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Rinehart-Shearer Mill House
Monrovia vicinity
Private

Ca. 1852-1854

The two-story log dwelling was built at least by 1852 and adjoined a grist mill which stood just north of the house, but has been demolished. The house has a weatherboard exterior and modern roofing. The three-bay west elevation has a one-story porch with turned columns and scroll-sawn brackets. A two-story rear wing with a two-level open porch on the south side extends from the northeast corner. The house is moderately significant for its architecture, which has the typical characteristics of German-influenced vernacular buildings of the mid-19th century. These are the three-bay facade, the perpendicular rear wing, and its general design. The house was existing at least by 1852 when David Rinehart (or Reinhart) purchased the house and the mill. The mill may have been built as early as 1835. In 1872, the mill and the house were sold to John D. Shearer. Rinehart (1811-1882) was a minister of the Bush Creek Church of the Brethren (F-7-79). A later owner was Jacob Shawbaker, whose descendants retained the house until 1966, although the mill was demolished possibly by the mid 20th century.

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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 Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

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 Rinehart-Shearer Mill House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4901 Green Valley Road not for publicationcity, town Monrovia 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" 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 Etta M. Lundin

street & number 513 South Middletown Road telephone no.:

city, town Media state and zip code PA 19063

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 867

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 243

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

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| 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: 2

The Rinehart-Shearer Mill House is a two-story log dwelling with weatherboard siding built about 1852-1854 on the east side of Green Valley Road (Md. 75) near the intersection of Ed McClain Road just south of Bush Creek near Monrovia, Frederick County, Maryland. The house has a two-story rear wing to the east and a one-story porch on the west elevation. A frame meathouse of approximately 1875-1900 is near the dwelling. The house was once part of a grist mill complex, the mill building (demolished) originally standing just north of the house where the abandoned mill race is still discernible. The date of the house was determined by architectural features, land records, and historical maps.

The house has a three-bay west elevation with a center entrance. The porch has turned columns and scroll-sawn brackets. The door has a glazed upper panel and the windows are 2/2 with replacement louvred shutters. The roof is covered with composition material and a rebuilt interior chimney is at the north gable end. The north elevation has a single bay near the northeast corner adjoining the rear wing which extends from that point. Two attic windows with 2/2 sash flank the chimney stack. The stone foundation is exposed on the north side and a cellar entrance through a vertical board door is in the main section. The south elevation has only 6-light attic windows. The north elevation of the rear wing has three window bays. The south side of the rear wing has a two-story open porch. The second level has horizontal rails between the plain square posts. An interior chimney rises above the roof. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Meathouse: The one-story outbuilding just south of the house is probably a meathouse, although its date and interior structure are unknown. It has board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof. The foundation is stone and the door is in the north elevation. Based on the date of the house and the architectural features of the meathouse, a possible date period for the meathouse is about 1875-1900.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" 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 C. 1852-54

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 Rinehart-Shearer Mill House is moderately significant for its architecture, exemplifying a typical dwelling of the mid-19th century with German building influences apparent in its design and plan. The three-bay main elevation and the two-story rear wing are characteristic of this type of domestic building. The house probably has log structure under the weatherboard siding, but this was unconfirmed by observation. The house was probably built at least by the early 1850's to accompany an adjacent grist mill shown on both the 1858 and 1873 maps. The first known miller was David Rinehart (1811-1882), spelled Reinhart in some records, who was also a minister of the Bush Creek Church of the Brethren (F-7-79), located about 1/4 mile south of the house. The mill may have been built as early as 1835 when Thomas Anderson and John H. M. Smith owned the site as well as property on the north side of Bush Creek. David Rinehart bought the property between 1852 and 1854 in two transactions resulting from an equity sale of the Anderson and Smith property. Rinehart sold the house and the mill, except the steam engine and other equipment in the mill, in 1865. In 1872, John D. Shearer purchased the property and apparently continued the mill operations, but defaulted on a mortgage which resulted in another sale in 1888 to Jacob M. Shawbaker. Shawbaker's descendants retained the property until 1966. The mill was probably demolished by the mid-20th century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
 Henry, J. Maurice. History of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland. Elgin, Il.:
 Brethren Publishing House, 1936, pp. 106; 292-293.
 Land Records of Frederick County
 Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1858. (Continued on separate sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.3 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 88, Parcel 80

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

| state | code | county | code |
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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

