

Survey No. F-8-103

Ca. 1790-1927

Unionville Survey District

Unionville, Maryland

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The Town of Unionville exemplifies an early 19th century town developed on a major trade route, Liberty Road. Providing services first to travelers such as taverns, blacksmiths, and wheelwrights, the town became a center for local trade with the surrounding farms. The development of the automobile and other transportation methods signaled the economic decline of the town. Its fine vernacular Gothic Revival, Queen Anne, and stone buildings remain well preserved.

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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:
Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815 A.D.
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Commercial)
Transportation

Resource Type:
Category: District

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Commerce/Trade/department store/general store
Agriculture/Subsistence/processing

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 Unionville Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Unionville Road and Clemsonville Road not for publication

city, town Unionville vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 Multiple property owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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: 33

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Ca. 1790-1927 **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.

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7.1 Description

Unionville is a crossroads village at the intersection of Unionville and Clemsonville Roads about 1/4 mile south of the intersection of Liberty Road (Maryland Route 26) and Clemsonville Road. Established in the last quarter of the 18th century, the town shows the characteristic linear development of a transportation-related settlement. It contains primarily residential structures, but also has two commercial/residential combination buildings, an early 20th century creamery and an early 20th century garage and auto sales building. The buildings are mostly frame construction dating from the 1840's to the last quarter of the 19th century. Two stone residences, a stone shop building, a brick dwelling, and the brick creamery are variations from wood construction. Several houses may contain log structures under the predominating vinyl or aluminum siding. One log house at the east end of Unionville is undergoing rehabilitation and has been gutted and stripped of its exterior covering. Several of the frame houses have rusticated wood siding and scroll-sawn bargeboards. Two bungalows dating from the first quarter of the 20th century represent the last period of building in the district. The typical house has three bays, two stories, a cross gable on the facade, a one-story porch and a rear ell or extension.

Following are descriptions of the principal buildings in Unionville:

G.R. von Eiff and Son, 13656 Unionville Road: A three-bay, two story frame or log residence adjoining a two bay commercial building. Vinyl siding covers the entire building. An entry porch shelters the side hall entrance to the dwelling section. The store has a center entry with double doors and a two-light transom. Several extensions have been made to the store section's rear or north elevation. The earliest portion of the building may date to the 1790's, possibly being a tavern.

13655A & B Unionville Road: Two sections which may be log under asbestos shingle siding. The westernmost section is two stories with four bays and floor to ceiling windows in the first story. The adjoining three-bay section has two stories, but is lower at the roofline. Corrugated sheet metal covers both roofs.

13702 Unionville Road: A three-bay frame dwelling with two stories and a cross gable facade. The one-story porch and cornice are bracketed. German siding and a standing seam roof.

13704 Unionville Road: Rusticated wood siding on a two-story, cross gable facade with scroll-sawn bargeboards and a tree motif pendant. The one story porch has simple brackets and applied molding trim. The roof is standing seam tin.

Stone shop: A 1-1/2 story stone commercial building located between 13704 and 13706 Unionville Road. The gable facade has a center entrance and a wood lintel extending across the entire facade, possibly being a sign anchor. The double doors have three panels each. The flanking windows are shuttered with 2-panel shutters. The upper story windows are 6/3. Its function was a harness shop in the late 19th century.

7.2 Description (Continued)

Lugenbeel Stone House, 13706 Unionville Road: Built 1823 by Peter Lugenbeel, a local builder. A three-bay, two story rubble stone house with a central entrance and 9/9 windows on the first story. Six over six sash on the second story and a wood shingle roof with interior end chimneys. Recently restored.

Creamery, southwest corner of Unionville and Woodville Roads: A one story brick veneer industrial building with concrete quoins and lintels. Two frame cupolas for ventilation straddle the ridgeline. A one story, lower height extension on the northeast gable end carries a sign identifying the "Sealtest Dairy" as the last dairy to operate the creamery. A brick chimney and a wood water tower on a steel support are located at the southwest elevation, along with a concrete block extension.

