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Abraham R. Simmons House
Urbana vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850

The Abraham R. Simmons House is a two-story exposed log dwelling with a modern two-story addition on the northwest corner. The house was probably built about 1850 by Simmons, who purchased a large parcel in the vicinity of the mill (now demolished) on Bennett Creek which was known as Simmons Mill through most of the 19th century. The house is banked into a hillside, exposing the cellar on the northeast elevation, where it undoubtedly once had a two-story open porch. This has been replaced by a one-story deck giving access to the main floor. The windows are replacements and the roof is corrugated metal. A cantilevered shed roof shelters the center entrance. A two-story rear wing also has a shed roof across the south elevation and an exterior stone and brick chimney is on the west end of the wing.

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Urbana

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:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

CORRECTION

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**ABRAHAM R. SIMMONS HOUSE
1630 THURSTON RD.,
URBANA VICINITY,
FREDERICK COUNTY**

The following items on Page 1 of the November 1993 Inventory form should be corrected:

Tax map: 111 Parcel: 62

4. Owner of Property

Sally & Anthony Sharpe – Trustees , Sally J. Sharpe Living Trust
12 Harper Ave.
Montrose, NY 10548-1107

5. Location of Legal Description

Liber: 2968 Folio: 884

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Abraham R. Simmons House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1630 Thurston Road ___ not for publication

city, town Urbana 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 Maxwell H., Jr., and Anna Keckler

street & number P.O. Box 25 telephone no.:

city, town Clarksburg state and zip code MD 20871

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 808

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 306

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-7-72

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: 1

The Abraham R. Simmons House is a two-story log dwelling built about 1850 with a two-story frame modern frame addition on the rear elevation, located on the southwest side of Thurston Road just south of the intersection of Slate Quarry Road near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The house faces northeast and is banked into a slope just behind the structure. The addition is principally on the northwest corner of the house. The estimated date of construction is based on architectural evidence and land records.

The northeast elevation has an exposed stone cellar with a modern replacement porch deck built above it to access the three bays of the first story. The second story has two bays. The center entrance has a replacement door sheltered by a cantilevered shed roof. The windows are 2/2 replacements. The roof is covered with corrugated metal with an off-center chimney. On the south elevation, the gable end has german siding and two 2/2 attic windows. The north elevation is dominated by the modern addition. Both the addition and the north side of the log structure are covered with vinyl siding. At the west elevation is a two-story rear wing also covered with vinyl. An exterior stone and brick chimney is located on the west end of the wing. On the southeast side of the wing is a cantilevered corrugated metal shed over the first story. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-7-72

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
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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	C. 1850	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Abraham R. Simmons House is moderately significant in architecture for the exposed log construction of the main section. The recent addition, modern siding, and replacement porch lessened its integrity considerably, and the state of interior alterations is not known. However, its principal facade still conveys a fairly clear illustration of its original appearance. The house was probably built about 1850 by Abraham R. Simmons, who purchased a large parcel in the vicinity of the mill located on Bennett Creek north of the house site. The mill was known as Simmons Mill through much of the 19th century. The house is indicated on the 1858 map as that of J. W. Simmons. After the construction of the Simmons Store and Residence (F-7-74) across Thurston Road in about 1865-1870, the log house apparently became a tenant house on the Simmons property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-72

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County
Land Records of Frederick County

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.16 acres

Quadrangle name Urbana, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 111, Parcel 34

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 November 1993

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city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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.