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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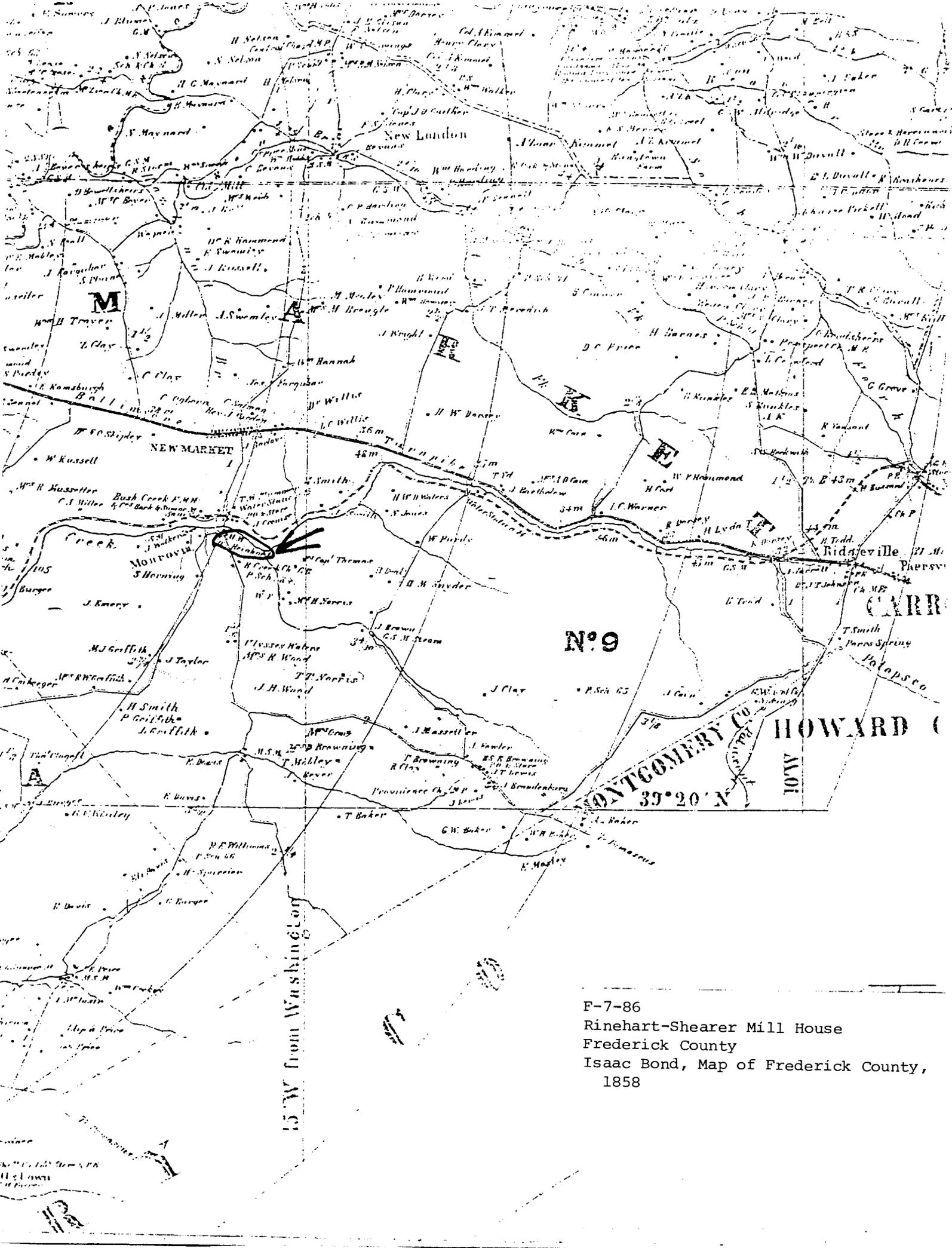
| Liber/Folio | Grantee | Grantor | Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous | Cost |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|----------|
| 867/243 27 Dec 71 | Etta M. Lundin | Frank E. Lundin, jr. | 2.324a. 508/411, 3 Nov. 52 | |
| 754/22 46 24 Aug 66 | Frank E., jr. & Etta M. Lundin | Trustees of Bush Creek Church of the Brethren | Plat included w/deed does not show house or mill race | |
| 754/26 29 Aug 66 | Frank E., jr. & Etta M. Lundin | Jessie J. Shaubaker imm. life tenant | | |
| 508/411 3 Nov 52 | Trustees of Bush Creek Church of the Brethren | Mary M. Shaubaker et al | reserving life estate to 42 A. Mary M. & Jessie J. Shaubaker unmarried in residence & "messuage", now enclosed with a fence, comprising 1/2 A. | |
| WIP 6/312 5 June 1888 | Jacob M. Shaubaker | Howard H. & Mary M. Hopkins | "Sappling Hill" & "Hobbs Purchase" | \$7,000 |
| WIP 6/311 5 June 1888 | Howard H. Hopkins et al | William Downey, trustee | Equity 5418 JWLC 3/11, 1 Aug 1865 Shearer default on mortgage | |
| JWLC 3/11 CM 8/605 8 Jul 1872 | John D. Shearer | William Downey | "Hobbs Purchase" "Sappling Hill" 42 A., 28 3/4 sq perches incl. tail track from the mill built on the land conveyed... | \$14,000 |
| JWLC 3/11 5 Aug 1865 | William Downey | David & Jane R. Rinehart | 42 A., 28 3/4 sq. p. excepting & reserving the steam engine and running gearing thereto attached and the buick enclosing the same 2 deeds mentioned: 14 Aug 1852 Anderson to ES1/383 12 A. Rinehart 3 May 1854 Anderson to ES4/605 14 1/2 A. Rinehart | \$13,000 |