8738 Woodville Road: Local historians consider the 1 1/2 story log dwelling to be the only remaining 18th century building in Unionville. Asbestos shingle siding covers the original weatherboards and a two story porch on the east elevation, as well as numerous other alterations obscure the early character of the house.

Early 20th century garage and auto sales building: Located east of 12718 Unionville Road, the one story frame garage and adjoining concrete block building have a low-pitched standing seam gable roof. A stepped parapet on the frame section rises above the former garage doorway and plate glass window. A single six panel door is located off-center, with doorways into the flanking buildings roughly centered in the subsidiary facades.

13730 Unionville Road: A two-story log house in rehabilitation. The exterior siding has been removed and an extension on the west demolished. Window sash is missing on the upper story. One over one and other sash fills the first story openings. A rebuilt brick chimney rises from the east gable end.

Barber shop: Located west of 13656 Unionville Road, this is a one-story frame building with pressed metal siding and roof. A center entry with a glazed panel door and 1/1 windows in each side elevation. A shed canopy overhangs the facade.

"Rose Hill", 13636 Unionville Road: A two-story, five bay brick house built circa 1848 with a flemish bond facade and one story porch. A stone two story extension may be part of an earlier building on the site. A frame bank barn and other outbuildings are also on the property.

13639, 13643, 13651 Unionville Road: A row of three frame houses with shingle, german and rusticated wood siding, cross gables and turrets, scroll-sawn bargeboards and polygonal bays. Dating from about 1880, these three are in excellent condition with rear additions and replacement windows in some openings.

8.1 Significance

Unionville exemplifies an early 19th century town developed on a major trade route, Liberty road, which grew in conjunction with the businesses catering to travelers and later, to farmers in the vicinity. Several shops offering services to the road traffic such as blacksmiths, taverns, wheelwrights, and harness makers as well as general stores developed in the mid to late 19th century. An early 20th century creamery represents the town's close tie to agriculture as well as the changing transportation methods which caused the eventual decline of the town. Unionville is similar to Johnsville in that the towns both developed on trade routes. The towns grew to modest size during the 19th century, then declined in population and economic activity as transportation became easier and more direct to larger towns and cities. By the early 20th century, the towns were serving the surrounding farms as local centers for trade. In terms of architectural quality, the number of well-preserved vernacular Gothic Revival and Queen Anne-influenced dwellings in Unionville is unusual for its relative size.

Known as "Idletown" in the late 18th century, because of its rough turnpike life, Unionville became more settled about 1820 and afterwards due to the establishment of a post office and stores providing goods to farmers and householders as well as travelers. The fine architecture of the last quarter of the 19th century reflects the prosperity of the surrounding farms and town tradesmen. The creamery, which closed about 1927, represents both a common architectural style, the Colonial Revival, and the last economic activity beyond the town's vicinity in the early 20th century.

