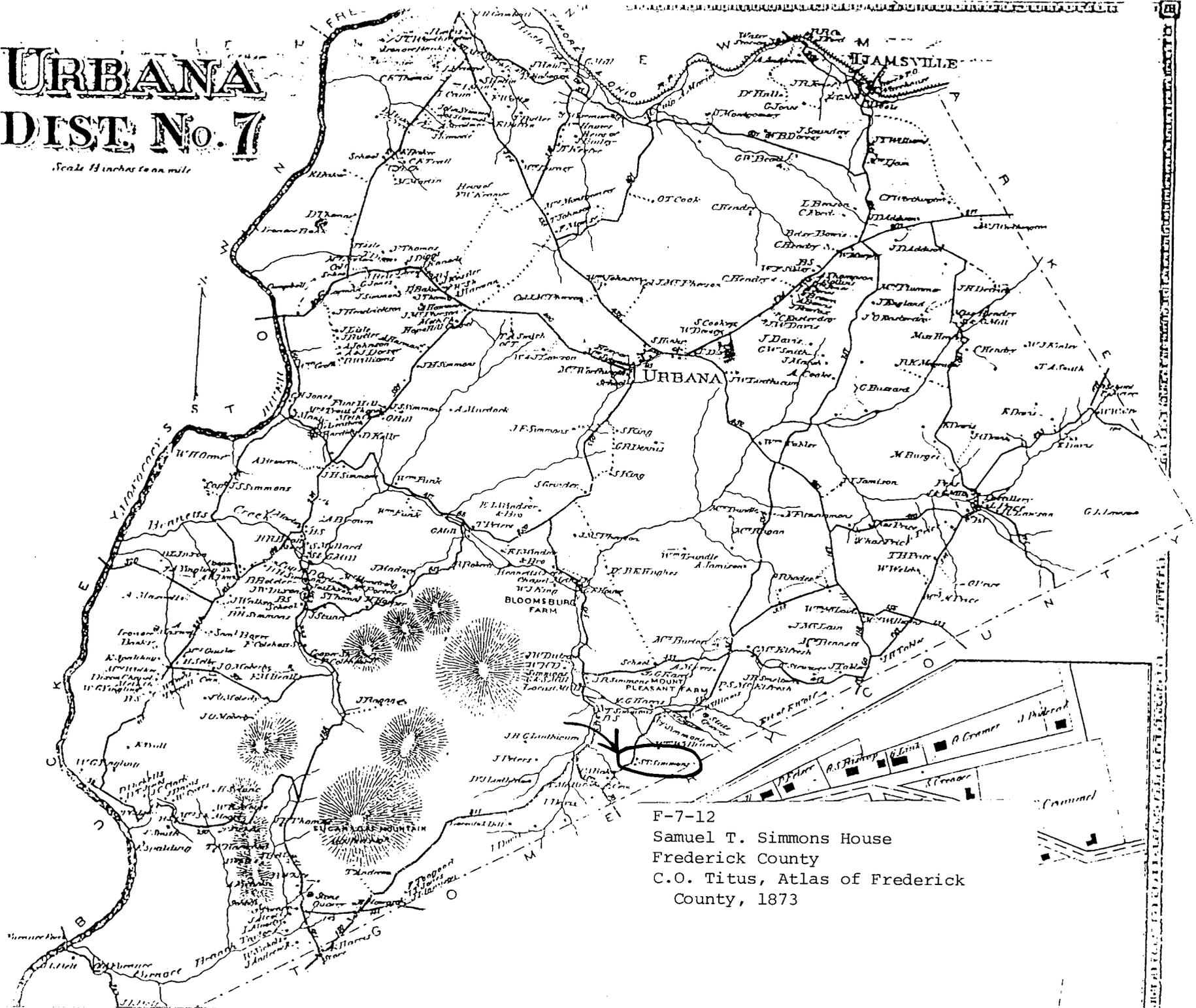
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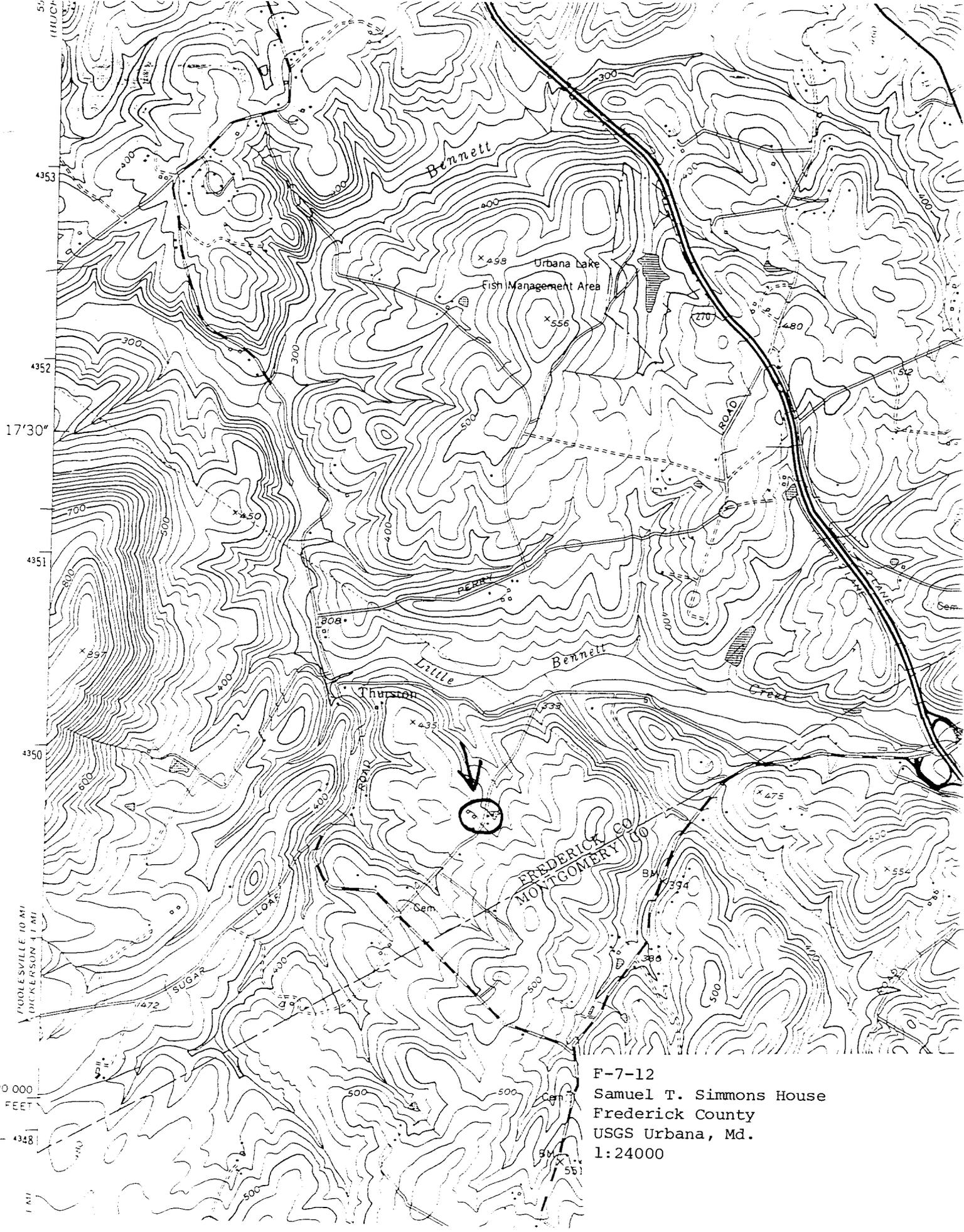
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 Samuel T. Simmons House
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
 County, 1858

URBANA DIST No. 7

Scale 1/4 inches to a mile



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Samuel T. Simmons House
Frederick County
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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Samuel T. Simmons House
Frederick County
USGS Urbana, Md.
1:24000



Labyrinth

S/S LINTHICUM ROAD

N/W View

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Cherilyn Widell





Labyrinth
S/S Lanthicum Rd
N/E View

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Cherlyn Widell





Labyrinth
S/S LINTHICUM ROAD
S/W View

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Cheryl Widell





Springhouse Foundation, Labyrinth

S/S Linticum Road

South of MAIN house

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Cheryl Widdell

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SIMMONS Cemetery

Intersection of Thurston
AND Linthicum Roads

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Cheryl W. Widell







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Samuel T. Simmons House; Lanesville
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

November 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPo, Dawsonville, Md.

East elevation

2/3