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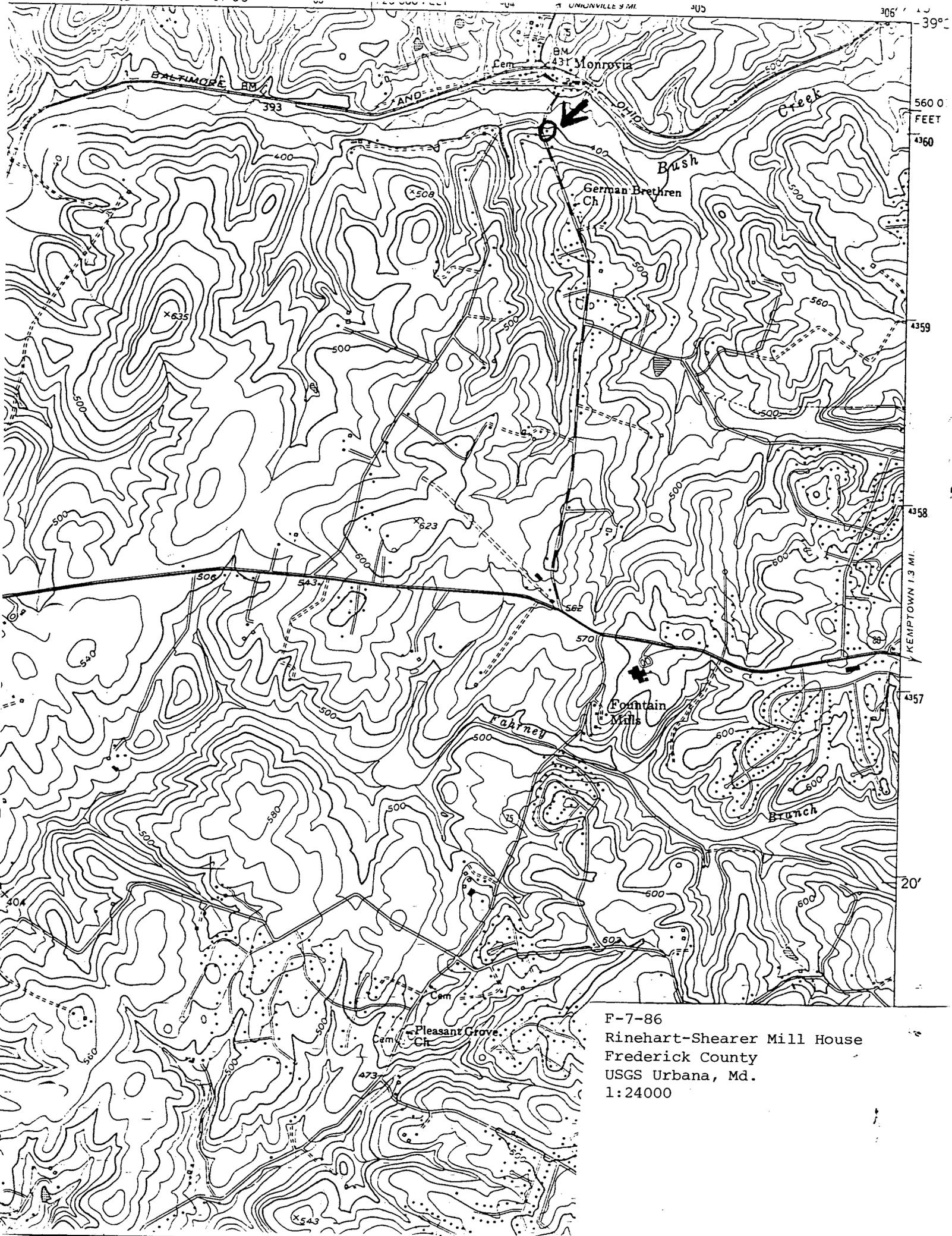
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| Liber/Folio | Grantee | Grantor | Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous | Cost |
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| ES 4/605 3 May 1854 | David Reinhart | F. Mortimer Anderson, Trustee | Equity 2393 14 1/2 a. of which Thomas Anderson died seized & possessed | |
| ES 1/383 14 Aug 1852 | David Reinhart | F. Mortimer Anderson | | |
| <u>Equity Record</u> ES 4/288 | John Thomas Anderson | John H. M. Smith, (also dec.) | held mill & farm in common with 120 a. | |
| JS 49/46 10 April 1835 | Thomas Anderson | Jarems Elfish | | \$4,000 |
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County,
1858



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