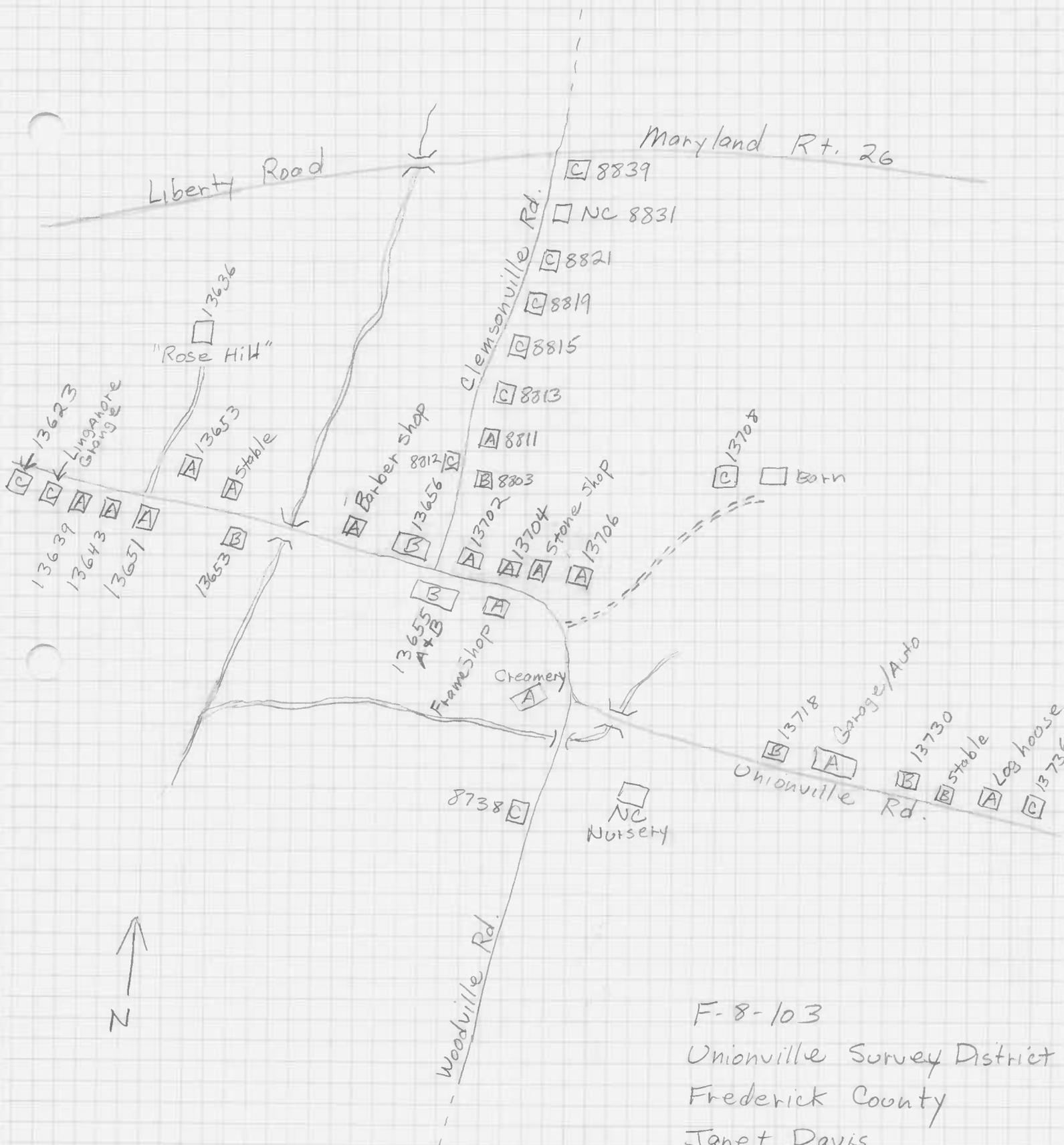
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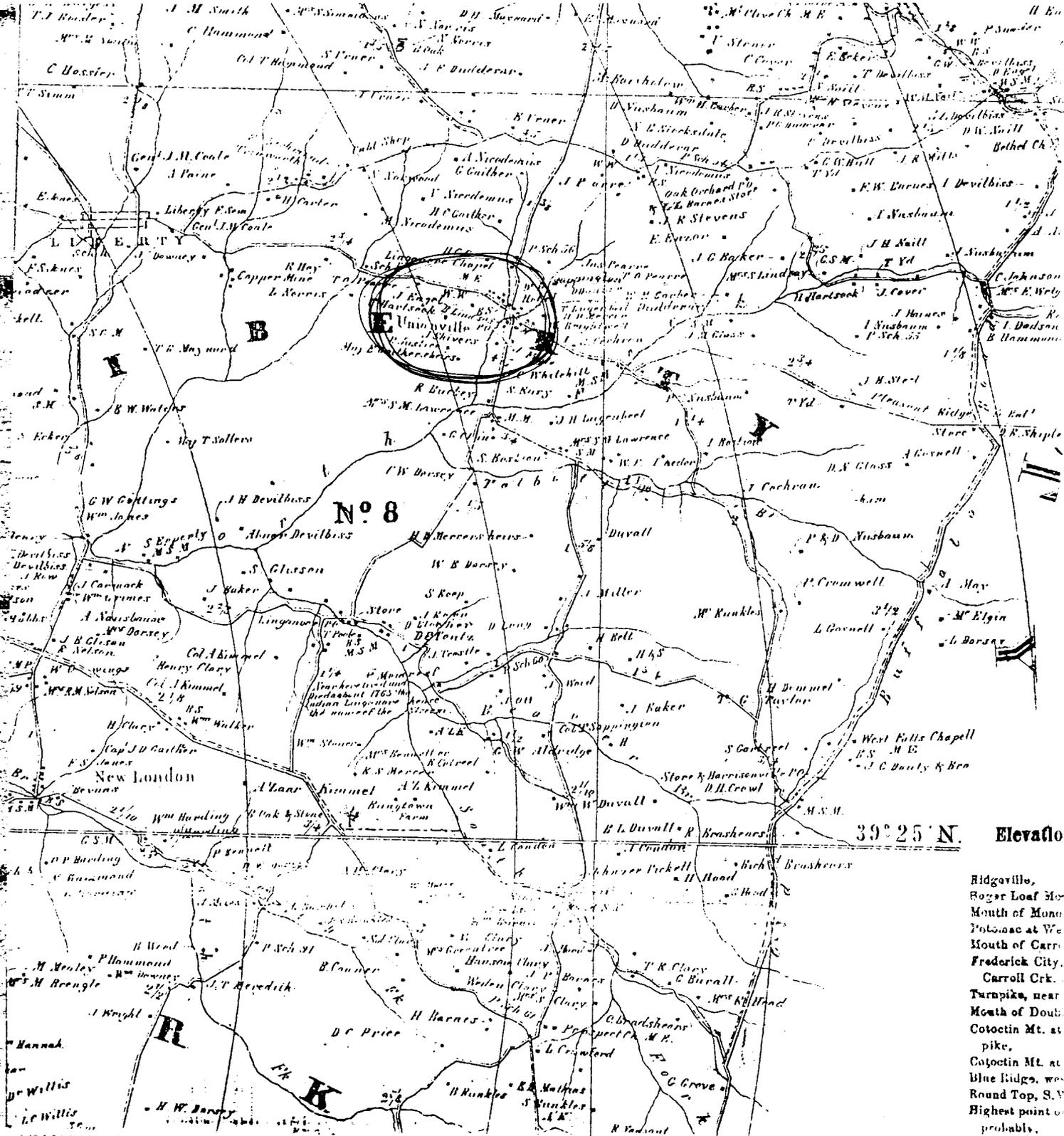