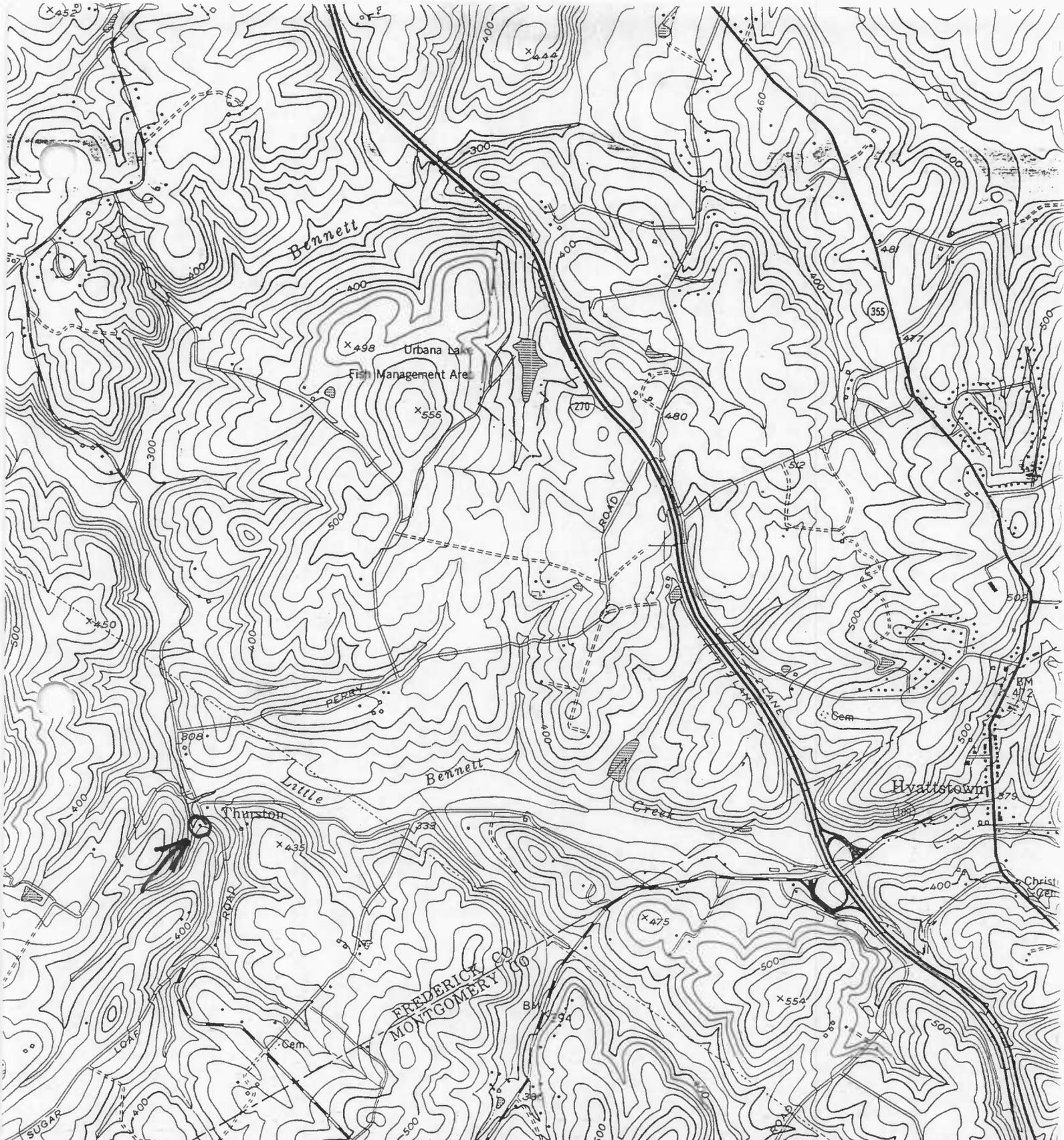
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

1630 Thurston

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
80 8/306 9 Jul 69	Maxwell H. Jr. & Anna M. Keebler	Paul B. & Charlotte V. Rosencrantz		
740/9 3 Jan 66	Paul B. Rosencrantz et ux	Clarence A. & Myrtle M. King		
42 8/342 30 Apr 41	Clarence A & Myrtle M. King	Earl L. & Georgia McF. Myers	reservations of vendor's lien for \$983	
372/355 26 Nov 29	Earl L. Myers	Bessie S. McElfred widow, of Baltimore City Manning S. Warfield, widow et al	Equity 11967 Equity Record EGA 14/217 Main house + 3 tenant houses	\$2675
Mort Record CES 1/212 40 228 Aug 01	Elijah Simmons	Wm. H. D. Simmons	C.M. 1/335, 7 Mar 1868 TG 10/394, 22 Oct 1878 AF 7/298, 6 Jun 1883 AF 7/397, 30 Jul 1883	
C.M. 1/335 7 Mar 1868	Wm. H. D. Simmons	Jacob L. & Mary E. Sabler	"Plummers Delight" "Bloomberg" "Fruitful Valley" 79 a., 2 R., 35 sq. p. "Hermit Cell"	\$1,188.34
Deed of Gift 3 Aug 1865	Jacob L. Sabler	Nursula P. & John H. Bringle		
TG 10/394 22 Oct 1878	Wm. H. D. Simmons	John H. S. Lintlin- cum et ux		
AF 7/298 6 Jun 1883	Wm. H. D. Simmons	Abraham R. & Susannah Simmons	92 a., 2 R., 20 p.	
WBT 13/560 3 Oct 1851	Abraham R. Simmons	John W. Duddman et al		

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USGS Urbana, Md.
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