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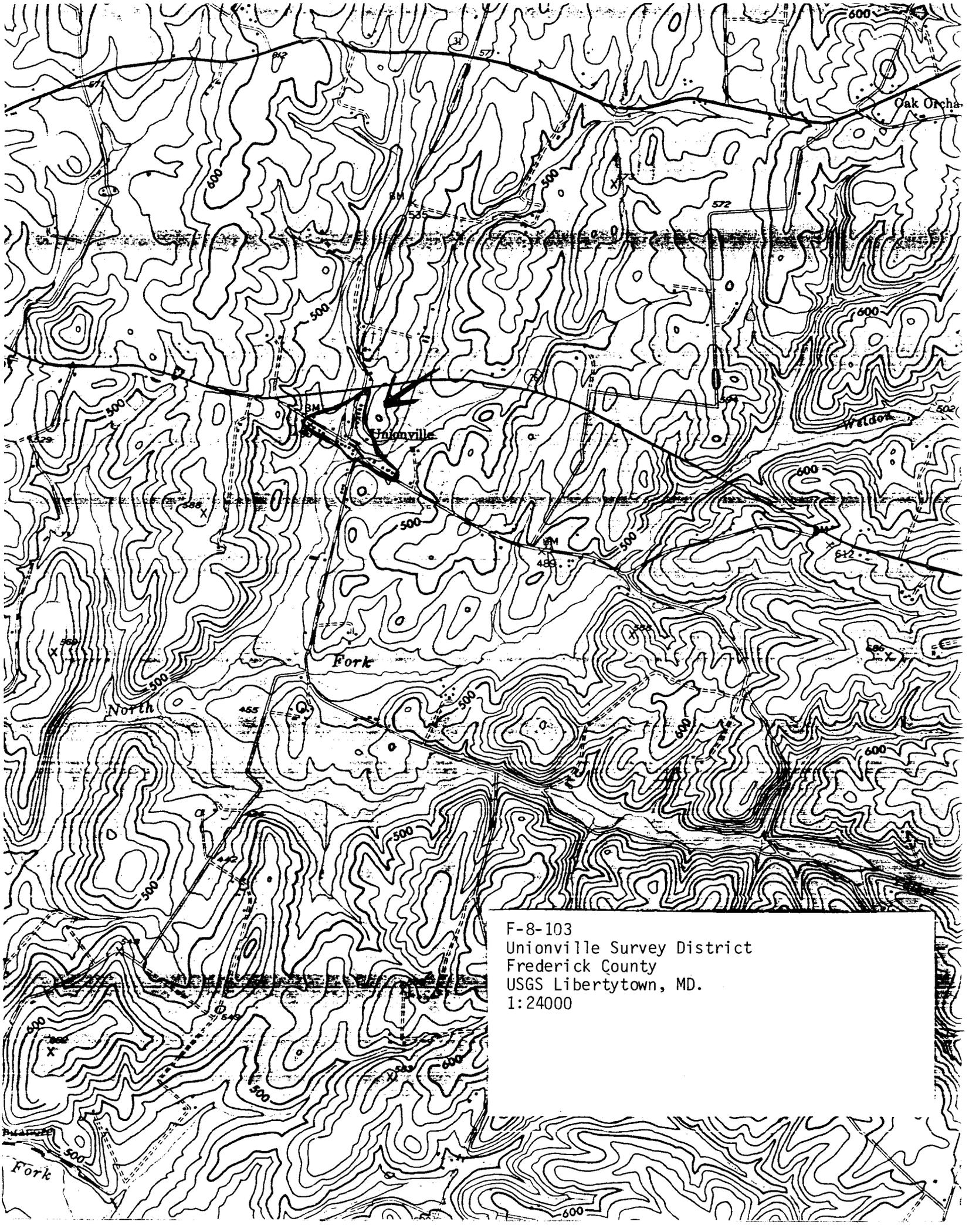


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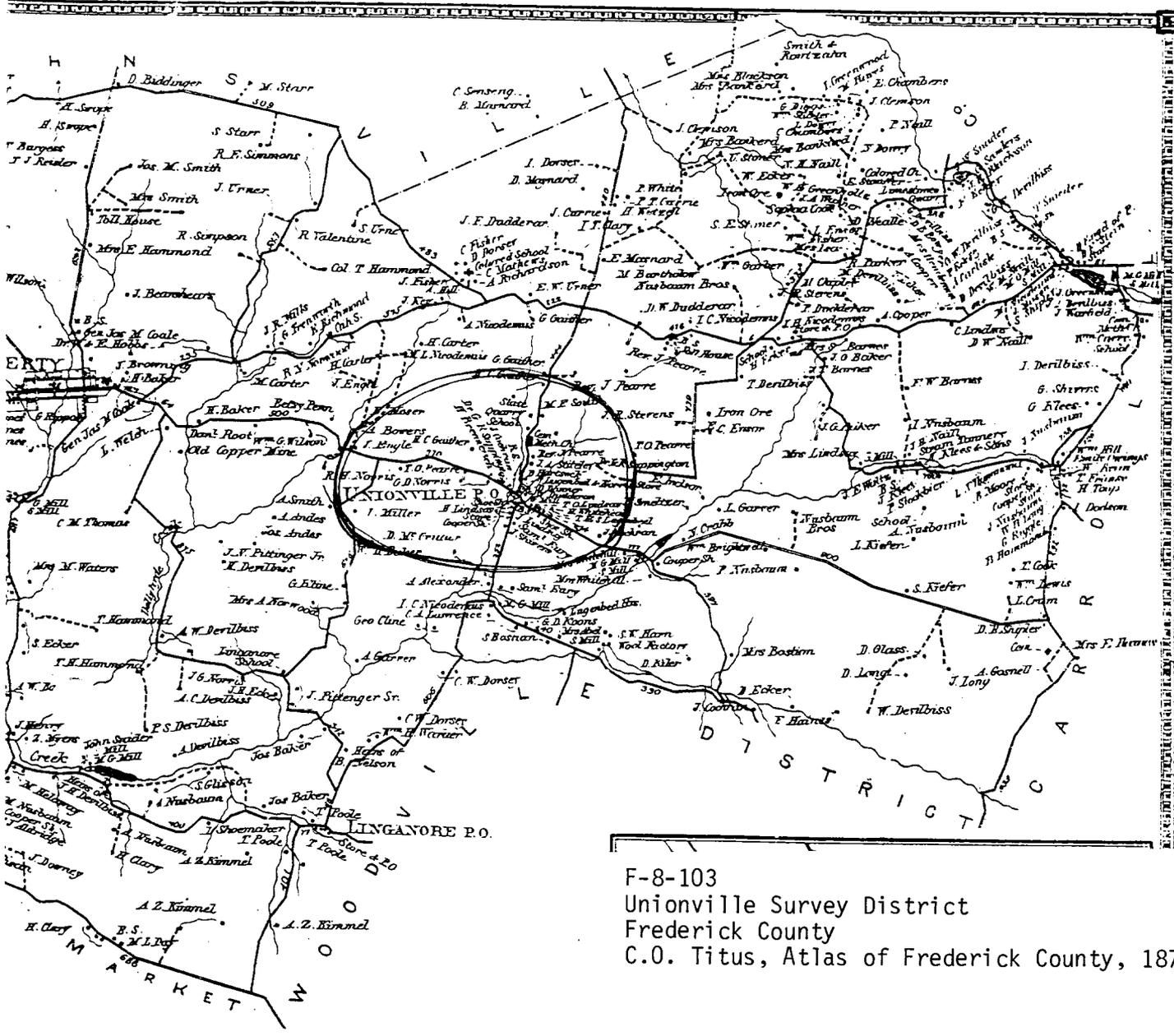


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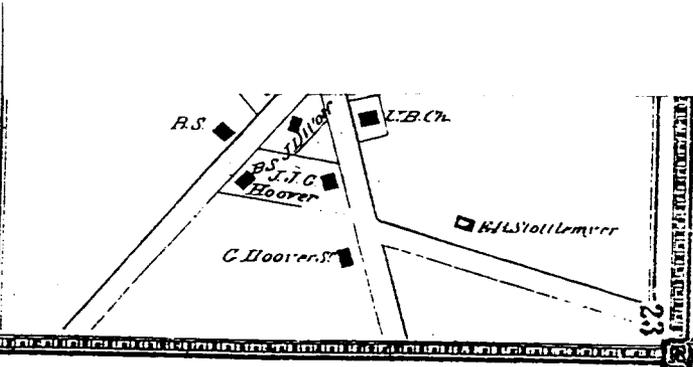
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View west on Unionville Road from Woodville Rd.

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View north on Clemsonville Road

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13704 Unionville Road and Harness Shop, south

3/0 elevations



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Lugenbeel House south elevation

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North side, Unionville Road, 13600 block

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13651 Unionville Road, north elevation

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Creamery, northeast elevation

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1927 Auto dealer, Unionville Road

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Log house, south elevation, Unionville Road

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Log house, north elevation

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